

Tasmanian Freedom Camping Locations - #5

Tasmania's North-West Coast



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A Cheapskate's Guide to Exploring Tasmania By Car

Cost of Stay **Free** Free **\$** Low **\$\$** Moderate **\$\$\$** High **@** Coordinates

* Sourced from third party information - September, 2015 *

NOTE: The towns listed run sequentially from Devonport to Arthur River along the coast.
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Devonport

to Arthur River:

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Camp/Rest Area/Park Summary of users' comments

Mersey Bluff Caravan Park **\$\$** Clean and friendly, dump point, laundry, BBQ.
41 Bluff Road,
Devonport
(03) 64248655
Watch the 'Spirit' arrive and leave, pet friendly, bike/walking track to CBD.

Bay View Holiday Village **\$\$** Generally highly recommended. Not pet friendly.
2-12 North Caroline Street,
East Devonport
(03) 6427 0499

Abel Tasman Caravan Park **\$** Great first night stop off the boat, cheap and friendly. Good to stop and shop the next day in town - big Woolies and Coles with huge parking area out the back for caravans.
6 Wright St, Devonport,
[Website](#)
(03) 6427-8794
@ -41.173049, 146.371815

Devonport Vacation Village **\$\$** Very basic caravan park. Great to stay a night off ferry. Owners very friendly and helpful. Pets, dump point, power, laundry, LPG
20 - 24 North Caroline St,
Devonport
[Website](#)
(03) 6427-8886
@ -41.173156, 146.380544

Lakeside Tourist Caravan Park **\$** Nice spot, very quiet now. \$10 per site unpowered. Really hot showers, great. Large toilet, shower block and laundry \$3 for washing machine and \$3 for drying
76 Lakeside Rd, Devonport
(03) 6427-2343
@ -41.227149, 146.307853

Camp/Rest Area/Park

Coles Beach Carpark & Day Use Area

10 Coles Beach Road,
Devonport

@ -41.16305, 146.340143

Discovery HP- Devonport

13-19 Tarleton St, Devonport,

[Website](#)

(03) 6498-6333

@ -41.17205, 146.375073

Summary of users' comments

Free Overnight stays are not permitted at this site. day use only - good facilities and a nice beach for families, swimming etc. dogs are not permitted on the beach.

\$\$ Nice clean tidy park. Drive through ensuite sites. Good camp kitchen & movie room. Jumping pillow & playground. Nice walk to the beach and view of the ships coming & going.

Turners Beach

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

O.C. Ling Caravan Park

45 Esplanade, Turners Beach

(03) 6428-2582

@ -41.158178, 146.242661

Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Old facilities but super clean, great host and nothing was too much trouble. Right on the beach. Dogs allowed but must be controlled.

* Forth

from Devonport:

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Forth Recreation Ground Camp Site

Lot 2 Forth Road, Forth

@ -41.188438, 146.249304

Summary of users' comments

FREE Self contained. Max stay 48 hrs. Dogs OK. Large grass area with clean toilets. The United is the local shop for fresh vegetables and fish & chips for lunch.

Ulverstone

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

BIG4 Ulverstone Holiday Park

57 Water St, Ulverstone

[Website](#)

(03) 6425-2624

@ -41.154339, 146.181195

Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Dump point. Great park & best price when mention wiki camps - \$20 per night with late checkout (5pm if needed when boarding Spirit of Tasmania to return to mainland). Very nice clean amenities.

Buttons Creek Caravan Park

Lot 92 Beach Rd, Ulverstone

(03) 6425-2624

@ -41.153454, 146.187982

\$ Dogs OK. See caretaker at Ulverstone Caravan Park, 57 Water Street, Ulverstone before check in.

Apex Caravan Park

104 Queen St, Ulverstone

(03) 6425-2935

@ -41.144712, 146.161658

\$\$ No dogs. Great park very friendly owners got a spot looking over the beach with fantastic view. Definitely be staying here many more times.

Nicholson Point Self-Contained Only Camp Site

Kings Parade, Ulverstone

@ -41.158114, 146.162109

FREE Dogs OK..

