



How to get there and other useful information

Transport

Organising transport to and from the Overland Track requires forward planning. Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) recommend all Overland Track walkers explore their transport arrangements before booking their walk, to ensure transport options are available to and from their walk.

During the booking season (1 October to 31 May) the Overland Track is walked from north to south, starting at Cradle Mountain and finishing at Lake St Clair. Outside the booking season, the track can be walked in either direction.

By bus

Transport to and from Cradle Mountain and Lake St Clair visitor centres is available all year from Hobart, Launceston and Devonport, with more frequent services during summer. Check with the operators listed below for scheduled services and charter arrangements.

[Overland Track Transport](#)

[McDermotts Coaches](#)

[Outdoor Recreational Transport](#)

[Wilderness Expeditions Pty Ltd](#)

[Tasmanian Wilderness Experiences](#)

[Hawthorn Lodge](#)

By car

Cradle Mountain lies at the northern end of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. It is 1½ hours from Devonport via the B19 and B14 south to Sheffield, then C136 and C132 to the park entrance.

From Launceston, it is a 2½ hour drive on the Bass Highway (A1), then the sign-posted route via B13 and C156 through Sheffield.

From the west, drive 2 hours along the A10 and C132 from Queenstown or 1½ hours from Burnie via B18 through Ridgley, then the A10 and C132 to reach the park.

There is no direct road link through the Cradle Mountain- Lake St Clair National Park to join the two ends of the park. Visitors may most easily reach Lake St Clair via the Cradle Link Road (C132) and the Murchison and Lyell Highways (A10).

Private cars can be parked long-term (while you walk the track) at both Cradle Mountain and Lake St Clair visitor centres. Unless you have arranged for a car shuffle, you will need to use bus transport to return to your car. Many walkers find it most convenient to leave their car at Lake St Clair and catch a bus to Cradle to start their walk. See bus transport operators above.

Getting to Ronny Creek (start of Overland Track)

Once you've checked in and collected your Overland Track Pass at the Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre, you need to get to the start point of the walk at Ronny Creek, 7km south. If you are being dropped off by friends or family, you can drive to Ronny Creek (if the park is not too busy). Alternatively, you can take the Cradle Shuttle Bus, which departs regularly from the visitor centre, 7 days a week, from mid September to mid May. You cannot leave your vehicle long-term at Ronny Creek.

Lake St Clair Ferry

If you plan to finish your walk at Narcissus, and catch the ferry across Lake St Clair to the visitor centre at Cynthia Bay, you need to book the ferry before you commence your Overland Track walk. The ferry is privately run. A fee applies. There are generally three services a day – morning, midday and afternoon. Ph (03) 6289 1137.

Accommodation

Many walkers find it more relaxing to spend the night before their departure on the track at an accommodation venue in Cradle Mountain. This gives plenty of time to check in at the visitor centre, catch the Cradle Shuttle Bus (departs regularly) from the visitor centre to the track start at Ronny Creek some 7km away, and walk the 4 to 6 hours to the first hut at Waterfall Valley.

CRADLE MOUNTAIN

NOTE: To protect the fragile plant communities and water quality from the large number of visitors to Cradle Mountain, informal camping is not permitted within the Cradle Valley area.

[Waldheim Cabins](#) – alongside departure point at Ronny Creek. Basic facilities.

[Cradle Mountain Discovery Holiday Parks](#) – camping and cabins.

[Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge](#)

[Cradle Mountain Highlanders Cottages](#)

[Cradle Mountain Wilderness Village](#)

[Cradle Mountain Hotel](#)

For accommodation options further afield, see www.discovertasmania.com.au

LAKE ST CLAIR

[Pumphouse Point](#)

[Lake St Clair Lodge](#)

Cabin, backpacker, powered site and camping accommodation with shower and toilet facilities are operated by a private leaseholder. For bookings and enquiries contact Lake St Clair Lodge.

Bushwalkers campsite

Free bushwalkers campsite (with no road access) on the lakeshore at Fergies Paddock, 10 minutes walk from the visitor centre. The campsite is still within the Fuel Stove Only Area and has a single pit toilet.

AT DERWENT BRIDGE

Located a few kilometres from the Lake St Clair visitor centre, the Derwent Bridge settlement has a hotel and several backpacker and cabin accommodation options. See www.discovertasmania.com.au

Luggage Storage Hobart

[Brooke St Pier Lockers](#)

[Hobart Central YHA](#)

