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Mr Glenn Tempest

Via email: osp@osp.com

Dear Mr Tempest

Clarification of scrambling in Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2022 to Parks Victoria requesting clarification around scrambling in Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park.

In reference to scrambling off a designated trail, the Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan determines that any class 3 off-designated track scrambling is considered as rock-climbing, irrespective of the equipment being carried or whether it is conducted inside or outside of a Special Protection Area. As such class 3 off-designated track scrambling is not permitted outside of designated climbing areas.

The carrying of safety equipment throughout Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park is permitted with consideration given to the definitions of hiking versus rock climbing as stated in the Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan. A rope may be used to assist hikers on a designated trail. However, the use of additional equipment outside of a designated climbing area is not permitted.

Any off-track hiking within a Special Protection Area, regardless of the classification, requires permission to be sought from Parks Victoria.

In respect to the Fortress and the Stapylton Amphitheatre walk as described in your correspondence, off track hiking is permitted. Employing safety equipment off track will define the activity as climbing rather than hiking and therefore is not permitted. Off-track hiking in the Chimney Pots area, being within a Special Protection area, will also require permission from Parks Victoria.

Should a hiker wish to seek approval to walk off track in any Special Protection Area, they are required to document this request in writing including details of when, who and why they need to walk in this area and submit their request to the District Manager. The District Manager's email address is Jamey.staples@parks.vic.gov.au.

I hope this clarifies your concerns. If you have any further questions, please forward them to Jamey Staples, District Manager at Jamey.staples@parks.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Borg".

Jason Borg

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