

## 5. Where are national parks located in Victoria?

### Aim

This activity familiarises students with the range, location and size of national parks in Victoria. It also compares the location of national parks with physical characteristics across Victoria.

### Materials

- Resource sheet 5a: National parks in Victoria.
- Resource sheet 5b: Vegetation cover in Victoria.  
See also maps of Victoria's vegetation cover: pre-1750 and 1987, provided in the back cover of *Victoria's Biodiversity: Directions in Management*. NRE. 1997. These maps are also available online at [www.nre.vic.gov.au/plntanml/biodiversity/index.htm](http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/plntanml/biodiversity/index.htm)
- Resource sheet 5c: Victoria climate.
- Photocopies of map of national parks in Victoria (Victoria's national parks map and brochure is provided as part of this education resource kit, and is also available online via Parks Victoria website [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au) Click on Brochures).
- Road map of Victoria.
- Coloured pencils or pens.

### Activities

1. Resource sheet 5a: National parks in Victoria provides a table of Victoria's national parks listed in alphabetical order. Number the national parks on the map provided, using the numbers listed in the table.
2. Colour the parks on the photocopied map using the code letter shown in the last column of the national parks in Victoria table.
  - B = Brown (mountain peaks)
  - G = Green (forested parks)
  - Y = Yellow (coastal parks)
  - R = Red (dry country parks)
  - O = Orange (grassland)

3. Put a key on your map to show your colour coding for the five different park types.

#### Key

mountain parks  
forested parks  
coastal parks  
dry country parks  
grassland

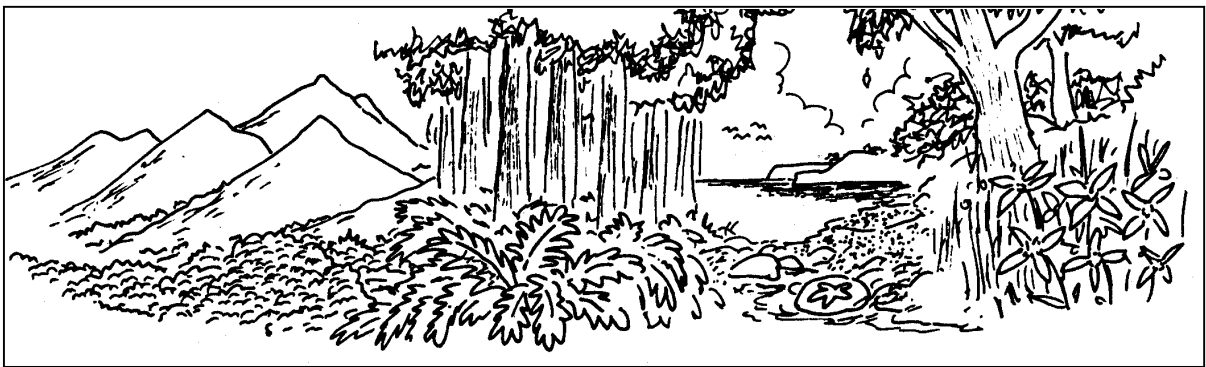
4. Using the scale shown on the map, record how far it is in a straight line from:
  - a. Melbourne to Haftah-Kulkyne National Park.
  - b. Melbourne to Croajingolong National Park.
  - c. Melbourne to Wilsons Promontory National Park.
  - d. Bendigo to Wyperfeld National Park.
  - e. Lower Glenelg National Park to Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park.
5. If you drive at an average of 80 kilometres per hour, and stop for 15 minutes every two hours, how long would it take you to drive between these places (a - e above)?
6. Look carefully at the size and location of national parks on your completed map. Look also at the vegetation and rainfall maps (Resource sheets 5b and 5c).
  - a. Where are three of the largest parks found?
  - b. Where are three of the smallest parks found?
  - c. Suggest two reasons why the largest and smallest parks are located at these places?
  - d. What other information would help you to decide why national parks were established at particular locations?

9. Which type of terrestrial environment is best represented in the national parks shown on your map?
10. Which type is least represented?
11. In groups, discuss possible reasons for this situation.
12. Write a brief summary of these reasons.

**Extension**

Using an outline map of Victoria and the resources listed in this activity, students create their own map to show the location of all of Victoria's national parks, or selected national parks. These could be created at different scales to develop mapping skills.

