

# Tasmanian Freedom Camping Locations - #4

## Tasmania's East Coast

### St Helens to Buckland



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

Based on third party information, September, 2015 \*

Featuring **35** locations on the magnificent East Coast, including free camps and van parks.  
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## St. Helens

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Camp/Rest Area/Park	Summary of users' comments
<b>Hillcrest Tourist Park</b> 10 Chimney Rd, St Helens <a href="#">Website</a> (03) 6376-3298 <b>@ -41.32481, 148.296828</b>	<b>\$\$</b> Old park with mainly permanent vans. Not many powered sites. Quite neat with clean ablution blocks. Owners very friendly. A few kilometers out of town. Handy to have petrol station with cheap fuel
<b>St Helens RA &amp; Dump Point Camp Site</b> Young St, St Helens <b>@ -41.316689, 148.235887</b>	<b>Free</b> Max. 48 hours stop, No dogs. Dump point and fresh water. Car/caravan wash at \$2 a cycle is just a hundred metres or so down the road.
<b>BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park</b> 2 Penelope St, St Helens <a href="#">Website</a> (03) 6376-1290 <b>@ -41.333203, 148.253157</b>	<b>\$\$</b> Excellent park. All very clean and well maintained. Fantastic facilities. Owners friendly and helpful. What more could you want? No dogs
<b>Dianas Basin, Area 1, St Helens Point Conservation Reserve Camp Site</b> 24564 Tasman Highway, St Helens <b>@ -41.376101, 148.288026</b>	<b>FREE</b> Dogs OK. Lovely spot. Drop toilet smells ok and is clean. Quiet and peaceful. BYO everything, including toilet paper! Take your rubbish with you.
<b>Dianas Basin, Area 2, St Helens Point Conservation Reserve Camp Site</b> Lot 7 Tasman Highway, St Helens <b>@ -41.370464, 148.292992</b>	<b>FREE</b> Dogs OK. Wonderful bush camp site. Plenty of privacy. Was just lovely. Some big spots but probably need to check first before driving in in big rigs. Beautiful beach.

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## \* Binalong Bay

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#### Moulting Bay Camp Site

St Helens

@ -41.279612, 148.282513

**FREE** Dogs OK. Nice quiet spot large sites basic drop toilet. Basic but ok. Bring own firewood. Lovely quiet large area; easy access to water.

#### Humbug Point Nature Reserve Camp Site

286 Dora Point Road,  
Binalong Bay

@ -41.277833, 148.324624

**FREE** Dogs OK. Great spot, short walk to toilets, 50m walk to beach but well worth it. Quiet

#### Dora Point Camp Site

286 Dora Point Road,  
Binalong Bay

@ -41.275387, 148.327918

**FREE** Very nice spot. Good sites. Flush toilets clean. Byo toot paper. Scenic of the bay and back to St Helens. Road in is VERY corrugated but the spot is worth the journey.

#### Car Park Camp Site

Binalong Bay Road,  
Binalong Bay

@ -41.252242, 148.304623

**FREE** Dogs OK. There is no sign saying camping is not allowed. Seaview overlooking Bay of Fire and Beach. Toilets and shower.

#### Grants Lagoon Camp Site

Grants Lagoon,  
Binalong Bay

@ -41.254215, 148.288663

**FREE** Dogs OK. Lovely spot. Quiet, but not much grass. Suitable for big rigs. Good roads in for all vehicle types with big private lots amongst the trees. Nice river/lagoon for fishing and swimming.

#### Jeanneret Beach Camp Ground

Jeanneret Beach Road,  
Binalong Bay

@ -41.237967, 148.289907

**FREE** Dogs OK. Fantastic. Not for big rigs. Well laid out areas two awesome Beaches. Drop toilet, camp fires allowed. Can't wait to come back. Some tight corners so be careful in large caravans.

## \* Bay of Fires

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#### Swimcart Beach - Bay Of Fires Camp Site

Bay Of Fires

@ -41.22891, 148.284229

**FREE** Dogs OK. Fantastic spot and weather perfect. Right on beachfront. Great spot in the T-Tree to pitch the tent, out of the ever present wind.

