

# Tasmanian Freedom Camping Locations #3

## Tamar Valley & the North East



### A Cheapskate's Guide to Exploring Tasmania By Car

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

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Based on third party information, September, 2015 \*

NOTE: The **39** sites listed run sequentially from Launceston to North-East and Launceston, including surrounds.

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### Launceston

to Greens Beach:  
Select route for dist.,  
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[About Launceston](#)

#### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Summary of users' comments

**Old Mac's Caravan & Motorhome Farm Stay**  
55 Sandown Road Norwood,  
Launceston,  
0408 443 696  
**@** -41.447852, 147.179452

**\$** pets, toilets, water, self contained vehicles only.  
Positive user comments only.

**BIG4 Launceston Holiday Park**  
86-94 Glen Dhu St,  
Launceston  
[Website](#)  
(03) 6344-2600  
**@** -41.457378, 147.142181

**\$\$** Power, dump point, water , no pets, laundry, kitchen and LPG.  
Very good - recommended overnight stay.

**Launceston Holiday Park**  
711 West Tamar Hwy,  
Launceston, Tasmania  
[Website](#)  
(03) 6330-1714  
**@** -41.373732, 147.052302

**\$\$** Close to city and surrounds. Sites ok. Good basic structure of park . Manager friendly and helpful.

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## \*Gravelly Beach

to Greens Beach:  
[Select route for dist.,  
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from Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Rose Bay Park Camp Site

281 Gravelly Beach Rd,  
Gravelly Beach  
[@ -41.294044, 146.97224](#)

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Max. stay 24 hrs, self contained, dogs OK. Great place for overnight stay. Toilets are fine, carpark is fine, location is beautiful. for self contained only - ie no kitchen water on ground.

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## \*Swan Point

to Greens Beach:  
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Map and directions](#)  
from Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Paper Beach Free Camp Paper Beach Rd, Swan Point

[@ -41.253223, 146.964939](#)

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Max. stay 24 hrs., Good safe place to stay overnight. Need to be self sufficient and self contained. Toilets are not open overnight. A beautiful area. Great walks. Good water access.

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## Batman Bridge

Cross Batman Bridge for East Tamar or continue to Greens Beach.

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## Beaconsfield

to Greens Beach:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)  
from Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Beaconsfield Showground Camp Site York St, Beaconsfield

[@ -41.199337, 146.822249](#)

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Max. stay 24 hrs., self contained, dogs OK. Very nice central spot. Toilets clean and right next to dump point. Close to Platypus House, Sea Horse World, Beaconsfield Mine Museum & lots of vineyards.

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## York Town

to Greens Beach:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)  
from Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### York Town Campsite 30 Bowens Rd, York Town (03) 6383-4196

[@ -41.149876, 146.763368](#)

### Summary of users' comments

**\$** Dogs OK, Beautifully maintained area, relaxing and close to attractions on the West Tamar, self contained only, but a public toilet just down the road.

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## Clarence Point

to Greens Beach:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)  
from Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Garden Island Camp Site

Bevic Road,  
Clarence Point  
[@ -41.115317, 146.814161](#)

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK. Plenty of room for even the biggest of rigs. There are street type lights overhead, some of which have, for the safety of all, CCTV cameras mounted on them.

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## Kelso

to Greens Beach:  
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to Launceston  
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[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**BIG4 Kelso Sands Holiday & Native Wildlife Park**  
86 Paranaple Rd, Kelso  
[Website](#)  
(03) 6383-9130  
@ -41.093077, 146.781298

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ No dogs. Wombats everywhere! Saw 10 last night and one wandered past at 10 this morning. Clean tidy site with friendly managers. Nice grassy campsites. Clean amenities, but have to pay \$1 for a shower

## Greens Beach

to Low Head via  
Batman Bridge:  
Select route for dist.,  
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to Launceston  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Greens Beach Caravan Park**  
1774 Greens Beach Rd,  
Greens Beach  
(03) 6383-9222  
@ -41.085657, 146.74754

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Great location, clean amenities. Good beach to walk and swim. Golf course next door. Tennis courts booked through corner shop (\$15 per session). Playground across the road from the corner shop. Dog friendly. Ducks visit morning and evening!

## Low Head

from Greens Beach:  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)  
to Launceston:  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Low Head Tourist Park (Kui Parks)**  
136 Low Head Rd, Georgetown  
[Website](#)  
(03) 6382-1573  
@ -41.083507, 146.81174

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Great little park level sites and A1 showers and toilets all new. Clean property and friendly staff would recommend and has seniors card as well.

**East Beach Tourist Park**  
40 Gunn Pde, Low Head  
(03) 6382-1000  
[Website](#)  
@ -41.064625, 146.805706

\$ Dogs OK. New managers are bringing this park back to a great one and are striving to be back to even better than it had been. Website contains great info. on the region, but all contact links are currently being upgraded - so please ring.

## North-east

Heading east from George Town along the coast and returning to Launceston via Scottsdale.

## St Albans Bay

from George Town:  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**St Albans Bay 4WD only Camp Site**  
Between Bridport And Bellingham  
@ -40.949223, 147.282106

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK, self contained only. Track in via Bellingham is best if towing camper trailer beach is good driving, careful when crossing river, awesome! Tyres down to 18 psi to drive on to bridport.

