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## Caring for the environment

Please help us care for our parks and reserves by remembering these guidelines:

All native plants and animals in the park are protected.

Please keep to designated walking tracks to avoid becoming lost.

Bins are not provided within the park. Please take your rubbish home.

Dredging and gold fossicking are not permitted.

Vehicles including trail bikes may only be driven on formed roads open to the public, and must be fully road registered. All drivers and riders must hold a current licence.

Cats and dogs are not permitted within the park.

Fires may only be lit in the fireplaces provided. No fires to be lit on days of total fire ban (Eastern District).

## Pack a picnic ...

Baw Baw National Park is a delightful setting for a picnic. Two picnic areas are situated within the park; at the St Gwinear and the Mount Erica carparks. Tables and pit toilets are provided. Facilities including gas BBQ's and picnic shelters are also provided at the nearby Silvertop Picnic Area and within Walhalla.

## Staying Overnight

A camping area with fireplaces, pit toilets and picnic tables is provided on the banks of the Aberfeldy River. The Eastern Tyers Camping Area is the first overnight stop from Walhalla for bushwalkers on the Australian Alps Walking Track.

Dispersed bush camping is permitted on the Baw Baw Plateau. The Plateau is a fuel stove only area, therefore no solid fuel fires are permitted. The area falls within domestic water supply catchments, so care must be taken with the disposal of human waste. Caravan parks are situated at Rawson, Erica and Moe. Other accommodation including guesthouses and bed and breakfasts are found within the neighbouring towns.

## Hunting

Hunting of deer is only permitted during the recognised open season in a section of the park. Special conditions apply. Before undertaking this activity seek further information from Parks Victoria or the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

## Cycling

Bicycles may only be ridden on formed roads and tracks open to the public. Cycling is not permitted on the Baw Baw Plateau, on walking tracks or Whitelaw, Plane and Trigger Creek Tracks.

## Cross Country Skiing, Tobogganing and Snowplay

Baw Baw National Park is renowned for its cross country skiing. With elevations of up to 1500 metres in the park, snow can be expected from June to September. There are 11 kilometres of marked ski trails across the plateau and a permanent pole line links the Baw Baw Alpine Resort to the St Gwinear carpark.

St Gwinear is a popular destination for families seeking a fun day in the snow. There are two graded toboggan runs, and areas suitable for building a snowman or for throwing a snow ball. A kiosk with toboggan hire regularly operates from the St Gwinear carpark during the snow season.

## Canoeing

The Thomson River provides for canoeing and rafting on Grade 3 water. The best river levels depend on water releases from the Thomson Dam. Canoes can be launched at Beardmores Track, Low Saddle Track (4WD only) or at the Narrows. There are no facilities provided within the park for riverside camping.

## Fishing

The Thomson and Aberfeldy Rivers are an excellent location to try your luck at fly fishing. Catches from streams within the park include Brown Trout, River Blackfish and eels.

A recreational fishing licence is required to take fish (including bait and shellfish) in all Victorian marine, estuary and freshwaters. Licences are available from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and most retail fishing stores, as is the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide which specifies bag limits and seasons for different fish.

## Horse riding

The park is an attractive setting for riding. Horse's may only be ridden on formed roads and tracks open to the public (except for Whitelaw, Plane and Trigger Creek Tracks). Horse riding is not permitted on any walking tracks within the park, on the Baw Baw Plateau or above the bridge on the Mount Erica Road. Horse-based camping is not permitted within the park.

