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Freycinet Practical Planner

Parks Pass vs camping vs walker camps · Wineglass Lookout vs Hazards Circuit · Mount Amos wet-rock rule · water refill points · packing · official Parks Tasmania links

Verify everything officially. Parks Pass prices, camping ballots, track status and fire bans change. Use Parks Tasmania — Freycinet and the Freycinet Visitor Centre (03 6256 7000). This is an independent unofficial guide — not affiliated with Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania.

Two fee systems, never merge them. A Tasmania Parks Pass is required for entry. Vehicle camping at Richardsons / Honeymoon / Ranger Creek is a separate fee and booking (peak uses a ballot). Overnight walker camps at Wineglass, Hazards and Cooks are free and unbooked. Figures on the website were re-checked 16 Aug 2026 — confirm live dollars on official fees.

1. Before you leave base

- ☐ Parks Pass bought / displayed — passes.parks.tas.gov.au
- ☐ Official Freycinet page checked this morning (hours, walks, any notices)
- ☐ One primary walk chosen (lookout / circuit / Amos / Cape Tourville) — not all four
- ☐ Vehicle camping booked if staying in the park (ballot already drawn for coming summer as of Aug 2026)
- ☐ Water bottles filled (2 L+ day; more for the 11 km circuit)
- ☐ Grip shoes, sun hat, mosquito protection packed
- ☐ Offline map + official page screenshot on home Wi-Fi
- ☐ Hard “leave Coles Bay by” time written down (wildlife on C302 / A3 after dusk)
- ☐ Emergency+ installed · tell someone the plan · 000 needs reception

2. Pick one day shape

Half-day (most first-timers)

- ☐ Wineglass Lookout 2.6 km return, Grade 3, 1–1.5 h
- ☐ Cape Tourville 600 m, Grade 1 if legs remain
- ☐ Car park full → Cape Tourville or Friendly Beaches first
- ☐ No Hazards Circuit, no Mount Amos

Full day (fit, early start)

- ☐ Wineglass + Hazards Beach circuit 11 km, Grade 4, 4–5 h
- ☐ Full day of water from the car-park tap
- ☐ Stay nearby unless you left Hobart at dawn
- ☐ Do not add Amos after the circuit

Hobart day trip (long day)

- ☐ 2.5–3 h each way — one walk only
- ☐ Lookout is the realistic Hobart-day walk
- ☐ Hard exit before dusk wildlife
- ☐ Circuit needs an overnight in Coles Bay

Peninsula Circuit (2–3 days)

- ☐ 27 km, Grade 3, anti-clockwise
- ☐ Parks Pass only — walker camps free, no bookings
- ☐ Water is the planning problem (Cooks tank unreliable)
- ☐ Fuel stove · PLB · official walk notes printed

3. Walk decision tree

First visit / mixed ability
Wineglass Lookout. Cape Tourville if energy remains. Stop there.

Walking Tracks Car Park is full
Cape Tourville (7 km from Visitor Centre) or Friendly Beaches gravel spur. Do not park on verges.

Rock is wet or rain is likely
No Mount Amos. Lookout or Cape Tourville only. Amos is Grade 4 slabs and is dangerous when wet.

Fit group, early start, already on the east coast
Hazards Circuit. Shorten to lookout + beach out-and-back if anyone is cooked at Wineglass beach.

Overnight, self-sufficient
Peninsula Circuit anti-clockwise. Top up at Cooks before the Graham day. Wineglass camp has no water.

4. Fee split & camping (never one “park fee”)

Official snapshot 16 Aug 2026 (confirm before you pay): Daily Pass vehicle about $49.15 / person $24.55. Vehicle camping unpowered from $13 / powered from $16 (min 2 people). Peak 18 Dec–10 Feb + Easter is a ballot drawn early August — that draw for the coming summer has already happened. Honeymoon tent-only knoll sites: summer holidays and Easter only. Bookings: Visitor Centre **03 6256 7004** (official camping page).

- ☐ Parks Pass is not a campsite
- ☐ Walker camps are not Richardsons Beach
- ☐ Fuel stove only — on Total Fire Ban days even stoves are banned (picnic electric BBQs at Ranger Creek / Honeymoon may still be used)
- ☐ No pets · no drones in Tasmanian national parks

5. Half-day skeleton — Lookout + Cape Tourville

Timing

- Night before: pass, water, leave-by time
- Walking Tracks Car Park: refill tap, toilets
- Climb 1.3 km to saddle platforms
- Turn around — stairs to the beach are a separate decision
- Cape Tourville 600 m if the group still has energy

Success

- Everyone finishes safely
- Did not start the 11 km at 2pm
- Did not attempt Amos on wet rock
- Off the C302 / A3 before dusk wildlife

6. Water refill points (official)

- ☐ Visitor Centre filtered / chilled station
- ☐ Honeymoon Bay taps
- ☐ Walking Tracks Car Park tap
- ☐ Overnight: Lagunta Creek at Hazards (unreliable, boil) · Cooks Hut tank (unreliable, boil; hut is emergency use only) · no water at Wineglass camp

7. Packing — day visitor

- ☐ Grip hiking shoes / boots
- ☐ 2–3 L water per person
- ☐ Sun hat, sunglasses, SPF50
- ☐ Day pack 20–30 L
- ☐ Light rain / wind shell
- ☐ Lunch + snacks
- ☐ Mosquito protection (Ross River virus risk published for the area)
- ☐ First aid + blister kit
- ☐ Power bank + offline maps
- ☐ Headlamp if the day may run long
- ☐ Spare socks after beach sand

8. Packing — Peninsula Circuit (extra)

- ☐ Fuel stove + fuel (and a Total Fire Ban cold-food plan)
- ☐ Dry-camp water capacity
- ☐ Shelter + sleep system
- ☐ Official walk notes printed
- ☐ PLB or satellite messenger
- ☐ Intentions left with someone not on the walk
- ☐ Mosquito net / extra repellent
- ☐ Anti-clockwise direction confirmed

9. Safety realism

- ☐ Steep granite and loose gravel — stay behind lookout barriers
- ☐ Beaches unpatrolled; water often cooler than photos
- ☐ Mount Amos: do not start if slabs are wet or rain is likely
- ☐ Store food — possums investigate packs
- ☐ Drive slowly at dusk — wallabies on C302 and the A3
- ☐ Reception is patchy in the park; 000 needs a signal
- ☐ Emergency: **000**

10. Official links (verify live)

- Park home: Parks Tasmania — Freycinet
- Parks Pass: passes.parks.tas.gov.au · Fees page
- Vehicle camping: Richardsons / Honeymoon / Ranger Creek
- Friendly Beaches camping: Isaacs Point
- Wineglass Lookout: Official walk page
- Hazards Beach circuit: Official walk page
- Peninsula Circuit: Overview · Walk notes · Walker camps
- Safety / fuel stove / drones: Know before you go
- Freycinet Field Centre **03 6256 7000** · camping bookings (official camping page) **03 6256 7004** · Emergency **000**

11. On-site itineraries (full timelines)

- Half-day: Lookout & Cape Tourville
- Full day: Hazards Circuit
- Two days based in Coles Bay
- Hobart day trip (realistic timing)
- Peninsula Circuit overnight

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