

Safety on Public Land Act 2004

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, make the following declaration of public safety zones under section 4(1) of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**.

1. Definitions

In this declaration:

- (a) 'the Act' means the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**;
- (b) 'the declared public safety zone' means the area declared under clause 2 of this declaration.

2. Declaration of Public Safety Zones

All areas of State forest within 500 metres of the locations described in the Schedule to this declaration are declared to be public safety zones.

3. Purpose for which the area has been declared

The purpose for which the public safety zones have been declared is for the maintenance of public safety by imposing conditions on recreational activities to lessen the risk of transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19.

4. Period of the declaration

The period for which the public safety zones are declared is the period commencing midnight on the day of publication of this notice in the Victoria Government Gazette and ending on 30th June 2021.

5. Activities affected

Any recreational activity or public gathering in the declared public safety zone.

6. Conditions that apply

The following conditions apply to recreational activities and public gatherings in a public safety zone:

- (a) A person should take reasonable steps to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from all other persons (except those persons with whom they ordinarily reside); and
- (b) If areas of a public safety zone have been closed through signs or barriers, no person may enter or remain in these areas; and
- (c) If camp sites in a public safety zone are physically defined through on-ground markings, signs or barriers, a person may only camp within those defined areas.

7. Periods when conditions apply

The times during which the conditions apply to the declared public safety zone is at all times during the period of the declaration.

8. Exempt persons or classes of person

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, the following persons or classes of person are exempt from the operation of this declaration:

- (a) Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (b) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of the Country Fire Authority engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (c) Employees, agents and contractors of Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, WorkSafe Victoria and Environment Protection Authority Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.

- (d) Members of the police force of Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (e) Employees, agents and contractors of a Council within the meaning of the **Local Government Act 2020** engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (f) Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Health and Human Services engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (g) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of an Emergency Management Service engaged by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or the Country Fire Authority to carry out an emergency management function.
- (h) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of assisting the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or the Country Fire Authority in their emergency management functions operating in accordance with an agreement or arrangement to provide this assistance.
- (i) Employees, agents and contractors of Water Authorities engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (j) Members of the public using State forest roads as the most practical access to and from private properties surrounding State forest.
- (k) Employees, agents and contractors engaged in accessing and carrying out functions within a prescribed mine, as defined by regulation 401 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017, where both an approved work plan, as defined by section 40 of the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990**, and an Emergency plan, prepared in accordance with regulation 433 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017, are in place which address the risk of bushfires.
- (l) Employees, agents and contractors of VicForests engaged in carrying out their functions.

Schedule

Name	Latitude (Decimal degrees)	Longitude (Decimal degrees)
Stevenson Falls Campground	-38.563933	143.655763
Stevenson Falls Walk	-38.575374	143.657728
Birnam Station	-38.459711	143.597099
Dandos	-38.553399	143.618896
Forrest Trailhead	-38.522875	143.713181
Goat Track	-38.50989	143.771218
Hammonds North Campground	-38.387	144.027
Loves Creek	-38.47878	143.582821
Paddys Swamp Trail Bike Visitor Area	-38.363061	143.984542
Tanners Road Camp Site	-38.330546	144.077498
Yaugher Trailhead	-38.49701	143.717588
Brunton's Bridge	-37.99923	146.47258
Checking Station	-37.801607	146.014915
Coopers Creek Camping Area One	-37.980753	146.423947
Coopers Creek Camping Area Two	-37.980047	146.426259
Coopers Creek Day Visitor Area	-37.980966	146.424606

