

CATHEDRAL STATE PARK



THE GORGE



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THE GORGE AT CATHEDRAL

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HISTORIC FACTSHEET

THE GORGE

Name: The Gorge
Location: Cathedral State Park
Taggerty, Central Victoria
Managed: Parks Victoria
GPS: S37.168667, E145.874583

The Gorge is a rock feature consisting of two large rock formations with a gorge between. The gorge has a small creek running through it and is home beautiful to flora and fauna.



The Cathedral Range is a large limestone sedimentary rock feature in Central Victoria known for its stunning vistas as well as its beautiful walks, Day Visitor Areas, Camp Areas and rock climbing opportunities. It is also home to stunning rock formations such as the popular North and South Jawbone formations and the Gorge.

The park is managed by Parks Victoria who recognise this as the traditional land of the Taungurung People - who once numbered in the hundreds and lived in and around the Cathedral Mount and Acheron River.

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Little is know about the Gorge except that it has been visited from time to time by people who knew of its whereabouts. Recently a private pine plantation located near Cooks Mill Camp Area and in front of the Gorge was felled, providing a view of the Gorge not usually seen.

The Gorge was first bought to our attention by Alexandra Adventurer Stephen Handbury and then a few days later by Photographer Jamie Flynn. Subsequent scouting trips led to photo essays in eSplash128 and eSplsh130 published 14 August 2015 and 11 September 2015.

The Gorge is a visually magnificent rock formation, though currently no track exists to the site. Hence, any attempt to visit the area must be done by trekking through virgin bush and at your own risk.





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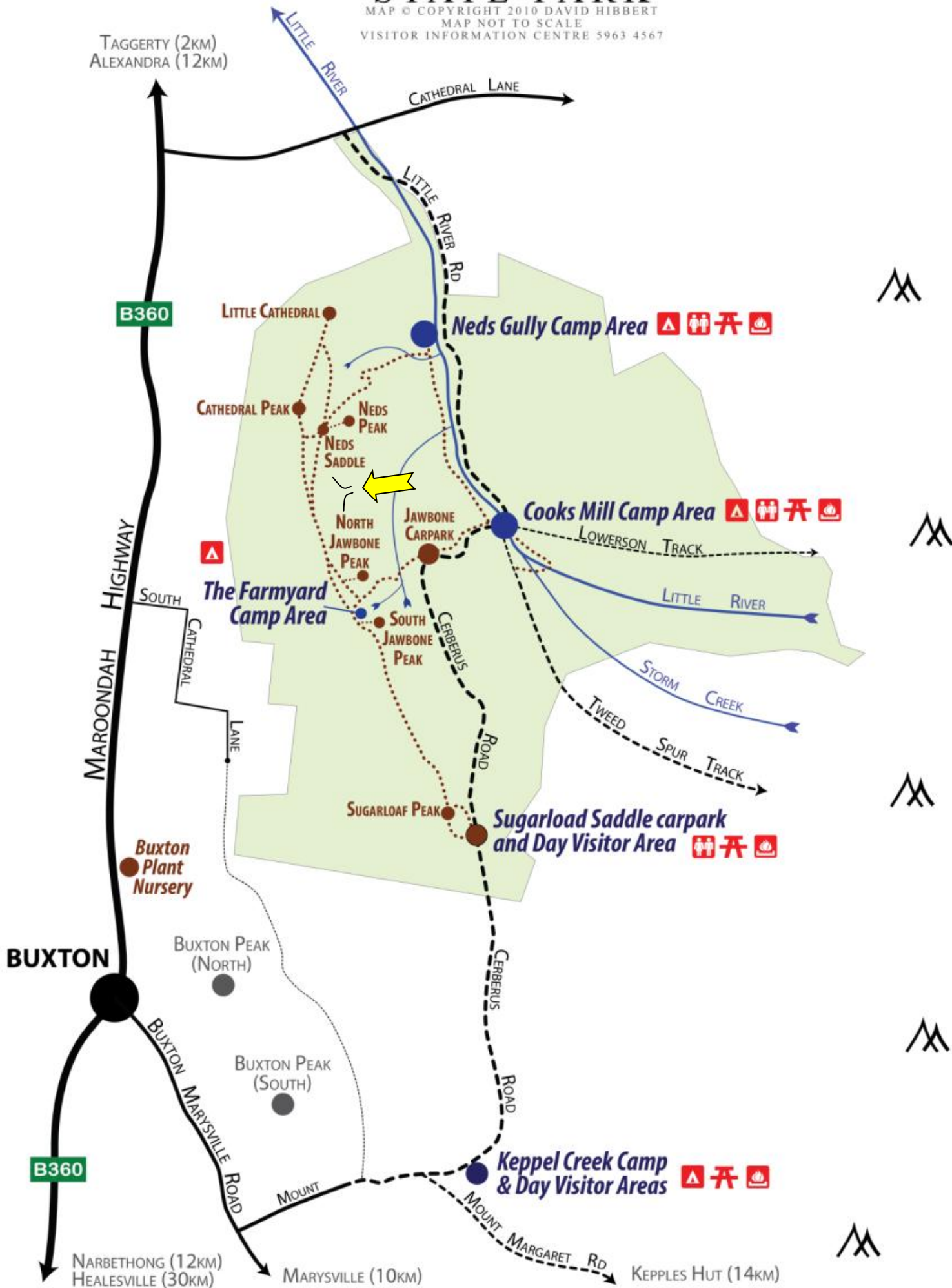
TIMELINE

