

OVERLAND TRACK



Huts and camping

There are huts and campsites located at regular intervals on the Overland Track. **If you intend to sleep in the huts, you must still carry a tent.** Carrying a tent gives you independence and the flexibility to stop and camp when it is unwise to proceed (e.g. severe weather, injury or fatigue). Also, if the huts are full, you will need a tent. (Hut space cannot be booked.)

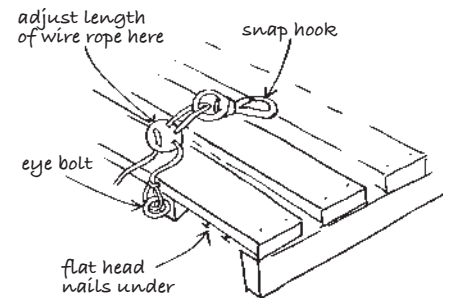
Everyone is welcome to use the huts to cook, store food, and rest. All walkers – with the exception of large group bookings (school/commercial groups etc) who have reserved group tent platforms – are welcome to use the hut bunks. In very inclement weather, for everyone's safety, you must welcome everyone into the hut – school/commercial groups included.

Camping

Timber tent platforms are provided to protect the vegetation at most overnight sites. Hooks and cables can be found around the platform edges to which you attach your tent's peg loops. Bring short lengths of string/rope to make it quicker and easier for attachment.

If camping on a natural surface where platforms are not provided, follow Leave No Trace – Principle 2: Walk and camp on durable surfaces.

Camping is not permitted inside the Cradle Mountain day walk area.



Huts

Hut facilities

Sleeping: Each hut has long sleeping platforms. Mattresses and bedding are NOT provided.

Cooking: Cooking benches, tables and bench seating are provided. Food, cooking utensils and cooking stoves are NOT provided.

Heating: Either coal or gas heaters are provided. To save on heater fuel (which has to be delivered by helicopter), please don't light the hut heater if the hut thermometer reads 10°C or more. Before you decide if you really need the heater, put on extra clothing.







Composting toilets: Each hut has composting toilets nearby. Toilet paper is NOT provided. Only your toilet waste, toilet paper and food scraps go in composting toilets. You must carry out all rubbish, including tampons, sanitary pads and condoms. You will need to carry a sturdy trowel to use if you need to bush-toilet between huts. For bush-toileting instructions, follow Leave No Trace – Principle 3.

Water tanks: Rainwater tanks are provided at each of the main huts. If collecting water from watercourses along the track, fast flowing creeks and rivers, or deep lakes are safest. Collect water upstream of any places where people are swimming. Few places on Earth have water as pristine as the Tasmanian wilderness, however some people prefer to treat their water to be sure (e.g. boil for 3 minutes, use iodine tablets, or water filters). To preserve water quality along the track, ensure you follow the bush-toileting instructions (Refer Leave No Trace – Principle 3).



Hut locations

The GDA coordinates of the huts, from north to south (as well as sleeping capacity) are presented in the following table. The main hut location GPS data is also available on the [Parks website](#) as a GPX file which may be used with most GPS devices and Google Earth.

Main huts	Sleeping capacity	Easting (GDA)	Northing (GDA)	Hut photo
Waterfall Valley	24	412400	5381370	
Windermere	16	413260	5375050	
Pelion	36	420810	5368710	
Kia Ora	20	423810	5361790	
Bert Nichols (Windy Ridge)	24	424470	5357360	
Narcissus	18	425620	5348450	
Other sleeping huts				
Scott Kilvert Hut (Lake Rodway)	20	413900	5383840	
Pine Valley Hut	24	422390	5354410	
Echo Point Hut	8	428660	5345040	
Historic Huts				
There are three historic huts – Kitchen, Old Pelion and Du Cane. These huts are not to be slept in, except in an emergency.				