The free camp is behind the rowing club and has a gravel turnaround. The town is very friendly and they are happy to have you there

The Blue Wren Tea Gardens \$ Self contained. Dogs OK. Beautiful grounds.
Camp Site Friendly caretakers, spectacular views, clean toilet.
225 Penguin Road, Overnight \$5 per person.
West Ulverstone Good base for short trips and lunch is worth a try, fabulous food.
[Website](#)
03 6425 4463/6425 6224
@ -41.138002, 146.136124

Penguin

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Camp/Rest Area/Park Summary of users' comments

Penguin Caravan Park \$\$ Dogs OK. Right on the beach. Walking distance to the shops. Amenities are old, but clean, the water's hot and the loo paper is soft. What more could you want!
Johnsons Beach Rd,
Penguin
(03) 6437-2785
@ -41.106781, 146.066586

Preservation Bay

from Devonport:
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Camp/Rest Area/Park Summary of users' comments

Preservation Bay Campsite FREE Max. stay 48 hrs, self contained, dogs OK. Not a bad spot for overnight. Restaurant open for lunch and dinner in SLSC on wed, thur, fri, sat, sun and for breakfast sunday too.
68 Preservation Drive,
Preservation Bay
@ -41.102109, 146.052486

Sulphur Creek

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Camp/Rest Area/Park Summary of users' comments

Midway Point Sulphur Creek Camp Site FREE Max. stay 48 hrs, self contained. Stayed our 48 hrs, and had a wonderful time, penguins every night. Great rock formations and the history of how it became. Nice people at the IGA as well, wee country seaside village, love it.
196 Preservation Dr,
Sulphur Creek
@ -41.097013, 146.039177

Hall Point Sulphur Creek Camp Site FREE Max. stay 48 hrs. Self contained. No dogs as this is a penguin rockery. Beautiful absolute beach frontage. This is a self contained designated site. No loo no stay.
286 Preservation Drive,
Sulphur Creek
@ -41.093826, 146.027953

Burnie

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Camp/Rest Area/Park Summary of users' comments

Burnie Ocean View Caravan Park \$\$ Dogs OK. Clean showers. Reasonable facilities. Friendly and good value. Worth a quiet night over the road watching the penguins come in to feed their young.
253 Bass Hwy, Burnie
[Website](#)
(03) 6431-1925
@ -41.040195, 145.864057

Somerset

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Somerset Beachside Cabin & Caravan Park

115 Bass Hwy, Somerset

[Website](#)

(03) 6435-2322

@ -41.034673, 145.821181

Somerset Camp Site

95 Bass Highway,
Somerset

@ -41.034576, 145.825119

Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Great park, basic, but clean. Owners very helpful, able to store our van there while going to Strahan for a very reasonable price. Good value for money, plenty of room for big and small vans & very quiet while we were there.

FREE Self contained. Dogs OK. Nice, quite spot. Sheltered while still on the beach. Big rigs. Across the street there is a BP petrol-station with toilets.

Wynyard

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Leisure Ville Holiday Centre Caravan Park

145 Old Bass Hwy, Wynyard

[Website](#)

(03) 6442-2291

@ -40.998056, 145.76521

Beach Retreat Tourist Park

30b Old Bass Hwy, Wynyard

[Website](#)

(03) 6442-1998

@ -40.988682, 145.739102

Wynyard Showgrounds (NO CARAVANS)

Motorhome Stop

Jackson Street, Wynyard

@ -40.986681, 145.726872

Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Small well maintained van park, quiet and close to the coast. Great grassy sites, very friendly staff. One of the best van parks we stayed at here in Tassie. Across road to beach - walking / bike path into town. Heated pool, playground & tennis court.

\$\$ Dogs OK. Great place to visit and stay. Very clean and welcoming camp kitchen, amenities are old but are spotless.

FREE Max stay 24 hrs. self contained motor-homes only. Dogs OK. Great for self contained close to city. No vans as area too small. RSL has good cheap meals most days.

Rocky Cape

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Rocky Cape Tavern Caravan Park

19375 Bass Hwy, Rocky Cape

(03) 6443-4110

@ -40.885212, 145.464523

Summary of users' comments

FREE Dogs OK. powered site plus amenities option (\$16) for two people, great value. Sites well grassed and excellent meals at tavern. Note, use of the unpowered free sites don't entitle you to use the power in shower block for cooking.