## Bridport

from George Town:  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Bridport Caravan Park**  
2-30 Bentley St, Bridport  
[Website](#)

(03) 6356-1227

@ -40.994516, 147.390027

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ No dogs.

Nice spot, though grounds not well maintained. facilities ok. Great heritage walk along foreshore.

Nice outlook to beach and old pier.

## Waterhouse

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**North Croppies  
4WD only Camp Site**

Off Homestead Rd

@ -40.850887, 147.598924

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** All very exposed camp-sites, and not a lot of shelter in this one.

There are more sheltered sites near Waterhouse Point.

**Waterhouse - The Green  
Camp Site**

Off Homestead Rd

@ -40.826682, 147.661119

**FREE** Dogs OK. Fantastic spot right on the beach. Wonderful to walk at low tide in both directions. Clean toilets. Nice large areas for larger vans. Drive in is corrugated but fine if you drive slowly.

**Waterhouse - Mathers  
Camp Site**

Off Homestead Rd

@ -40.827167, 147.66875

**FREE** Fenced sites are clean and plenty to choose from. Toilets clean and tidy. Must be the best beaches to walk around in Tasmania. Dogs on leads allowed.

**Waterhouse Point  
Camp Site**

Off Homestead Rd,  
Waterhouse

**FREE** Dogs OK. Self contained. Absolutely loved it here so many camp spots to choose from and nice and private clean toilets great fishing diving and 4x4 driving. Huge area to choose from. Bring your firewood with you.

**Waterhouse- Ransons Beach  
Camp Site**

Off Homestead Rd

@ -40.84043, 147.688042

**FREE** Dogs OK. Fantastic spot, great views, great beach, gorgeous wild life, phone, tv. BYO everything. Must be self contained, don't crap in the bush!

**Waterhouse Conservation  
Area**

**Casuarina Campsites**

Off Homestead Rd,  
Waterhouse

@ -40.836021, 147.685428

A good clean camping area, with beach access for boat launching and an earth toilet just above the camping area. A great place to come and stay. Right on the edge of the beach and out of the wind.

## Tomahawk

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Tomahawk Caravan Park**  
Tomahawk Rd,  
Tomahawk

(03) 6355-2268

@ -40.87553, 147.772227

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. This is a long spread out park catering for mainly onsite vans, very few sites for travelling tourists. Showers not too bad for \$1 a time. Not much to recommend it.

## Petal Point

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Petal Point Camp Site

Turn Left Off Cape Portland Rd  
Just Sth Of The Wind Farm  
@ -40.777226, 147.950391

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK, toilets. Lovely place to stay, great views from van site, we were spoiled with isolated site with the best view. Rugged entry (sharp rocks) so let your tyres down to minimise tyre damage.

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## Cape Portland

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Little Musselroe Bay Camp Site

558 Little Musselroe Road,  
Cape Portland  
@ -40.766469, 148.033721

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** No dogs, toilets. Excellent swimming for kids! **Only open between November long weekend and Easter.** Closed by Parks for the rest of the year.

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## Gladstone

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Gladstone Hall Campsite 1 Carr Street, Gladstone

@ -40.959948, 148.008568

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** No dogs. Very clean BBQ LOOKS NEW clean toilets can drive through & out the other end so ok for caravans. Big rigs need to walk in and look first.

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## Musselroe Bay

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Musselroe Bay Back Beach Camp Site

Russel Drive, Musselroe Bay  
@ -40.831965, 148.181376

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK. Limited accessibility for full height van - would have had to reverse in from Russell Drive.

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## \*Mt. William National Park

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Mt William Nat Park, Top Camp Camp Site

Mount William National Park  
[Website](#)

@ -40.84285, 148.203307

### Summary of users' comments

**\$** Toilets. Full height caravan towed by 4WD, track clear of obstructions and easy to manoeuvre in and out. Very exposed camping area with a few picnic tables and fire pots. Must take own fire wood - not cut down vegetation. Beach very close by - over the bank. Pay at Gladstone store.

#### Mt William Nat Park Stumpys Bay, Campsite 1, 2, 3 and 4

800 Musselroe Rd, Mt William  
[Website](#)

-40.871359, 148.222115

**\$** No dogs, toilets. generators allowed at all camp sites except Stumpys No. 2, (10am to 10pm); personal fire pots allowed at all sites (BYO wood); open fire pits provided at Stumpys No1, 3 & Top camp.(BYO wood).

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## South Mount Cameron

from George Town:  
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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Gladstone Road Stop Camp Site

Ogilvies Bridge Road,  
South Mount Cameron  
@ -40.978114, 148.021811

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Self contained, max stay 24 hrs,  
dogs OK.

#### Blue Lake Camp Site

1573 Gladstone Road,  
South Mount Cameron

@ -41.005554, 147.971448

**FREE** Self contained, max. stay 24 hrs,  
dogs OK. Head along the track that runs  
parallel to the road just at the entrance.  
Quiet with plenty of firewood right next to  
the east end of the lake.

