



## Educational group essential information

### Thank you for considering the Three Capes Track Experience as your next walking adventure!

With high quality track and cabin accommodation, lighter pack weights, and rich interpretative stories, we think Three Capes Track is ideally suited for Educational Groups.

The following has been prepared to apply to Educational Groups Trips only, as that term is defined in the terms and conditions. Please feel free to contact the Parks and Wildlife Service if you have any query concerning your organisation's eligibility to undertake an Educational Group Trip.

The information below will help you plan your Educational Group's visit, and help make it the most of this amazing experience. We also strongly recommend that you read and are familiar with (and that all persons within your Educational Group become familiar with) the terms and conditions applicable to persons seeking to undertake the Three Capes Track Experience which can be found at [www.threecapestrack.com.au](http://www.threecapestrack.com.au) ("terms and conditions").

### What to expect

The Three Capes Track Experience is a spectacular addition to Tasmania's iconic walks. It features a 4-day, 3-night, 46km journey through the Tasman National Park on the Tasman Peninsula, located on the stunning south east coast of the state.

Walkers start with a visit to the Port Arthur Historic Site, followed by a 75-minute eco-cruise in the Port Arthur waterway to the start of the track at Denmans Cove. The Three Capes Track itself offers an easy to moderate bushwalk, and showcases views to Cape Raoul before taking walkers right to the edge of Australia's highest sea cliffs at Cape Pillar before reaching Cape Hauy on the final day. You arrive at the end of the Three Capes Track in Fortescue Bay. From here, you will be taken by bus to the Port Arthur Historic Site. Toilets and basic accommodation are provided at each overnight site (being the sites at Surveyors, Munro and Retakunna), including:

HUBS (cabins where you cook, eat and socialise)

- Cooking utensils (each cabin site has five identical sets of saucepans, frypans, colanders, whisks, graters, peelers, salad serving spoons, and stainless steel bowls)
- Five x four-burner gas cooktops (no microwave ovens or gas ovens)
- USB charging ports (5 volt) for your mobile devices – 12 outlets per site
- Pellet fire heaters
- Dishwash liquid and scourers (you need to bring tea towels)
- Reference library (field guides for fauna, flora, fungi, maritime and local history, Aboriginal culture)

### SLEEPING ROOMS AND AMENITIES

- Comfortable mattresses in shared sleeping quarters (these rooms have no lights or power)
- Rainwater tanks to provide pure fresh rainwater for drinking and cooking.
- Toilets with handbasins and biodegradable liquid soap
- A cold water outside shower (at Munro cabin only)
- Host Rangers - to welcome you and help you have a safe and memorable walk

### YOU AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE COMPRISING YOUR EDUCATIONAL GROUP:

- a) will need to carry appropriate food, clothing and equipment for the entire journey. No food is available for purchase while on the track. Further recommendations as to food and drink are as noted overleaf;

- b) will need to follow the set itinerary for all those undertaking the Three Capes Track Experience of 4 days, 3 nights, with night 1 at Surveyors, night 2 at Munro, and night 3 at Retakunna; and
- c) should be aware that up to 48 walkers can start the Three Capes Track Experience per day, so potentially your Educational Group could be sharing the facilities at each overnight stop site with a large number of independent walkers. It is requested respect be shown by all members of your Educational Group by observing basic etiquette when using the shared social cabins and sleeping cabins, including by not taking up too much room in the social spaces, cleaning up after using shared cooking equipment and keeping quiet in the sleeping rooms.

## Food / water

- a) We recommend you and all those in your Educational Group bring non-perishable food, as there is no refrigeration. There are gas cooktops provided with an assortment of cooking utensils. For a visual indication of what is provided more information please refer to the cabin information sheet that is downloadable from the FAQs page of [www.threecapestrack.com.au](http://www.threecapestrack.com.au)
- b) There is water at each overnight accommodation site, which is collected from the roof of each building and stored in steel tanks. Therefore there may be some natural contamination (e.g. leaf and branches are prevented from entering tanks but smaller particles may enter). As we do not treat the water, or test it from compliance with the water quality standard, we cannot guarantee meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. We advise walkers that are concerned to boil their water for three minutes. Very few walkers choose to do so, and we have not had any illnesses reported. If you are concerned, bringing water purification tablets would be sensible.