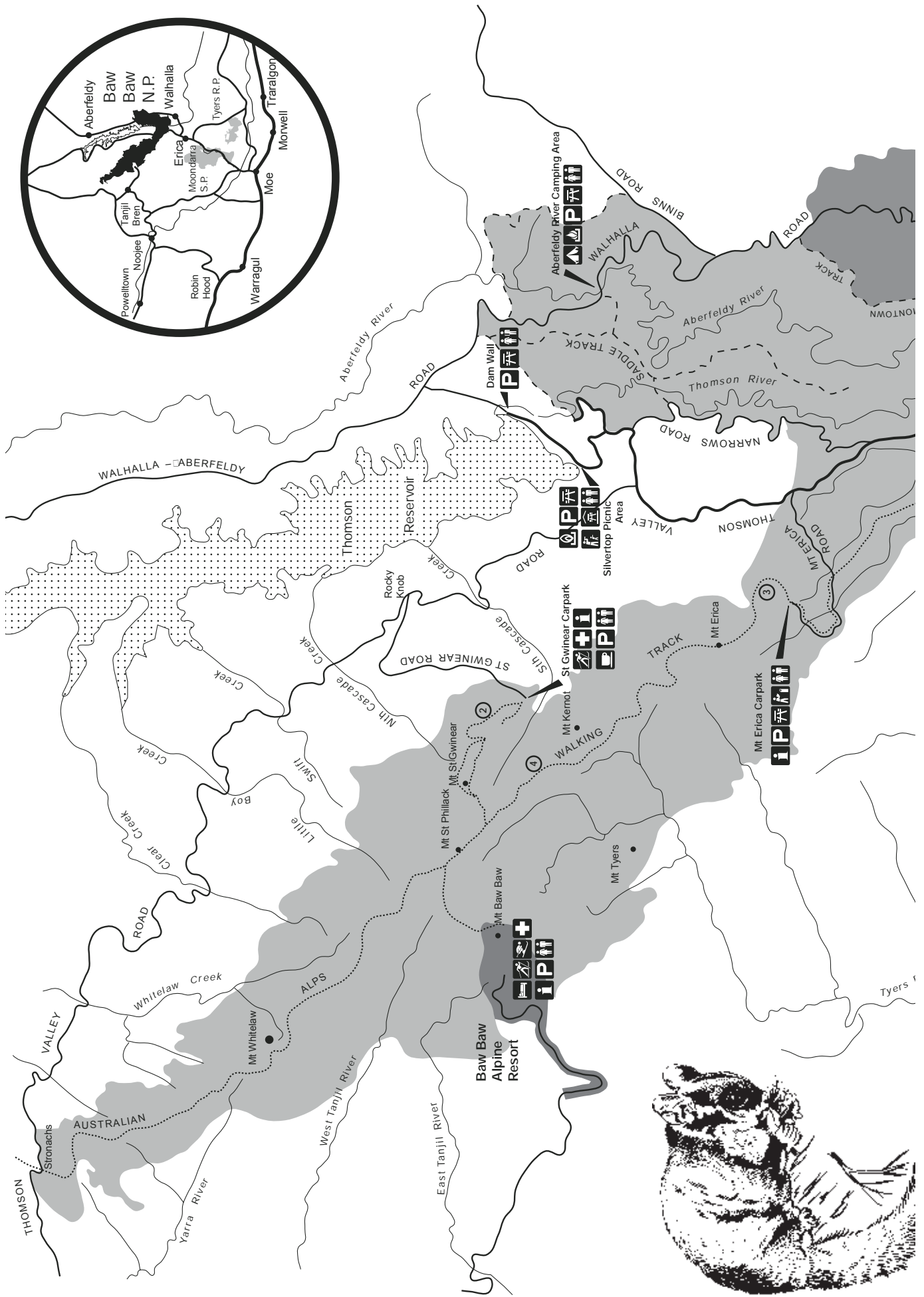
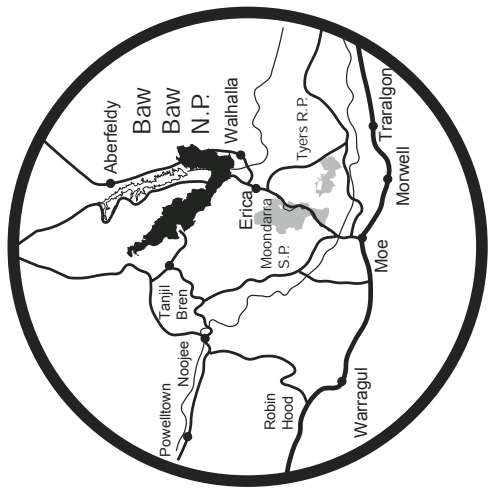
## A haven for plants and wildlife

The Baw Baw Plateau features extensive sub-alpine woodlands dominated by Snow Gum with a scrubby understorey of Mueller's Bush-pea, Alpine Pepper and Dusty Daisy-bush. Wet alpine heathlands and thick spongy beds of sphagnum moss surround clear pools of water. With such a diverse array of plants these heathlands provide a spectacular display of wildflowers in season.

