

# Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve



## Visitor Guide

Hidden within the green, rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the meandering Agnes River cascades over rocks into a deep picturesque gorge. At 59 metres, Agnes Falls are the highest single span falls in Victoria.

### Location and access

Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve is situated 160km south-east of Melbourne. The waterfall is reached from the South Gippsland Highway at Toora by following Silcocks Hill Road, Hazel Park Road and Agnes Falls Road. Alternatively the reserve can be reached from Welshpool via Slade Hill Road and Hazel Park Road. These approach roads provide extensive views across Corner Inlet to the peaks of Wilsons Promontory.

### Enjoying the reserve

Cool waters from trickling mountain streams drain the southern slopes of the Strzelecki Ranges before flowing into the meandering Agnes River.

After heavy rain the river falls as a spectacular cascade into the gorge. Upstream from the falls, the Agnes River forms part of the Toora Water Supply Catchment.

### Walks and views

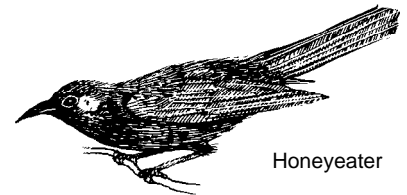
A short 200 metre walking track leads from the car park to a viewing area overlooking the falls. Watch along the way for birds darting between bushes and the diverse range of vegetation present. Rest on the seats provided and enjoy the view within the gorge.

### Picnicking

A small picnic ground set amongst the tall shady Blue Gums on the grassy banks of the Agnes River makes a delightful setting for a picnic.

Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve protects a small remnant of the forests that once covered the Strzelecki Ranges. Tall Southern Blue Gums together with Blackwood and Silver Wattles grow within the sheltered gorge and along the banks of the Agnes River. The cool moist conditions here support a diverse understorey of Hazel Pomaderris, Blanket-Leaf, Dogwood, Prickly Moses, Clematis and a ground cover of ferns.

The drier north facing slope and ridge support an open understorey of native grasses and sedges.



Honeyeater

The canopy of tall eucalypts provides food and nesting areas, supporting many different species of birds including honeyeaters.

The understorey composed of tall shrubs and small trees is home to the Eastern Yellow Robin, often seen perching sideways on low branches, eyes intently searching the ground for food.

Watch for the playful antics of the Grey Fantail as it darts and spirals in and out of trees in its quest for food. They are often seen perching with wings drooped and tail fanning from side to side, a movement to prompt insects to flight. The forest also echoes to the calls of the Laughing Kookaburra, Currawong and Crimson Rosella. At night possums and owls emerge from tree hollows to feed amongst the spreading branches of the eucalypts. If you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of a Swamp Wallaby disappearing into the bush.

### Just up the road...

#### Turtons Creek Reserve

Located 20 kilometres north-west of Foster, this reserve features a series of cascades on the tree fern lined creek. The grassy flats along Turtons Creek provide an idea site for a bush camp or picnic.

#### Corner Inlet and Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Parks

Consisting of shallow marine waters, intertidal mudflats and a series of sand barrier islands, these parks play host to a diverse range of migratory wading birds.

A bird watchers paradise, the parks can be explored from the shore or by boat. The parks are reached from the South Gippsland Highway via Port Welshpool, Port Albert, McLoughlins Beach or Yanakie.



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 Information Centre  
**Call 13 1963**  
 or visit the  
 Parks Victoria website  
**www.parkweb.vic.gov.au**

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 Cnr. Victory Avenue and  
 McDonald Street  
 Foster Vic 3960

**Caring for the environment**

Help us look after your park  
 by following these guidelines:

All native plants and animals in  
 the reserve are protected

Please keep to designated  
 walking tracks

Bins are not provided in the  
 reserve. Please take rubbish  
 away with you

Camping is not permitted  
 in the reserve

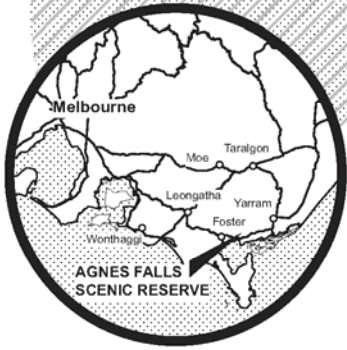
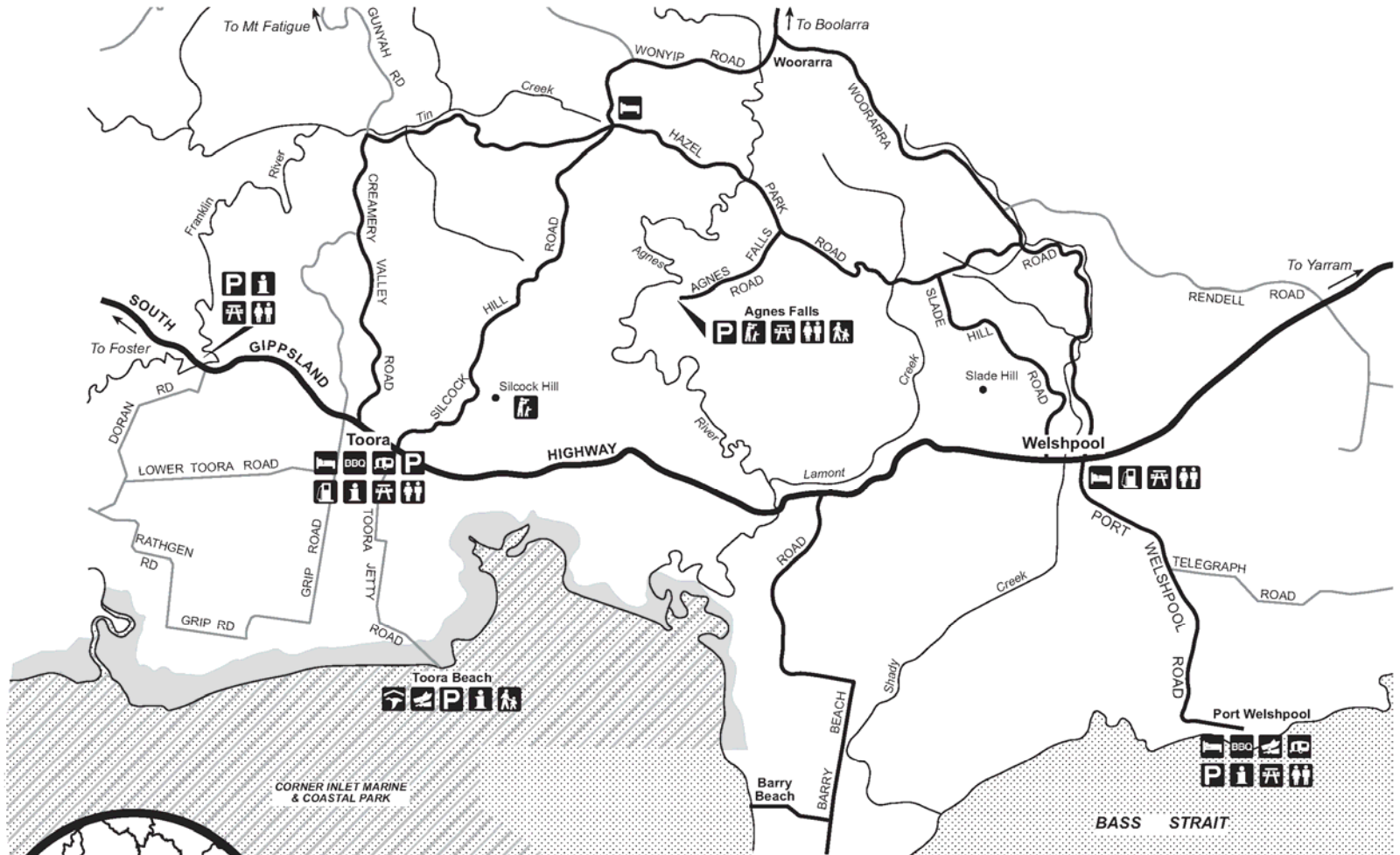
Dogs must be on a leash  
 at all times

Agnes River forms part of the  
 Toora Water Catchment Area,  
 therefore swimming is  
 prohibited.

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 others to use, or recycle it*

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 your health, mind, body and  
 soul. So, with over four million  
 hectares of parkland available  
 to Victorians, why not escape  
 to a park today!



Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve		Recreational Facilities	
Highway	Corner Inlet Marine & Coastal Park (Land)	Accommodation	Fuel
Major road	Corner Inlet Marine & Coastal Park (Water)	Barbecue	Information
Minor road	Water body	Bird hide	Lookout
		Boat ramp	Picnic area
		Caravan park	Toilets
		Carpark	Walking track

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