One		
Coopers Creek Day Visitor Area	-37.980803	146.426392
Two		
Jorgenson	-37.748398	146.412407
Junction Camping Ground	-37.757826	146.400964
Little O'Toole's	-37.747594	146.439778
Merrington's Camping Area	-37.761334	146.399879
O'Toole's Flat	-37.748833	146.443164
Poplars Reserve	-37.820945	145.994091
Thomson Bridge Campground	-37.95709	146.41981
Black Flat	-37.363996	147.292959
Black Snake Creek	-37.446215	147.14034
Blue Pool Lower (Day Visitor Area)	-37.778945	147.112862
Blue Pool Upper (Campground)	-37.780832	147.112851
Carneys Camp	-37.74974	147.11326
Cheyne's Bridge	-37.762913	146.669129
Collins Flat	-37.339029	147.297726
Froam	-37.77565	147.11412
Huggetts Crossing	-37.809594	146.852794
Italian Flat	-37.409196	147.264526
Jimmy Iverson's	-37.398175	147.272121
Johnstons Flat	-37.70664	147.14136
Lee Creek	-37.67526	147.15935
Lloyds	-37.70328	147.14344
McKinnon Point	-37.76212	147.10662
Ollies Jump Up	-37.38573	147.277254
Shadeys Place	-37.71418	147.12263
Two Mile Creek	-37.408446	147.257275
White Womans Waterhole	-38.481292	146.772095
Woods Point	-37.642295	148.321471
Bentley Plain	-37.227765	147.92252
Deptford	-37.591394	147.697578
Moscow Villa	-37.225875	147.921763
Mount Taylor	-37.703401	147.583325
Nunniong Plains	-37.13794	147.9483
Chinamans Campground	-37.248938	143.199165
Firth Park	-37.435187	144.409661
Richards Campground	-37.301202	143.27522
Smiths Bridge Campground	-37.297871	143.293057
Big Bend	-36.551551	142.012649
Brodies	-37.249858	141.993663
Fergusons 1	-37.292945	142.062081

Fergusons 2	-37.296	142.054
Glendinning 1	-37.298	141.998
Glendinning 2	-37.29722	142.0017
Henrys	-37.322101	142.041757
Mountain Dam	-37.22786	142.087564
Turkey Neck	-37.234	141.991
Wail Site 1 Campsite	-36.511019	142.030389
Wail Site 2 Campsite	-36.532919	142.02783
Wail Site 3 Campsite	-36.53639	142.019489
Wail Site 4 Campsite	-36.538666	142.015827
Wail Site 5 Campsite	-36.544157	142.01304
Kendalls	-37.3099	145.8523
Andersons Garden	-37.3535	145.1076
Blackwood	-37.3898	145.5534
Bull Creek	-37.429	145.5708
Cascades	-37.4596	145.5717
Dindi Mill	-37.4794	145.5639
Ferns	-37.4261	145.5686
Rubicon Camping Area	-37.3279	145.8631
Sec	-37.396	145.559
Steavenson Falls	-37.5298	145.7723
Suspension Bridge	-37.3887	145.5522
The Boys Camping Area	-37.3204	145.8605
Tin Hut	-37.324	145.8622
Water Guage	-37.414	145.5639
Black Swamp	-35.710704	144.176862
Camerons Track Campground	-37.094876	143.29736
Canoe Site	-35.685578	144.147974
Five Sleeper	-35.774196	144.239171
Frasers Trail Bike Visitor Area	-37.085388	143.369012
Goat Island	-35.727997	144.181138
Horse Shoe Lagoon	-35.758949	144.205385
Red White and Blue	-37.060111	144.108971
Reedy Lagoon	-35.740069	144.199144
Spence Bridge	-35.741373	144.180997
Ti Tree	-35.683671	144.164508
Twin Bridges	-35.663269	144.129811
Waanyarra	-36.815349	143.800398
Waterfalls Picnic Area	-37.098966	143.367829
La La Falls	-37.765508	145.701754



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Chief Fire Officer

as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Dated 22 December 2020

Notes

1. In addition to the above persons or classes of person exempted under section 5(2), section 9 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** provides that a public safety zone declaration does not apply to the following:
 - the Secretary;
 - an authorised officer;
 - a utility engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a transport authority engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;a person or class of person authorised under section 10 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** to be in the public safety zone.
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