

The Barracks campground

Coolah Tops National Park



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Overview

The Barracks campground is a secluded camping area, great for small groups looking for a tranquil place to come back to after a day of walking or mountain biking.

Camping type	Tent, Camper trailer site, Caravan site, Camping beside my vehicle
Facilities	Picnic tables, barbecue facilities, toilets
Price	Free.
Bookings	Bookings are not available for this campground.
Please note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sites are unmarked and unpowered• This campground is suitable for small family groups

Arriving at The Barracks campground, you'll find a lovely shaded camping area nestled beneath the tall eucalypt forest beside a small creek. It's a modest campground, great for little groups looking for a tranquil place to relax after a day of walking or mountain biking in the park. It also makes for a beautiful picnic spot to sit by the gently flowing creek, enjoy a hot cuppa and a bit of lunch.

Wander along Grasstrees track through a stand of giant ancient-looking grasstrees. Standing over 4m tall, they're several hundred years old.

Back at base, sitting in the comfort of your camping chair, you might spot a group of red-necked wallabies bouncing through the bush, or catch a glimpse of a wombat as it waddles through the campground.

Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/the-barracks-campground/local-alerts>

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 9am to 4pm daily. Closed Christmas Day.

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Park info

 in [Coolah Tops National Park](#) in the [Country NSW](#) region

 Coolah Tops National Park is always open but may have to close at times due to poor weather, fire danger or management operations. The eastern end of the park is regularly closed during wet weather due to slippery road conditions.

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Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about The Barracks campground.

Getting there and parking

The Barracks campground is in the western precinct of Coolah Tops National Park. To get there:

- After entering the park, continue on The Forest Road for approximately 6km.
- Take the first left turn onto The Pinnacle Road
- After about 1km, take the first right which takes you to The Barracks campground.

Road quality

Check the weather before you set out as some roads within the park are closed after heavy rain.

- Unsealed roads

Vehicle access

- 2WD vehicles

Weather restrictions

- All weather

Parking

Parking is available at The Barracks campground.

Best times to visit

There are lots of great things waiting for you in Coolah Tops National Park. Here are some of the highlights.

Autumn

Great camping weather before the cold weather arrives. Swap stories by the campfire about the day's adventures.

Spring

See the park come to life as the pink darling pea, yellow flowering black wattle and silver wattle burst into colour.

Summer

Enjoy warm days walking and mountain biking and cooler nights in the bush.

Weather, temperature and rainfall

Summer temperature

Average	Highest recorded
15°C and 30°C	40.3°C

Winter temperature

Average	Lowest recorded
2°C and 15°C	-6.7°C

Rainfall

Wettest month	Driest month	The area's highest recorded rainfall in one day
January	May	186.7mm

Facilities

- Rubbish bins are not available, so please take your rubbish with you when leaving.
- There's a small creek adjacent to the camping area, but it's recommended that you boil the creek water before drinking.

Toilets

- Non-flush toilets

Picnic tables

There's a small picnic shelter with a rainwater tank.

Barbecue facilities

- Wood barbecues (bring your own firewood)
- Fire rings (bring your own firewood)

Maps and downloads

 [The Barracks campground factsheet](#)

Safety messages

Camping safety

Whether you're pitching your tent on the coast or up on the mountains, there are many things to consider when camping in NSW national parks. [Find out how to stay safe when camping.](#)

This is a remote campground, so please make sure you arrive well-prepared.

Take care when walking around cliff edges and above waterfalls - please supervise children at all times.

Fire safety

During periods of fire weather, the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service may declare a total fire ban for particular NSW fire areas, or statewide. Learn more about [total fire bans and fire safety](#).

Mobile safety

Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Download the [Emergency+](#) app before you visit, it helps emergency services locate you using your smartphone's GPS. Please note there is limited mobile phone reception in this park and you'll need mobile reception to call Triple Zero (000).

Accessibility

Disability access level - hard

Wheelchairs can access this area with some difficulty.

Wheelchair facilities

Wheel accessible toilet

Permitted

Gathering firewood

Firewood is not provided, but you may collect wood from within the park. Please note that the use of chainsaws is not permitted.

Prohibited

Generators

Pets

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted. Find out which [regional parks allow dog walking](#) and see the [pets in parks policy](#) for more information.

Smoking

NSW national parks are [no smoking areas](#).

Nearby towns

Coolah (3 km)

Coolah is the gateway to [Coolah Tops National Park](#), a subalpine park with tall eucalypt forests, waterfalls, giant grass trees and scenic forest drives. See animals in the wild, including the greater glider - the largest of Australia's gliding possums.

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Dunedoo (28 km)

Dunedoo is the perfect spot for a picturesque stopover because of its proximity to Mudgee, Dubbo and Warrumbungle National Park. Dunedoo is also home to the fantastic three-day Bush Poetry Festival.

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Merriwa (19 km)

Merriwa is a unique and friendly rural town nestled in the Upper Hunter Valley. Situated on the Golden Highway, Merriwa is the ideal place for a stopover, as it is centrally located. In just two hours you can reach Mudgee, Dubbo, Newcastle and Tamworth.

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Learn more

The Barracks campground is in Coolah Tops National Park. Here are just some of the reasons why this park is special:

Get active in the bush



Pack your hiking boots and your mountain bike and be ready to get active in the bush at Coolah Tops. There are plenty of great walking tracks and trails to experience the bush on your bike. Make your way to lookouts like Shepherd's Peak or Breeza lookout for spectacular views to the north over the Liverpool Plains and the sheer escarpment. You'll also find several waterfalls along the escarpment where the creeks plunge over the plateau edge.

Wildlife haven



Looking out across the beautiful landscape of Coolah Tops National Park, it's obvious why you'll find so much wildlife here. Wander quietly along one of the walking tracks and you'll probably have a close encounter with red-necked wallabies and eastern grey kangaroos. You might also find a wombat waddling through the campground. Coolah Tops has some of the highest population densities of greater gliders in Australia. At night, keep your torch handy to see greater gliders, ring-tailed possums and possibly feather-tailed gliders or a sugar glider in the nearby trees.

Education resources (1)



What is a national park?, Stage 2 (Years 3-4), HSIE