- 2014** A private logging coup was cleared of its pine trees, allowing an uninterrupted view of the gorge rock formation for the first time in many decades.
- 9 August 2015** Artworkz Alexandra Adventurer members conducted their first trip to the Gorge, visiting and climbing a section of the left (southern) rock formation.
- 18 August 2015** Artworkz Adventurer's Allan Layton and David Hibbert spoke with Parks Victoria officer Ian Foletta regarding the geographical nature of the gorge rock formation and the Cathedral Ranges and Blue Range. We learnt that the entire Cathedral Ranges (including the gorge) are of a limestone geology, while the Blue Range to the east are of volcanic origin and made up primarily of granite.
- 21 August 2015** Artworkz commenced this factsheet.
- 23 August 2015** Artworkz Alexandra Adventurer members conducted their second trip to the Canyon, this time visiting the right (northern) formation, entering the gorge and placing a number of geocaches at the site.

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CATHEDRAL STATE PARK, CENTRAL VICTORIA
9 AUGUST 2015

Startling local volcanic rock formations

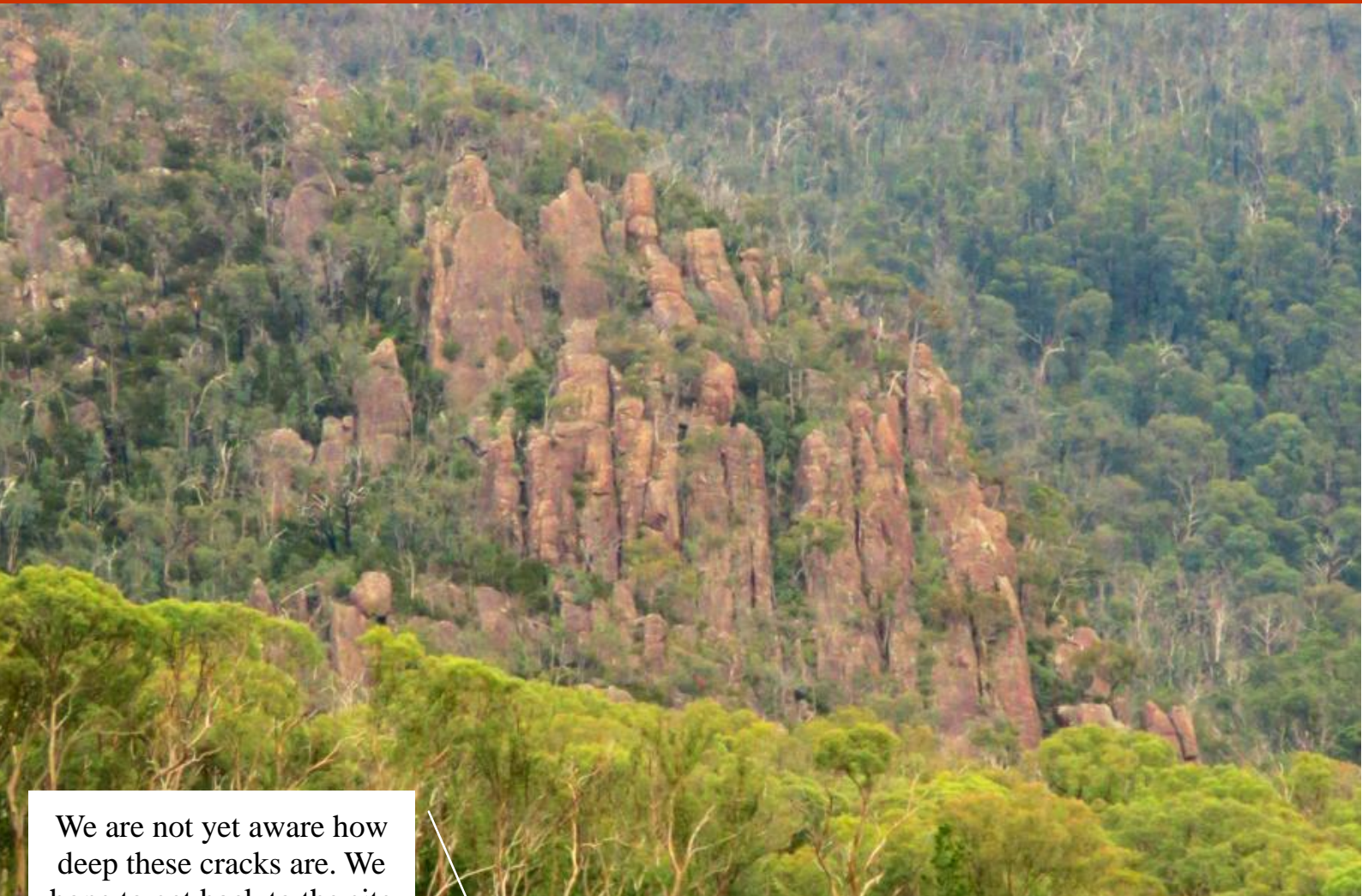
Affectionately called the Fingers of Rock by us, it is a stunning formation.

