

Parks Victoria, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, and Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation have prepared a draft management plan for the Gariwerd landscape. This landscape includes Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and adjacent parks and reserves.

The draft plan proposes a new approach to support climbing in the park while protecting important natural and cultural values. Rock climbing, bouldering and abseiling will be allowed in designated areas where it has been determined that the activity can take place with no or minimal impact.

Climbing areas were defined during the planning process using information from third parties including some published books and the Crag website ([www.thecrag.com](http://www.thecrag.com)).

Using this information, Parks Victoria defined 281 climbing areas across the park.

Feedback has been received that community members would like to understand more about how the areas are mapped, to inform their submissions to the draft plan. The document has been prepared to provide more explanation and examples of how the climbing areas were chosen and mapped.

### How were the climbing areas mapped?

To choose climbing areas Parks Victoria visited the Crag and looked through the entries on the Grampians. The area choices were made by clicking on the Grampians region and selecting the areas listed there (see the image below). The area shown on the Crag was then included in the draft Plan.

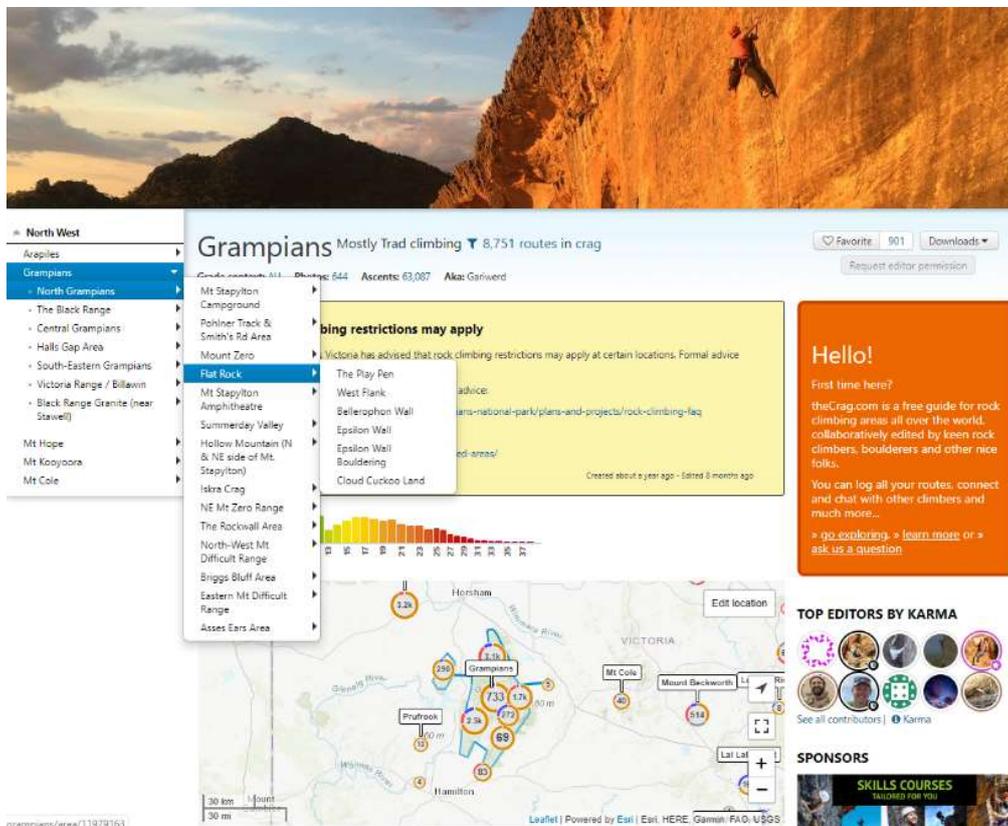


Figure 1: Selecting climbing areas on the Crag.