The upper slopes of the range support tall open forests of Alpine Ash, Shining Gum and Tingaringy Gum. At lower altitudes tall forests of Mountain Ash, Messmate and Silver Wattle grow and are often shrouded in mist. Pockets of cool temperate rainforest with a lush understorey of ferns flourish within the sheltered gullies. Due to the rain shadow created by the Baw Baw's, the Thomson and Aberfeldy River valleys are dominated by dry forests of Silvertop, Messmate and Peppermints with an open understorey of small shrubs, grasses and bracken.

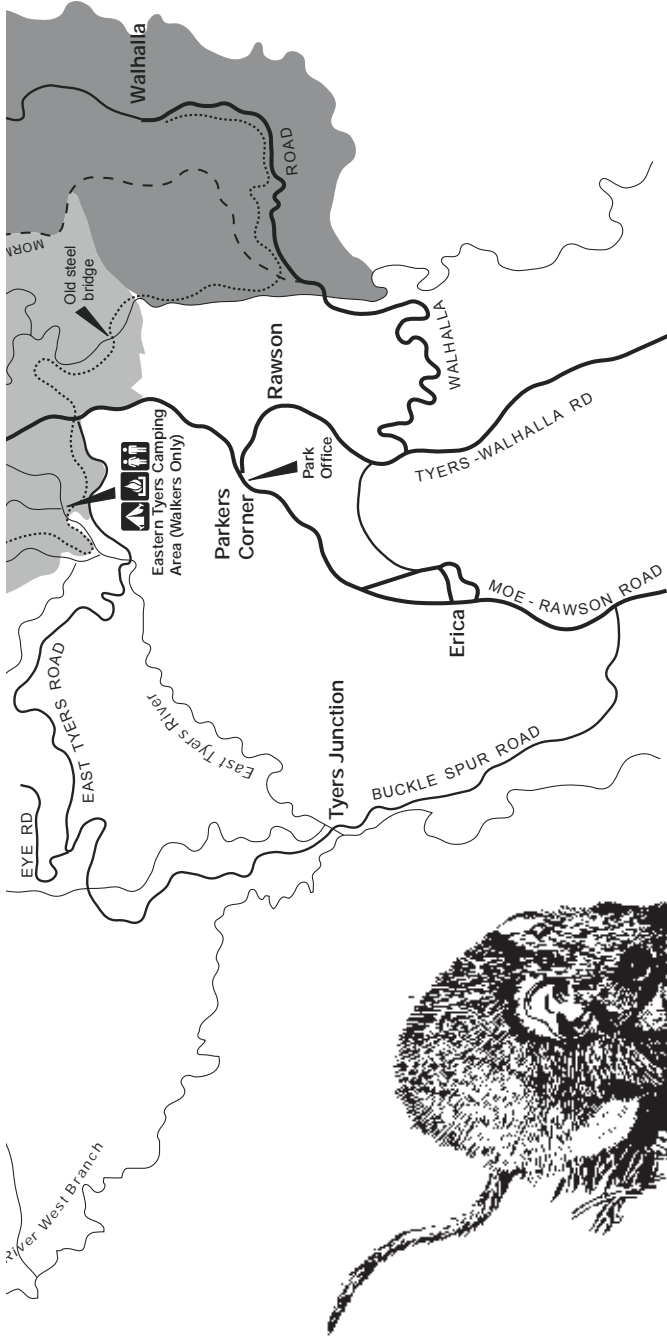
At night the forest comes to life as possums, owls and bats emerge from tree hollows to feed amongst the spreading branches of the forest canopy. If you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of a Superb Lyrebird scratching about amongst the leaf litter looking for insects and grubs. Their clear loud imitations echo through the forest.

The endangered Leadbeater's Possum, Victoria's state faunal emblem, inhabits the Mountain Ash forests of the park. It relies on old hollow trees and the dense understorey of Wattles for nesting and feeding. The park is also home to the Common Wombat, Swamp Wallaby, Greater Glider, Yellow bellied Glider, Sugar Glider, Mountain Brush-tailed Possum, Brown Antechinus and Platypus.





Brown Antechinus and Sugar Gliders are two of the native animal species found in the park.



### Baw Baw National Park

- Baw Baw National Park
- Walhalla Historic Area
- Baw Baw Alpine Resort
- Waterbody
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- Vehicular track
- Walking track

### Recreational Facilities

- Accommodation
- Camping
- Cross country skiing (winter only)
- Downhill skiing (winter only)
- Fireplace
- First aid (winter only)
- Gas barbecue
- Information
- Kiosk
- Lookout
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Self guided walk
- Toilets



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