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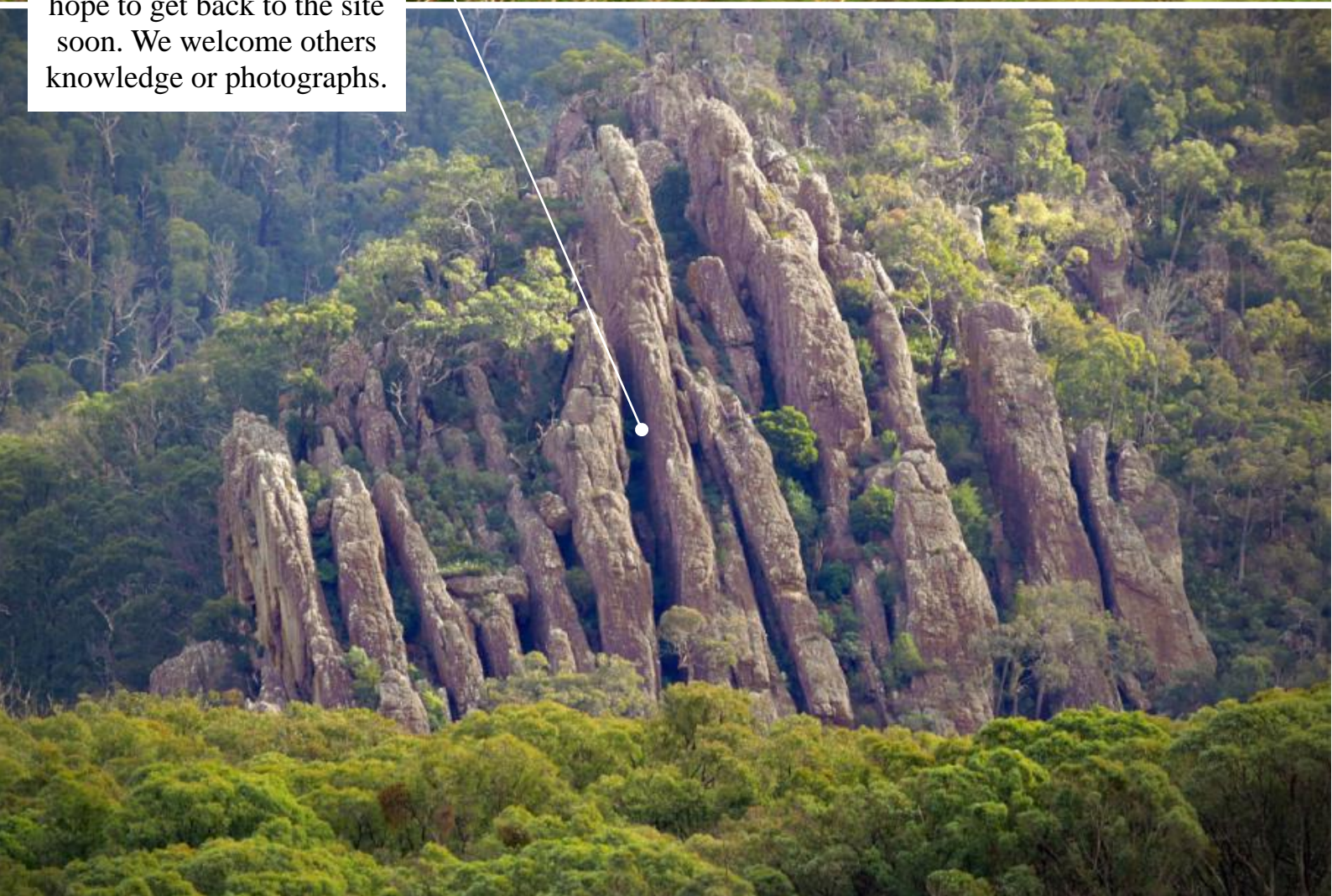


(Top) Entrance to the gorge.

(Bottom) Sitting on a rock on the southern face.



We are not yet aware how deep these cracks are. We hope to get back to the site soon. We welcome others knowledge or photographs.



(Top) The left rock formation. (Bottom) The right rock formation.



A stream in the valley below the gorge.

The Cathedral Ranges is a highlight of Central Victoria, attracting large numbers of visitors each year. Being local, we spend a lot of time out at the park, however we had no idea that this feature even existed until a logging coup was cleared - revealing this magical wonder to the world.



