

# What can you do in our parks?

National parks and conservation areas are critical for the survival of threatened wildlife. Not only that, they're open for a wide range of activities – from trail bike riding to beekeeping to 4WDing. You can even prospect or hunt in certain places, or at certain times of the year.

Here's a quick reckoner for what you can and can't do in the different types of protected areas in Victoria's parks system.

Activity	National parks (incl. state parks)	Conservation parks	Regional parks	Nature reserves	Bush-land reserves	State forests
Apiculture <sup>1</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bushwalking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camping <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓	⓪ <sup>3</sup>	⓪ <sup>3</sup>	✓
Nature observation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4WD <sup>4</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trail bike riding <sup>5</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bike riding (incl. mountain biking) <sup>6</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Horse riding <sup>6</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Car rallies	⓪ <sup>7</sup>	⓪ <sup>7</sup>	✓	⓪ <sup>7</sup>	✓	✓
Prospecting	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Dogs	⓪ <sup>8</sup>	⓪ <sup>8</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Domestic fire-wood collection	✗ <sup>9</sup>	✗	⓪ <sup>9</sup>	✗	✗ <sup>9</sup>	✗
Recreational hunting <sup>10</sup>	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Timber harvesting	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

✓ Allowed    ⓪ Allowed with conditions    ✗ Not allowed

**1.** At licensed sites. **2.** In designated areas where provided and in other areas as specified. **3.** May not be provided in smaller reserves, where there is high day visitor use or where there are ample camping opportunities adjacent. **4.** In registered vehicles on formed roads that are open to the public and on other formed roads and tracks as specified; off road driving is illegal on public land. **5.** By licensed riders on registered vehicles on formed roads that are open to the public and on other formed roads and tracks as specified. **6.** On formed roads that are open to the public and on other roads, tracks and trails as specified through management planning. **7.** Competitive sections generally not allowed in national parks, conservation parks and nature reserves; transport sections through these areas allowed subject to policy and procedures. **8.** May be allowed in visitor areas or a limited number of tracks. **9.** Some current domestic firewood coupes will be allowed to be completed and a phase-out in some regional parks is recommended. **10.** Recreational hunting for pest animals will be allowed on other public land if part of an authorised control program at the discretion of the land manager. *Source: VEAC*