## Ratio and sleeping configuration:

- a) As per Clause 8.6 of the Three Capes Track Experience Terms and Conditions, Educational groups are allocated one or two rooms, which contain eight (8) beds per room. For the Three Capes Track, the following range of the group configurations are suggested and comply with the Tasmania Department of Education *Procedures for Planning Off Campus Activities* (refer section 2.7) regarding the gender ratio (noting adults and students will be in the same room).

Group size	No of rooms	Adult	Student
Up to 8	1	2 Female	6 Female
Up to 8	1	2 Male	6 Male
9 to 16	2	3 Female	13 Female
9 to 16	2	3 Male	13 Male
9 to 16	2	1 Male 2 Female	7 Male 6 Female
9 to 16	2	2 Male 1 Female	6 Male 7 Female

- b) If your Education Group is not bound by this policy, please refer to your relevant institution's guidelines.

## REMINDER INFORMATION:

### Transport to and from Port Arthur

Your Educational Group will need to arrange its own transport to and from the Port Arthur Historic Site. Please refer to FAQs section of the Three Capes Track website for transport options.

### Walker check-in and visiting the Port Arthur Historic Site

The Three Capes Track passes for your Educational Group can only be collected at the track departure point at the Port Arthur Historic Site Visitor Centre. They will not be sent by mail.

Your Educational Group will need to collect its passes at least **90 minutes** prior to your nominated boat departure time. The visitor centre is open from 9am daily until the close of the Historic Ghost Tours each night. If your Group wishes to visit Port Arthur Historic Site on the days prior to starting the Three Capes Track, please contact the Education Officer via [reservations@portarthur.org.au](mailto:reservations@portarthur.org.au) or (03) 6251 2389. Please note that bookings should be made at least six weeks in advance to ensure the availability of tours and activities.

On arrival at the visitor centre, please check in at the Three Capes Track reception desk. (ALL members of your Educational Group must present for check in at the same time.)

To collect your passes, you will need to present your Group's **booking receipt**, and relevant **personal identification**.



Eight-bunk room interior

Upon check-in, you will also be given a complimentary Three Capes Track guide book with daily maps and wonderful stories. All persons will need to carry their pass while on the Three Capes Track.

If there is any need to cancel/change departure details, please email: [threecapestrack@parks.tas.gov.au](mailto:threecapestrack@parks.tas.gov.au) noting that any proposed amendment may not always be possible.

## Safety and communications

A comprehensive remote area first aid kit is to be carried by the EGT Responsible Person (as defined in the terms and conditions) while that person and least one other /adult should possess a current first aid certificate.

The EGT Responsible Person is to carry a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon). PLBs are available for hire from Service Tasmania by phoning 1300 13 55 13. PLBs are only to be activated in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Mobile phone service is unreliable and after Tornado Ridge on Day 2 is limited to higher ground or land with line-of-sight to Port Arthur.

If anyone within your Educational Group becomes sick or injured and is unable to continue, either speak with a Host Ranger or activate your group's emergency response plan. Do not leave part of your Educational Group on the track if you do not have the correct EGT and other responsible adults to walkers ratio to continue.

If you have a sick or injured party member with a potentially life-threatening condition, either speak with a Host Ranger or if remote from a cabin site, contact Emergency Services by phoning 000 using a phone or activating a PLB. In Tasmania, Search and Rescue operations are managed by Tasmania Police. PWS may assist with such operations, if requested by the police. The police rescue helicopter is generally only used in situations that are life-threatening or where the walker is incapacitated.

## Equipment

Please refer to the recommended packing list that is downloadable from the FAQs page of [www.threecapestrack.com.au](http://www.threecapestrack.com.au)

## Leave no trace principles:

Please refer to the Leave No Trace principles. These principles are to be followed while undertaking the Three Capes Track Experience.