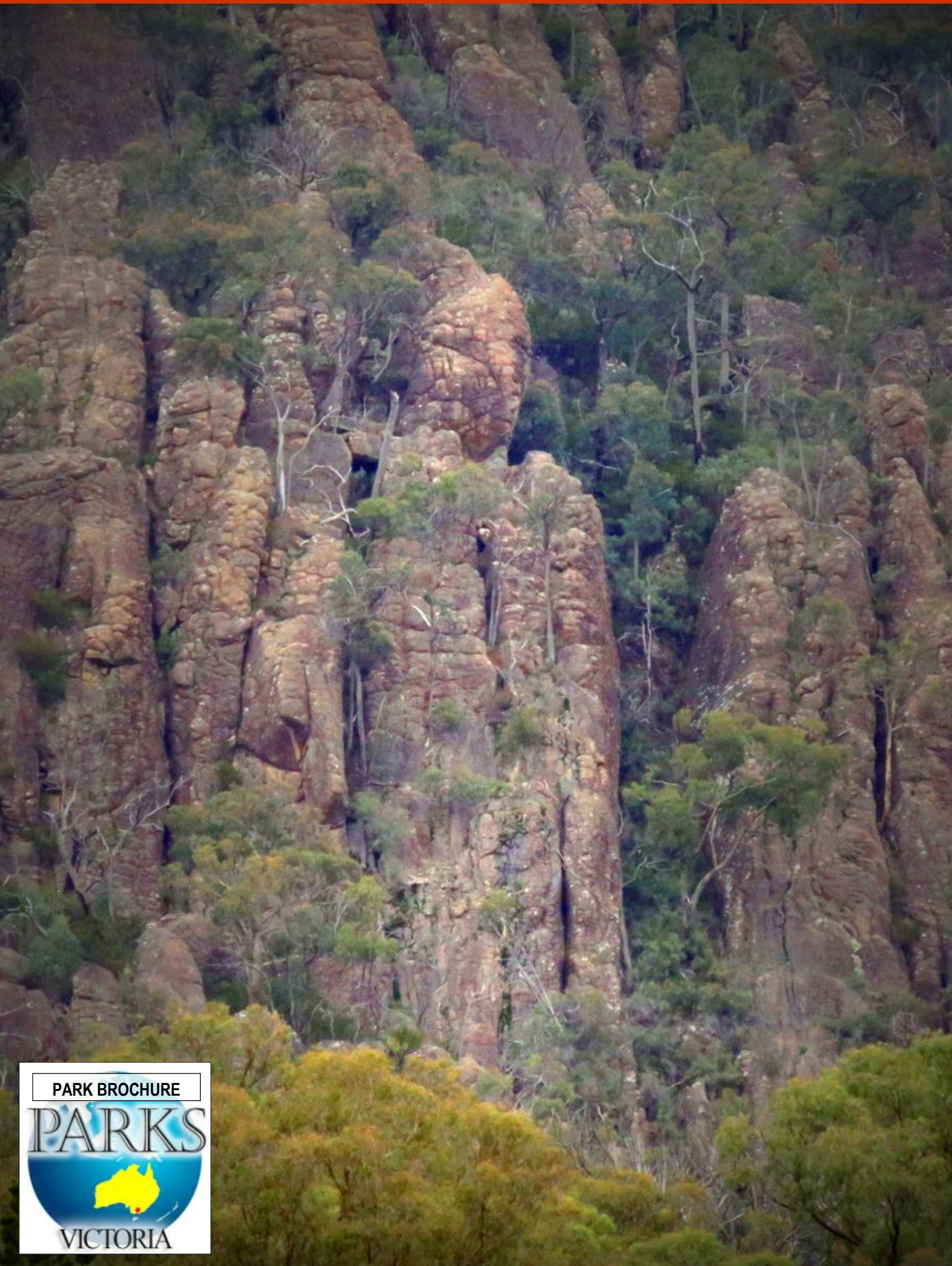
Climbing the left (southern) rock formation.



RIGHT (northern) ROCK FORMATION

LEFT (southern) ROCK FORMATION

The two rock faces with a large gap between.



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CATHEDRAL STATE PARK, CENTRAL VICTORIA
23 AUGUST 2015

A second trip into the centre of the gorge

This trip we were able to walk inside the gorge and climb the right side.



Swamp Wallaby.





A river crossing was a photographic opportunity.



Eastern Grey Kangaroos near the gorge.



Climbing into the gorge, defined by rock walls on each side



(Top) Southern wall. (Bottom) Looking out. (Inset) Layers of burnt wood.

