# **WILDERNESS AREAS**

The Big Desert Wilderness Park preserves almost untouched Mallee landscape. Big Desert Wilderness Park, along with other wilderness zones in Wyperfeld National Park, offer secluded bushwalking trails and the opportunity to experience life in the wilderness.

Please note driving is prohibited in the Wilderness Areas. Camping is permitted however there are no facilities provided.

### **SERVICES & SUPPLIES**

Murrayville is 33 kilometres north of Big Billy Bore and offers accommodation as well as emergency services.

Pinnaroo is approximately 60 kilometres north-west of Big Billy Bore via Murrayville. It is a larger township than Murrayville and offers visitors accommodation and fuel.

Nhill is 138 kilometres south of Big Billy Bore and offers visitors accommodation and fuel.

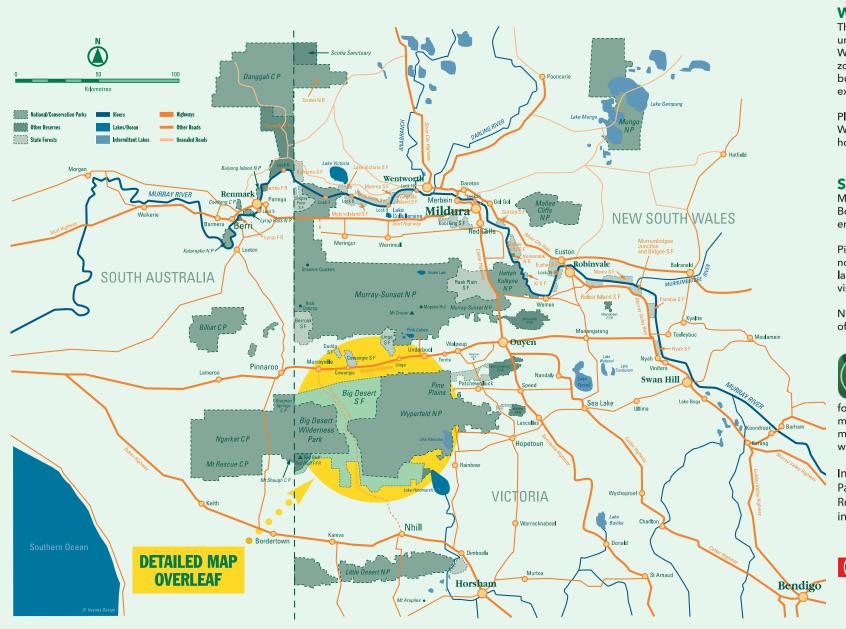
# **MORE TO EXPLORE APP**

Download the More to Explore App for comprehensive information and interactive maps on what to see and do in Victoria's three million hectares of state forest. www.ffm.vic.gov.au/more-to-explore

In case of an emergency, call 000. Parks and state forests will be closed on Code Red Fire Danger days. For the latest emergency information, download the VicEmergency App.

NO FIRES ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN

# Mallee State Forests & Parks



the desert. These bores included Cactus Bore, John's Band Sim Perry's hand pump. W. Chatterton, R. Forsyth. J. Ireland were some of the local contractors who sunk these bores in 1928.

The Big Billy Bore and Windmill were refurbished in 20 FFMVic. New bore casing was installed to 69.3 metres

level. The water contains many natural minerals howev

not compliant under the Victorian Safe Drinking Water

2003 and should not be consumed.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** 

www.ffm.vic.gov.au Phone: 136 186

the static water level measured at 22.7 metres below s

The existing bore was sunk in 1912 and is 73.15 metre

Cowangie. The original bore had a hand pump.

deep. Many of the other old bores along the track wer

The Traditional Owners are represented by the Bareng Gadjin Land Council, who were recognised in a 2005 N Title Consent Determination. As part of this Determina

supporting agriculture, trade and habitation.

there is a suite of Settlement Agreements which recog the rights, interests and contribution of knowledge fro Wotjobaluk Nations into the management of this area.

Big Billy Bore was first installed in the 1800s and was u

**HISTORY OF THE BIG DESERT BORES** 

stockmen to water their stock as they drove them fror Station to Kow Plains Station. The original track went this point through to Mountain Pine and the back of

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) acknowled Traditional Owners of the Big Desert area - the Wotjok

**TRADITIONAL OWNERS** 

Through their cultural traditions, Aboriginal people ma

# NO FIRES ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIR

Disclaimer

This publication may be of assistance to you but the State of Victoria an officers do not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kin wholly appropriate for your particular purpose and therefore disclaims liability for any error, loss or other consequences which may arise from relying on any information in this publication.

FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT

Authorised by the Victorian Government, Cnr of Koorlong Avenue and Eleventh Street Irymple Produced - June 2019 **Big Desert State Forest** 

# **TOURING**

# FROM BIG BILLY BORE CAMPING AREA

Tracks in the Big Desert State Forest will challenge your four-wheel driving skills and give you the chance to see a range of native flora and fauna - you may even spot the endangered Malleefowl or the critically endangered Mallee Emu-wren.

### ROUTE

### State forest west of Nhill Murrayville Track - 57 kilometres/3 hours Access via Cactus Bore and Firebreak Tracks.

On this route you will see the iconic red, blue and yellow gum trees which stand tall in the surrounding heathland vegetation. Camping is permitted however there are no facilities and all rubbish must be taken with you.

### ROUTE@

### 12 Mile Patch Track - 100 kilometres/5 hours

White Springs to Twelve Mile Patch returning via Fire Break Track. Pines, casuarinas and open areas with soaks break up the Mallee vegetation on this route and provide shady spots to stop for a break.

### ROUTE(3)

### State forest east of Nhill Murrayville Track - 45 kilometres/2.5 hours

Brushcutters Track via Brushcutters Flat, returning via Delisio Track.
This route will take you through steep sand dunes.
Take extra care in dry conditions.

### ROUTE 4

### Ngarkat Conservation Park & SA/VIC Border - 190 kilometres/9 hours

Access via Firebreak Track West returning via Red Bluff Track.

The Centre Track is a two-way track with a lookout on the Orchid Walk. Nanam Well and the walking trails around Pine Hut Soak are also popular spots to visit.

The Border Track is one-way (north to south) access only and is closed from 1 November to 31 March due to high fire danger.

### Please note camping fees apply in South Australian Parks.

### KOUIEG

### Wyperfeld National Park east of Nhill Murrayville Track - 175 kilometres/7 hours Milmed Rock Track to park boundary along Pella Track returning via

Milmed Rock Track to park boundary along Pella Track returning via Chinaman's Well Track.

There are two campsites along this route - one at Round Swamp and another at Milmed Rock Swamp. However facilities are only available at the Round Swamp campsite.

### ROUTE 6

### Wyperfeld National Park east of Nhill Murrayville Track - extension to Route 5

Travelling via Lake Hindmarsh to Rainbow and returning via Herman's Hill Lookout on Netting Fence Track or Chinaman's Well Track.

Herman's Hill Lookout was developed by Nhill Secondary School students and the local community. It offers scenic views of Lake Hindmarsh Big Desert State Forest and surrounding farmland.



Photo: Big Billy day use area and information site.



Kilometres

to Ouyen >

Big Red Gur

Pigick Pella Rd

Toilet (

Pellao

to Rainbow -

to Rainbow ►

Underbool

