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CORRIGENDUM

The following replaces the notice advertised in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S 73 dated 12 February 2026.

National Parks Act 1975

NATIONAL PARKS (AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY AND USE FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS IN THE COURSE OF HUNTING DEER BY STALKING IN THE SPECIFIED AREAS OF ERRINUNDRA AND SNOWY RIVER NATIONAL PARKS) NOTICE 2026

AUTHORISING PROVISION

1. I, Daniel Miller, Chair of Parks Victoria on behalf of Parks Victoria hereby make the following notice under section 37(3) of the **National Parks Act 1975**.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this notice:

Big River Reference Area means the area proclaimed as the Big River Reference Area under section 4 of the **Reference Areas Act 1978** on 9 July 1996 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G 27 on 11 July 1996 (see pages 1733–1776 and Schedule 3 to the Proclamation);

crossbow means a crossbow described in Schedule 2 to the Control of Weapons Regulations 2021;

deer means all species of deer declared to be game under the **Wildlife Act 1975**;

Errinundra National Park means the park described in Part 36 of Schedule 2 to the **National Parks Act 1975**;

game licence means a licence issued under section 22A of the **Wildlife Act 1975**;

Gelantipy Plateau Reference Area means the area proclaimed as the Gelantipy Plateau Reference Area under section 4 of the **Reference Areas Act 1978** on 9 July 1996 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G 27 on 11 July 1996 (see pages 1733–1776 and Schedule 5 to the Proclamation);

longarm means a longarm as defined in the **Firearms Act 1996**;

longarm licence means a longarm licence as defined in the **Firearms Act 1996**;

McKillops Bridge camping area means the area shown delineated and hatched on the plan lodged in the Central Plan Office and numbered N.P. 31A;

Mountain Creek Reference Area means the area proclaimed as the Mountain Creek Reference Area under section 4 of the **Reference Areas Act 1978** on 9 July 1996 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G 27 on 11 July 1996 (see pages 1733–1776 and Schedule 10 to the Proclamation);

Musket Creek Reference Area means the area proclaimed as the Musket Creek Reference Area under section 4 of the **Reference Areas Act 1978** on 23 June 1998 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G 25 on 25 June 1998 (see pages 1569–1597 and Schedule 5 to the Proclamation);

Snowy River National Park means the park described in Part 29 of Schedule 2 to the **National Parks Act 1975**;

specified areas of Errinundra National Park means Errinundra National Park excluding the Big River Reference Area and the Musket Creek Reference Area;

specified areas of Snowy River National Park means the part of Snowy River National Park east of the left bank of the Snowy River (looking downstream), excluding the Gelantipy Plateau Reference Area, the Mountain Creek Reference Area and the Zig Zag Creek Reference Area, and including the McKillops Bridge camping area;

Zig Zag Creek Reference Area means the area proclaimed as the Zig Zag Creek Reference Area under section 4 of the **Reference Areas Act 1978** on 9 July 1996 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G 27 on 11 July 1996 (see pages 1733–1776 and Schedule 4 to the Proclamation).

AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF PERSONS TO HUNT DEER BY STALKING

3. Under section 37(3) of the **National Parks Act 1975**, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in clause 4 of this notice, any person who is:

(a) the holder of a current longarm licence and a current game licence authorizing the hunting of deer is authorized to carry and use a longarm; or

(b) the holder of a current game licence authorizing the hunting of deer is authorized to carry and use a bow; or

(c) authorized to use a crossbow under the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** and who is the holder of a current game licence authorizing the hunting of deer is authorized to carry and use a crossbow –

for the purpose of hunting deer by stalking within the period 15 February to 15 December inclusive in each year (unless otherwise prohibited under the **Wildlife Act 1975** or regulations made under that Act) in –

(i) the specified areas of Errinundra National Park; and

(ii) the specified areas of Snowy River National Park.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

4. A person authorized to hunt deer under clause 3:

(a) must not use any firearm, bow or crossbow other than in accordance with regulation 38 or 39 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 or any applicable instrument made under the **Wildlife Act 1975** for the purposes of hunting deer for recreation;

(b) must not discharge a firearm, bow or crossbow for any purpose other than hunting deer in accordance with this notice;

(c) must not use a dog or dogs in the hunting of deer;

(d) must not hunt or use a firearm, bow or crossbow in, or within 100 metres of, any camping or picnic area, including in the McKillops Bridge camping area;

(e) must keep any firearm or crossbow unloaded in, or within 100 metres of, any camping or picnic area, including in the McKillops Bridge camping area.

EXECUTION

Dated 12 February 2026

DANIEL MILLER
Chair
Parks Victoria

NOTES

1. The **National Parks Act 1975** and the National Parks Regulations 2024 (and any subsequent regulations made under that Act) apply to Errinundra and Snowy River national parks.
2. Section 37(9) of the **National Parks Act 1975** provides that a person is guilty of an offence and is liable to a penalty of up to 20 penalty units if the person does not comply with the conditions specified in this notice.
3. Section 44 of the **National Parks Act 1975** provides that a penalty of up to 20 penalty units applies in respect of an offence of carrying or having in one's possession or using a gun or other weapon in a park, other than in accordance with section 36, 37 or 37AA of that Act.
4. Dogs are not permitted in Errinundra National Park and Snowy River National Park other than in accordance with the National Parks Regulations 2024 or any subsequent regulations made under the **National Parks Act 1975**.
5. The possession, carriage and use of firearms, bows and crossbows are also regulated under the **Firearms Act 1996**, the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** and the **Wildlife Act 1975** or regulations made under those Acts. Nothing in this notice over-rides any restrictions or requirements imposed by those Acts or regulations.

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