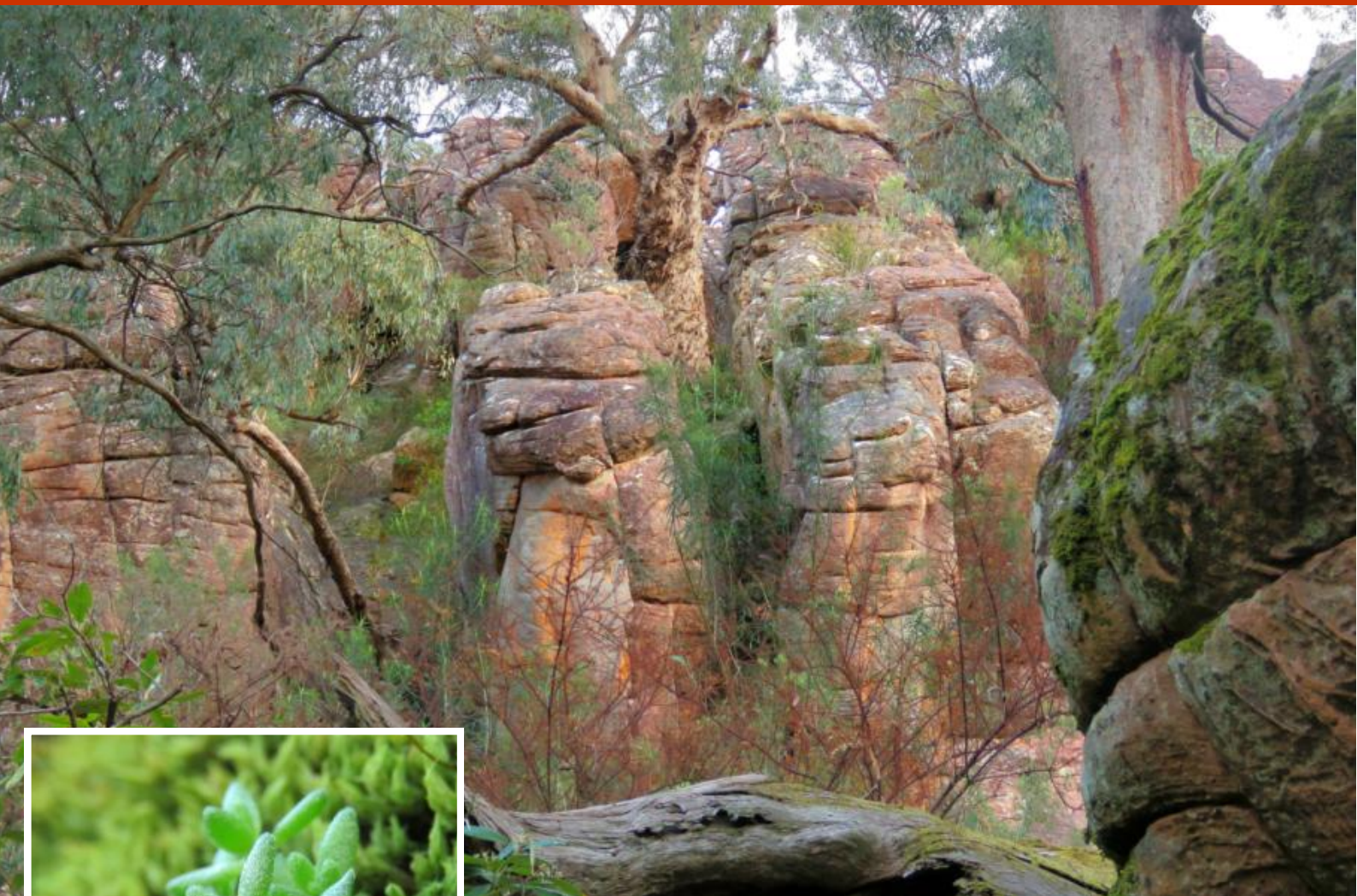




The small creek running through the gorge.



(Top) Fungus. (Bottom) Overgrown gorge entrance. (Inset) Leaf.



(Top & Bottom) Fingers of Rock. (Inset) Fauna.



The southern gorge wall taken from the northern gorge wall.



Looking inbetween two fingers of rock on the left (northern) rock face.





An uprooted tree still holding on in the forrest below the gorge.



Tree sap.





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