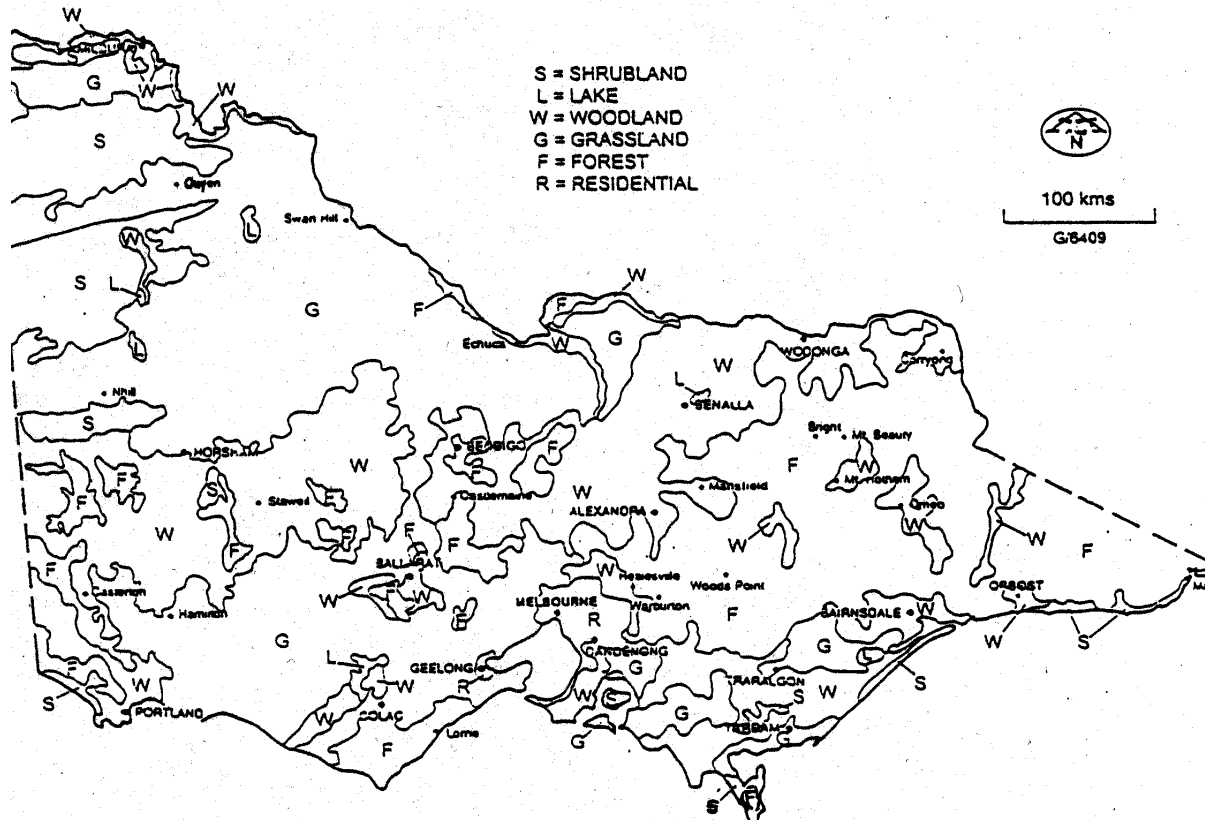
Park name	Vegetation type	Distance from Melbourne	Average Rainfall
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2			
3			