Crayfish Creek

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Crayfish Creek Van & Cabin Park & Spa

20049 Bass Hwy,
Crayfish Creek

[Website](#)

(03) 6443-4228

@ -40.858067, 145.398848

\$\$ Dogs OK. Quirky but lovely with private sites surrounded by bushes. Sites tastefully placed in scrub. Facilities a bit tired but clean and functional. Camp kitchen requires some attention but is comfortable and showers are \$1 for 6.5 minutes.

Cowrie Point

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Peggs Beach
Campground**
Cowrie Point

@ -40.851166, 145.352597

Summary of users' comments

\$ Open space with many sites, some exposed, others not so much. Communal shed, toilets basic, showers byo solar type. Water from roof run off, but boil. Easy access to beaches east and west - great for long walks.

Peggs Beach Conservation Area

from Devonport:

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Black River Camp
(Peggs Beach Conservation
Area)**
Black River
03 6458 1480

@ -40.839724, 145.316975

Summary of users' comments

\$ Dogs OK. Ranger keeps toilet clean and stocked. Large, sheltered private sites that can accommodate several campers in vans in each. Walk through bush and over dunes to sandy beach. Quiet night with several pademelons visiting.

Stanley

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Stanley Recreational
Self Contained RV Only**
23 Marine Esplanade,
Stanley

Summary of users' comments

\$ Circular Head Council has set aside a site within the Stanley Recreation Grounds for the accommodation of fully self contained recreational vehicles. Fees are \$8 a night or \$40 for a maximum of 7 nights, collected by the site manager in the evenings or mornings.

Smithton

from Devonport:

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Tall Timbers RV Camp Site
5-13 Scotchtown Road,
Smithton
[Website](#)
1800 628476

@ -40.856671, 145.120099

Summary of users' comments

FREE Max. stay 72 hrs. self contained and dogs OK. Fantastic spot to spend 3 days. Good base for touring around The Tarkine. Great pizzas from the Tall Timbers bar. No grey water or septic on ground, must have holding tanks.

Riverbreeze Caravan & Cabin Park (Kui Parks)

69-77 Montagu Rd, Smithton
[Website](#)
(03) 6452-1181

@ -40.840633, 145.109651

\$\$ Dogs OK. A nice new park on the Duck River, good as a base to visit Stanley and 'the Edge of the World' Arthur River.

Very helpful owner.

Great hospitality.

Highly recommend if in the area.

* Montagu

from Smithton

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Montagu Park Campground
325 Old Port Road, Montagu
[Website](#)
@ -40.74402, 144.978671

Summary of users' comments

\$ Dogs OK. What a great spot for a couple of very quiet and restful days. Lovely views.

Marrawah

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Summary of users' comments

Marrawah Green Point Campground

Beach Rd.,
Marrawah

@ -40.909844, 144.679782

FREE Dogs OK. Quiet windy, but would recommend.
All facilities available, even garden shower.
Very nice beach.
Tent area is on soft grass.

Arthur River

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Camp/Rest Area/Park

Summary of users' comments

Arthur River Cabin & Caravan Park

1239 Arthur River Rd, Arthur
River

(03) 6457-1212

@ -41.035722, 144.673575

\$\$ Dogs OK. Modest but totally adequate sites. Clean amenities good hot showers. Paid \$20 for powered site and well worth it.

Manuka Campground

Arthur River
0365471225

@ -41.045175, 144.668065

\$ Dogs OK. Great camp. Very clean flushing toilets and water on tap. We saw possums, paddy's, and a wombat with a bub in her pouch. Loved it. The gravel road to Corina is good with beautiful scenery and the steep bits are bitumised.

Rangers Station Campsite

Rocky Point

@ -41.048384, 144.668569

\$ Max stay 72 hrs, self contained. Very small, clean toilets and cold showers - good spot Only bore water and signs say 'boil to use'.

Prickly wattle campground

Temma Rd,
Arthur River

@ -41.059827, 144.678076

\$ Dogs OK. Camp is about 3 km from town and lovely bush camping. Would suit tents, camper trailers and most vans, just watch for overhanging branches. Was very quiet, does allow ATV's.

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