## Biosecurity

The Three Capes Track is currently free of many pests, weeds and diseases – and we'd like to keep it that way. Our biggest threats are *Phytophthora* (root rot), didymo algae, chytrid frog fungus, myrtle rust and weed seeds. **Before your Education Group packs, CHECK, CLEAN AND DRY** all clothing and camping equipment, paying special attention to boots, Velcro (on gaiters and jackets), pockets, tents, tent pegs, trowels and trek poles. On arrival at Denmans Cove, all persons are required to **use the boot washdown station**

at the start of the track. As a further precaution, all persons should use the boot washdown station on day 2 just after the junction with the Cape Pillar Track.

## Other excursions

No separate National Parks entry pass is required for those people who take part in the Three Capes Track experience while they are undertaking the Three Capes Track Experience. If however your Educational Group is undertaking any other further activities within Tasman National Park or visiting any other National Parks as a part of their excursion, then such passes will be required, or the group can apply for park pass exemption. If an exemption is sought, an Educational Exemption Application and Approval Form will be required.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Three Capes Track Experience!

## Educational Group Trip – Registration Form

Preferred Three Capes Track Departure Date: (subject to availability) ...../...../..... or ...../...../.....

Educational Institution Name: ..... ABN: .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....

Postal address: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....

Name of EGT responsible person: ..... Mobile: .....

Email: ..... DOB: ...../...../.....

Principal (or equivalent) name : ..... Signature: .....

I, ....., and holding the position of ..... for the abovenamed Educational Body, being the signatory to this registration application form, hereby warrant that:

- I am of the belief that the entity named above as the Educational Body is in fact an Educational Body for the purposes of the terms and conditions applicable to the Three Capes Track Experience (which terms and conditions are available for review at [www.threecapestrack.com.au](http://www.threecapestrack.com.au)) ("terms and conditions");
- I have the full and proper authority on behalf of the Educational Body named above to make this application and agree to the terms and conditions on behalf of the Educational Body named above;
- I have read and understood the terms and conditions (including in respect of this application) and make this application on the basis such terms and conditions apply;
- All persons who will be undertaking the Three Capes Track Experience as part of an Educational Group Trip who are listed in the table following have been or will be made aware of the terms and conditions and the recommendations in the Educational Group Essential Information document by the abovenamed Education Body;
- The abovenamed Education Body holds insurance in accordance with clause 2(j) of the terms and conditions that will apply to the undertaking of the Trip. In particular, public liability insurance that will apply is held to the value of \$.....
- The EGT Responsible person nominated above possesses all the required attributes set out in the terms and conditions for an EGT Responsible Person and accepts they will be responsible for all persons on the Educational Group Trip for its entire duration;
- The gender ratio of all persons on the Educational Group Trip complies with the Tasmania Department of Education Procedures for Planning Off Campus Activities regarding the gender ratio if such is applicable to the above named Educational Body, and if not applicable, the gender ratio of any relevant guidelines applicable to the above named Educational body; and
- It is understood that the Educational Group Trip will be undertaken within a natural area of a national park (and accordingly there are potential hazards in undertaking the Three Capes Track Experience) and that there is a need to be adequately prepared as to packing of food, clothing and equipment, with appropriate first aid and communication plans and procedures in place prior to commencing the Educational Group Trip.

### GROUP SIZE

- Up to 8 (Adult to student ratio of 2:6) - total of \$2360
- Up to 16 (Adult to student ratio of 3:13) - total of \$4720

Signature: .....

### Please return your completed form to:

Three Capes Track Administration Officer  
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, GPO Box 1751, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia 7001  
Phone: (within Australia) (03) 6165 4222 (International) +61 3 6165 4254  
Fax: (03) 03 6233 8308 Email: [threecapestrack@parks.tas.gov.au](mailto:threecapestrack@parks.tas.gov.au)

Once your group has been registered , a booking form will be emailed to you to provide all walker details.