## 5a. National parks in Victoria

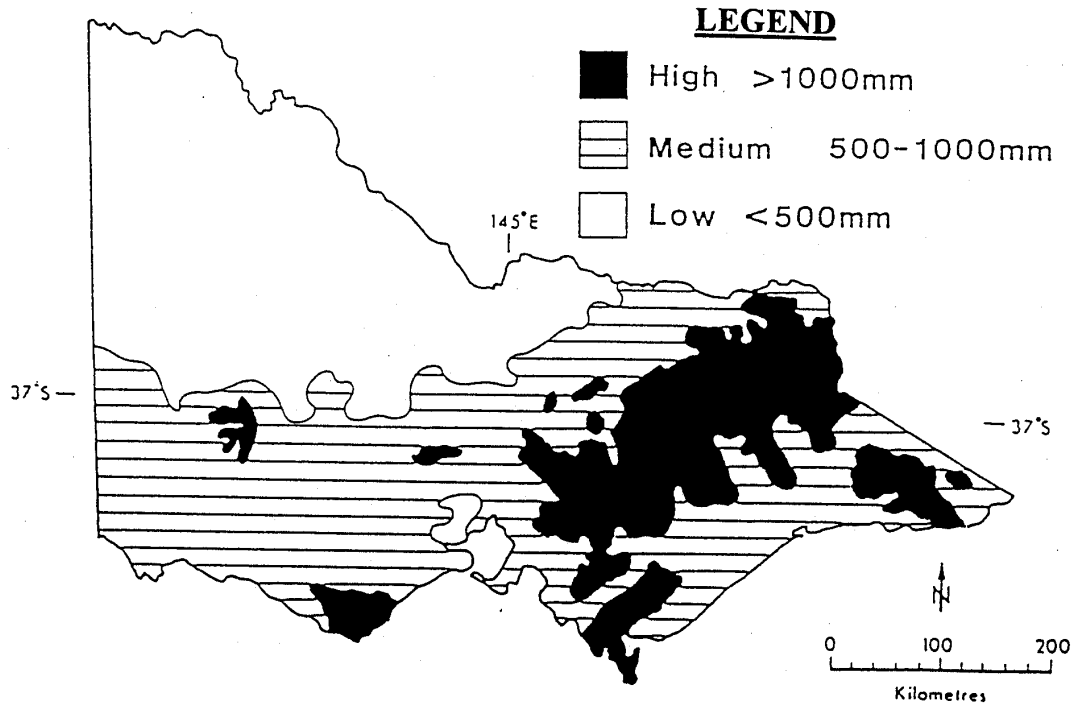
Park name (listed alphabetically)	Number (for mapping purposes only)	Colour code (for mapping purposes)
Alfred	1	G
Alpine	2	B
Baw Baw	3	B
Brisbane Ranges	4	G
Burrowa-Pine Mountain	5	B
Chiltern Box-Ironbark	6	G
Churchill	7	G
Coopracambra	8	B
Croajingolong	9	Y
Dandenong Ranges	10	G
Errinundra	11	B
French Island	12	Y
Grampians	13	G
Hattah-Kulkyne	14	R
Kinglake	15	G
Lake Eildon	16	G
Lind	17	G
Little Desert	18	R
Lower Glenelg	19	G
Mitchell River	20	G
Mornington Peninsula	21	Y
Morwell	22	G
Mount Buffalo	23	B
Mount Eccles	24	G
Mount Richmond	25	B
Murray-Sunset	26	R
Organ Pipes	27	O/G
Otways	28	G
Port Campbell	29	Y
Snowy River	30	B
Tarra-Bulga	31	B
Terrick Terrick	32	O
The Lakes	33	Y
Wilson's Promontory	34	Y
Wyperfeld	35	R
Yarra Ranges	36	G

# 5b. Vegetation cover in Victoria

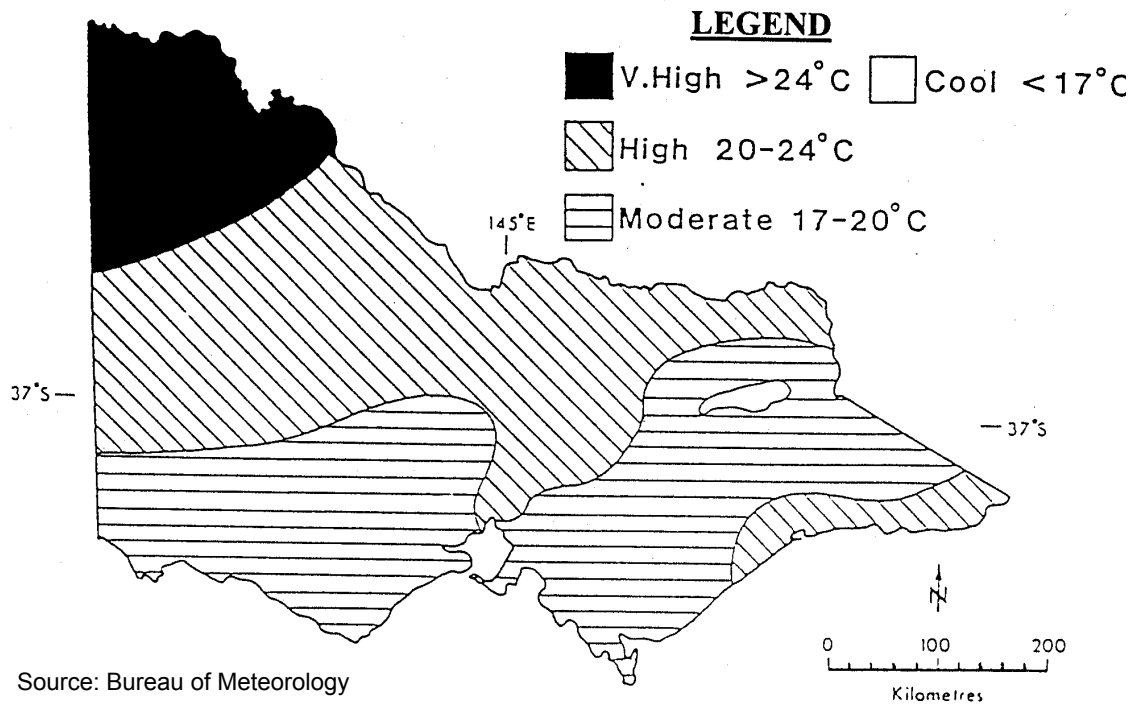


### 5c. Victoria's climate

#### Average rainfall



#### Average maximum temperature



Source: Bureau of Meteorology