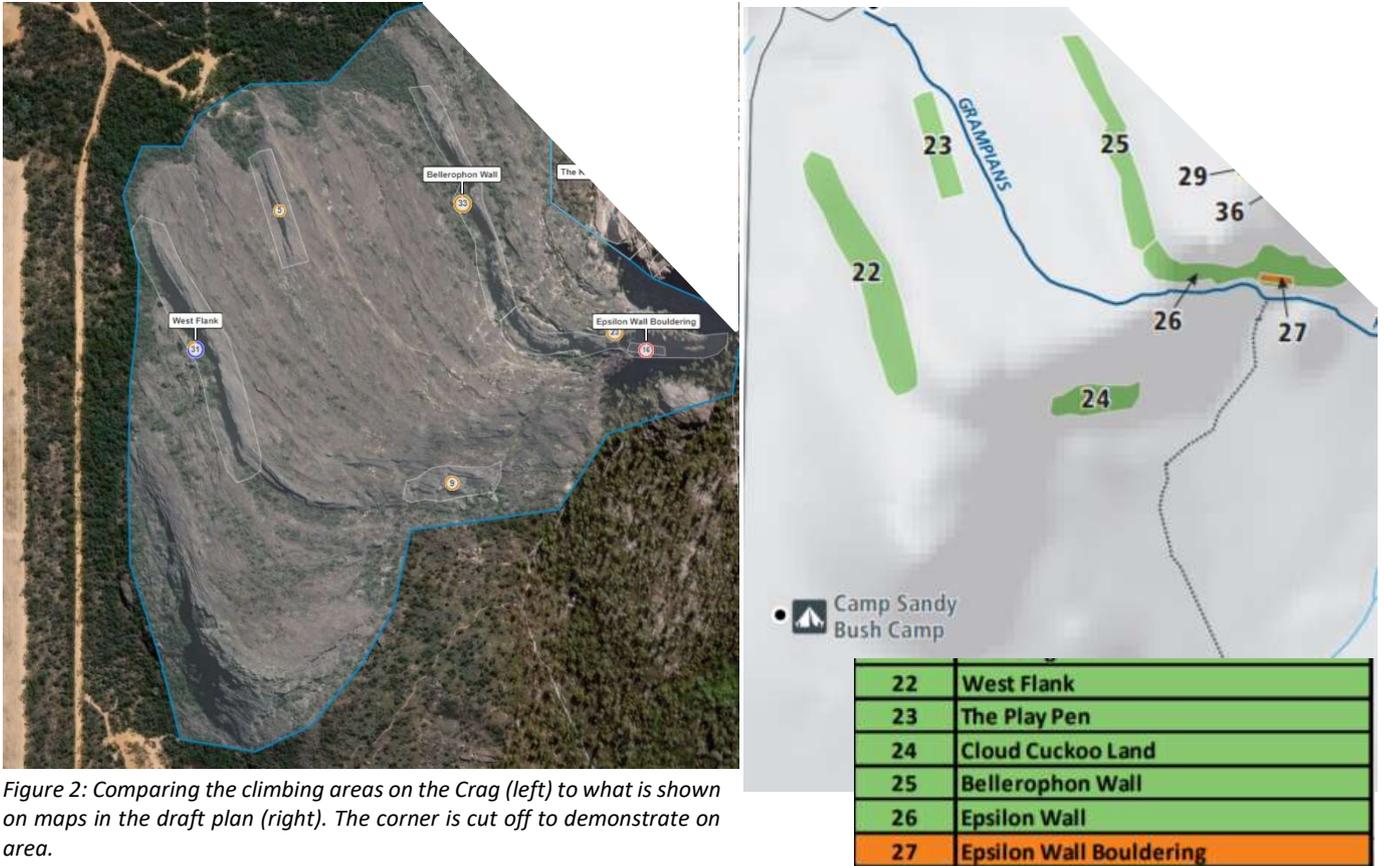


Figure 2: Comparing the climbing areas on the Crag (left) to what is shown on maps in the draft plan (right). The corner is cut off to demonstrate on area.

Figure 2 shows how the climbing areas were then recorded and added to the maps in the Plan, reflecting the shape as well as possible.

Guide books were used to cross reference with the Crag data to ensure as many climbing areas were captured as possible.

Parks Victoria acknowledges that the data on the Crag is community sourced and has certain limitations. We encourage everyone to review the areas and provide let us know what areas might be missing through a submission.

## How are assessments prioritised?

In the development of the draft plan 159 areas were assessed. These areas were chosen based on popularity, so the determination for popular areas could be made first. The popularity of climbs was determined by reviewing the ‘ticks’ (see Figure 3) on the Crag and reviewing the popular areas participants mapped in the September 2019 community workshops.

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| 📍 | Name                             | Style  | Routes | Ticks  | Height | Grades | 📷  | 📊 |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|---|
| 1 | The Play Pen cliff               | All Trad climbing                                  | 5      | 5✓     | 7m     |        |    |   |
| 2 | West Flank / Wall of Fuels cliff | Sport climbing,<br>Trad climbing and<br>Bouldering | 31     | 2,198✓ | 20m    |        | 11 |   |
| 3 | Bellerophon Wall cliff           | Mostly Trad climbing                               | 33     | 171✓   | 18m    |        |    |   |
| 4 | Epsilon Wall cliff               | Mostly Trad climbing                               | 23     | 137✓   | 19m    |        | 4  |   |
| 5 | Epsilon Wall Bouldering cliff    | All Bouldering                                     | 16     | 549✓   | 4m     |        | 2  |   |
| 6 | Cloud Cuckoo Land cliff          | All Trad climbing                                  | 9      | 9✓     | 16m    |        |    |   |

Figure 3: The climbing areas on the Crag's and the number of ticks they received. Ticks indicate the number of times a person recorded climbing the route.

There are still many climbing areas that have not been assessed and will be in the future. We encourage all everyone to let us know via a submission which of the areas determined still to be assessed (orange) are their priorities for assessment and why.

## How you can have your say

This plan is a draft. Both Parks Victoria and the Traditional Owners of Garwied want to hear your feedback. In particular we want to know if there are any climbing areas that have been missed and should be included in the final plan. Visit [www.engage.vic.gov.au/gariwerd-management-plan](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/gariwerd-management-plan) to view the plan and supporting information.

Feedback is open until Sunday 24 January 2021. You can provide feedback by doing a survey online or emailing a submission through to [parkplan@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:parkplan@parks.vic.gov.au).