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SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO CAMP IN THE ACT

Summer is a great time to explore the ACT with a range of campgrounds available for tents and campervans, Rural District Manager of Parks and Conservation Service, Brett McNamara said.

“Camping in the warmer months offers a wonderful opportunity to experience bushwalking, wildflowers, native wildlife or just sleeping under the stars,” Mr McNamara said.

“There is a range of campgrounds available throughout the ACT catering for large and small camp groups, campervans and the solo traveller.

“Honeysuckle, Orroral and Mount Clear campgrounds in Namadgi National Park offer access to the walking trails and natural beauty of this nationally significant area. You can easily visit significant cultural and heritage sites only a short walk from any of these picturesque campgrounds.

“Woods Reserve, Blue Range and Old Kowen campgrounds offer recreational opportunities such as bike riding and horse riding. The campgrounds are also well suited to the day picnicker with gas or wood barbecues and toilet facilities,” Mr McNamara said.

Booking and fee enquiries can be made through Canberra Connect on 13 22 81 or online at www.bookings.act.gov.au.

Editor’s note: details on the various camping sites are attached.

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CAMPGROUNDS IN THE ACT

HONEYSUCKLE CAMPGROUND

Honeysuckle campground, located 23km from the Namadgi Visitor Centre, offers camping for large organised groups, campervans and the individual camper. There are gas barbecues and wood fireplaces available (bring your own firewood). The site also has pit toilet facilities. Cost and bookings enquiries can be made through the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 6207 2900. Maximum stay is three nights.

ORRORAL CAMPGROUND

Orroral campground, located 22km from the Namadgi Visitor Centre, offers traditional tent camping for groups up to six, camper trailers and the individual camper. There are wood barbecues (bring your own firewood) and flushing toilet facilities available. Water is available from the nearby Orroral River that needs to be treated before drinking. Cost and bookings enquiries can be made through the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 6207 2900. Maximum stay is three nights.

MOUNT CLEAR CAMPGROUND

Mount Clear campground, located 45km from the Namadgi Visitor Centre, offers camping for groups up to six and the individual camper. There are wood barbecues (bring your own firewood) and pit toilet facilities available. Access to the campsite is on unsealed roads. Mount Clear campground offers access to the Nass Valley to Horse Gully Hut trail. Cost and bookings enquiries can be made through the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 6207 2900. Maximum stay is three nights.

WOODS RESERVE CAMPGROUND

Woods Reserve campground, located 5.4km from the Tidbinbilla Road turn-off, offers camping for large groups, medium sized groups and individuals campers. There are wood fire pits (bring your own firewood), flushing toilets, hot shower and dish washing facilities available. No advanced booking required and camping fees are payable to the ranger or left in the honesty box.

BLUE RANGE CAMPGROUND

Blue Range campground, located about 40km from Belconnen, offers camping for large groups, campervans and individuals campers. The Blue Range hut, once part of a World War II internment camp, is also available for hire. There are gas and wood barbecues (bring your own firewood) and toilet facilities available. Cost and bookings enquiries can be made through Canberra Connect 132281.

OLD KOWEN HOMESTEAD RECREATION CAMPGROUND

Old Kowen Homestead campground, located about 20km from Fyshwick, offers camping for large groups and individuals campers. Situated in the Kowen pine plantation, the campground has access to bike riding and horse trails. There are gas and wood barbecues (bring your own firewood) and toilet facilities available. Drinking water is not available on site so please you bring your own supply. Cost and bookings enquiries can be made through the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 6207 2900.