[Click here to](#)

Head west on Tasman Highway from Gladstone Road and  
Tasman Highway junction to Scottsdale and Launceston

[Click here to](#)

Head east on Tasman Highway from Gladstone Road and  
Tasman Highway junction to St Helens

## \* Weld River

from George Town:  
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[Map and directions](#)  
to St Helens  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Weld River Camp Site

Frome Road,  
Moorina  
@ -41.132973, 147.882451

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Self contained, dogs OK. Nice little  
forest camp with narrow turning area. Not  
so windy, elevated from the River. Some  
shady and some more open sunny spots.  
OK for smaller units or bush-camper. Self  
contained.

## \*Weldborough

from George Town:  
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[Map and directions](#)  
to St Helens  
Select route for dist.,  
[Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Weldborough Hotel & Campground Caravan Park

Tasman Hwy,  
Weldborough  
[Website](#)  
(03) 6354-2223  
@ -41.194489, 147.905085

### Summary of users' comments

**\$** Dogs OK We camped in the lush  
grounds behind the pub. Stayed two  
nights. The proprietor Mark was friendly  
and very hospitable. The food was of  
excellent standard and the craft beers a  
welcome treat. A pleasant place to stay

#### Maa Mon Chin Picnic Area Camp Site

Mount Paris Dam Road,  
Weldborough  
-41.203703, 147.890303

**FREE** Dogs OK. Hard to get to, rough  
track and tight.  
Tent or camper trailer only. Quiet little spot  
beside a lake. Some firewood, not a lot of  
level spots.

## \* Pyengana

from George Town:  
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Map and directions](#)  
[Select route for dist.,  
27 km  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Pub In The Paddock Camp Site

250 St Columbia Falls Road,  
Pyengana  
03 637361211

@ -41.291297, 147.995954

#### Pyengana Camp Grounds Camp Site

217 Saint Columba Falls Road,  
Pyengana

@ -41.292794, 148.001193

#### Pyengana Transfer Station Entrance Camp Site

Lot 1 Tasman Hwy, Pyengana,  
Tasmania

@ -41.265456, 148.030906

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Self contained, max. 72 hrs, dogs OK. Absolutely wonderful spot - nice green grass, rolling hills, gorgeous views, great pub & lovely meals - could not find nicer free camp anywhere.

**FREE** Dogs OK. This is a great place to stay there is still so much space to camp. Stay here and you won't be disappointed. We have done a number of beautiful walks to waterfalls and through forests.

**FREE** Dogs OK. Great spot for overnight, just off road but no facilities

## Derby

George Town:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and Directions](#)  
to Launceston  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Derby Big Rig Camping Site Camp Site

Tasman Highway, Derby

@ -41.150026, 147.804546

#### Derby Free Park Camp Site

Derby

@ -41.141717, 147.797598

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Toilets, plenty of room and pretty quiet!

**FREE** No dogs. Lovely spot beside the river - clean toilets & walking distance to the town. Plenty of room for big rigs.

## Branxholm

from George Town:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and Distances](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Branxholm Camping Spot Camp Site

Branxholm

@ -41.167911, 147.737933

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE/\$ with amenities** Very nice, hot showers, clean toilets. Need to pick up keys in the shop across the road for \$20 deposit. If you arrive late, ask somebody in camp to open the gate.

## \*Ringarooma

from George Town:  
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Map and Directions](#)  
to Launceston:  
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Map and Directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Dorset River Camp Site

Frys Road, Ringarooma,  
Tasmania

@ -41.233087, 147.75815

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK. A small riverside spot. Cross the bridge, take first left and then keep left for 850m, dropping down to the river. Not for big vehicles. Check that you can get back up if it rains.

## Legerwood

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

### Summary of users' comments

from George Town:  
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Map and Directions](#)  
to Launceston:  
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Map and Directions](#)

**Legerwood  
Camp Site**  
Ringarooma Rd,  
Legerwood

@ -41.216212, 147.693656

**FREE** Self contained only. It is amazing what one man can see in a few old tree stumps, marvellous, well worth the detour. Great little gift shop, clean toilets and a covered BBQ area to die for. Dump point and water at Scottsdale.

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## \* Nabowla

from George Town:  
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Map and Directions](#)  
to Launceston:  
[Select route for dist.,  
Map and Directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Nabowla  
Camp Site**  
200 North Blumont Road,  
Nabowla

@ -41.161663, 147.394227

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** A wide, open, flat, grassy, firm based area that has room for tents, to the biggest of rigs. A beautiful area to spend some time listening to the sounds of nature, the Lisle State Forest.

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## Targa

from George Town:  
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Map and Directions](#)  
to Launceston:  
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Map and Directions](#)

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Myrtle Park Camp Area**  
Targa  
03 6399 3368  
[Facebook Page](#)

@ -41.311051, 147.366911

### Summary of users' comments

**\$** Dogs OK. Great spot, spacious sites, hot showers, toilets, playground area for kids. Most sites are well shaded and close to river for fish or Platypus sightings, very peaceful. Cafe has great priced meals and snacks.

## Launceston

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