

# Yarrangobilly Caves, Kosciuszko National Park

## What is open?

		Opening/Tour Times:
<b>Thermal Pool</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Dawn - Dusk
<b>Jillabenan Cave Guided tours</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm
<b>South Glory Cave Self-guided tour</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	9:30am - 4pm
<b>Visitor Centre</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	9am - 5pm
<b>Walking Tracks</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Dawn - Dusk
<b>Lookouts</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Dawn - Dusk
<b>BBQ's</b>	<b>OPEN*</b>	Dawn - Dusk
<b>Lyrebird Cottage Accommodation</b>	<b>Reopening from December 2020!</b>	
<b>Caves House Accommodation</b>	<b>Reopening from February 2021!</b>	



**Purchase your tour tickets at;**  
[nswparks.info/toursyarrangobilly](https://nswparks.info/toursyarrangobilly)

**Book your accommodation at;**  
[nswparks.info/yarrangobillystay](https://nswparks.info/yarrangobillystay)

## **Show Caves:** South Glory Cave and Jillabenan Cave open.

Many of our visitors are cave enthusiasts who are eager to get back into nature to explore the many caves at Yarrangobilly. We are working to make our caves as safe as possible for all visitors to enjoy. This involves developing a covid safe plan. Following a risk assessment our self-guided cave, South Glory has now reopened for visitors to enjoy a self-guided tour.

- Bookings are essential and can be pre- purchased online at;  
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/show-caves/yarrangobilly-south-glory-cave>

Jillabenan Cave has also reopened for visitors to enjoy a more relaxed guided tour.

- Bookings are essential and can be pre- purchased online at;  
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/show-caves/yarrangobilly-jillabenan-cave>
- Visitors to the cave must practice physical distancing by staying 1.5 metres away from people who are not from their household and are encouraged to wear a personal face mask.
- Visitors must not attend if they have respiratory symptoms or fever (>37.5°C) even if symptoms are mild and will be advised to seek testing immediately and self-quarantine off-site.

We understand that caving enthusiasts will be disappointed that we cannot reinstate access to guided caves at this time, but our first priority is public health and safety. However, we are working to develop our COVID Safe plans and hope to have the North Glory Cave tours operating again shortly. Your patience is appreciated.

## **\*Picnic Area/BBQ's:** Walk in access only, partially repaired

The vehicle bridge over Rules Creek and our key BBQ areas were damaged by bushfire in January 2020. The BBQ's are operating again but the bridge is still damaged, so access is a 200m walk from the parking area. The bridge is due for reinstatement in December 2020.

## **\*Caves House Accommodation:** Partially reopening December 2020

NPWS follows the advice and requirements of NSW Health regarding the provision of visitor services (including accommodation) during the c-19 epidemic. Our commercial accommodation is currently booked by a private contractor, however in the coming months accommodation will be available from the following dates:

- Lyrebird Cottage from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- 1901 East and West wings from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 1917 Guest Rooms from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

All accommodation can be booked using the NPWS website or this link

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/yarrangobilly-area>

## **Rainfall events:** May result in temporary closure of tracks and trails

The fire which swept through the caves precinct was extensive and hard burning, and as a result the vegetation in the area was denuded. Whilst regrowth occurs the hillside areas around the precinct may experience instability as a result of a heavy rainfall event. As result we have enacted a Rainfall Closure policy – essentially if rainfall within a 24-hour period exceeds 20mm there will be a temporary closure of all tracks. This policy will impact access to all walking tracks and closure of the following areas:

- Thermal pool and thermal pool access road and walking tracks
- River Walk track
- South Glory track and self-guided cave
- Bluff Walk
- Castle Cave track

Jersey and Jillabenan loop road, access/exit roads to/from the caves precinct and the visitor centre will remain open.

This policy will be reviewed in December 2020.