#### Cosy Corner South - Bay Of Fires Camp Site

Garden's Road,  
Bay Of Fires

@ -41.224745, 148.282426

**FREE** Dogs OK. Self contained only. Really awesome! Some sites with good beach view some sheltered with partial ocean view. Great beach walking and rock pooling. No problem with a 7.5m motorhome.

#### Cosy Corner Nth - Bay Of Fires Camp Site

Garden's Road, Bay Of Fires

@ -41.220389, 148.281997

**FREE** Dogs OK. Great free camp for one or several nites. Plenty of room and sheltered spots if windy. Facilities ok given it's free! Fantastic views and beach walks, drives etc!

**Southern Sloop Reef  
Camp Site**

Sloop Reef

@ -41.211957, 148.28061

**FREE** This is a small shady campsite with no facilities and you need to be fully self sufficient. Opposite a beautiful small bay with great protection from westerlies.

**Sloop Reef, Bay Of Fires  
Camp Site**

Bay Of Fires

@ -41.209399, 148.279155

**FREE** Self Contained only, dogs OK. Beautiful spot, close to the water. Very inquisitive wildlife (possums in particular). Great beach for a swim or a fish. One area for a big rig, three spots for smaller vans or tents.

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## Scamander

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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

**Scamander Sanctuary  
Caravan Park**

Winifred Dr, Scamander

[Website](#)

(03) 6372-5311

@ -41.466961, 148.260892

### Summary of users' comments

**\$\$\$** Dogs OK. This amazing 52 hectare camping location has it all. Space, tranquility, fantastic amenities. Excellent value esp. for longer stays. Great walks, surfing, fishing. Children catered for.

**Scamander Tourist Park**

70-88 Scamander Ave,  
Scamander

(03) 6372 5121

@ -41.451341, 148.264961

**\$\$** Dogs OK. Nice park, big sites, clean amenities and nice staff. Poorly leveled sites!

**Trout Creek  
Camp Site**

Trout Road,  
Upper Scamander

@ -41.435362, 148.225199

**FREE** Dogs OK. Beaut spot but if gps says to take Docs track beware. Lovely spot. Road from scamander definitely not adviseable to lge veh. Also difficult to find flat spots. But worth the drive. 1 bar on Telstra phone

**Beaumaris Paddys Island  
Camp**

Scamander Conservation Area

@ -41.395564, 148.289101

**FREE** Dogs OK. Not for motor homes. Very tight turning and low branches. Great little spot. Long drop toilet, lovely big beach to walk and grassed areas to pitch a tent.

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## St. Marys

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**St Marys Recreation Ground  
Camp Site**

St Marys

@ -41.585321, 148.184227

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Max. stay 72 hrs self contained only, dogs OK. Great location as a base to see this region.

## Lagoons Beach

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#### Lagoons Beach Campground Camp Site

Lot 1 Tasman Highway,

Chain Of Lagoons

@ -41.647186, 148.297409

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK. Lovely spot. Plenty of spots to set up. Big rigs would have no problem fitting at either end. Plenty of room. Pump toilet was reasonable. Beach terrific. Plenty of flat spots. Bit shady for solar.

## Little Beach

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#### Little Beach Campsite Camp Site

Tasman Highway

@ -41.626253, 148.312033

### Summary of users' comments

**FREE** Dogs OK. Fabulous spot with a turning circle, so even with our big van we could check it out first. We are grateful to have a pick of spots as only one other here. Lovely spot. Fresh water inlet that runs into sea back-dropped with thick forest setting.

## Douglas River

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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Douglas River Camp Site

Douglas River

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@ -41.780595, 148.269613

### Summary of users' comments

**\$\$** Self contained only, dogs OK. Nice spot, fantastic beach, good fishing, fresh water, no toilet or shower, good safe swimming for kids. Di and Ian Madsen are the people to contact - driveway opposite entry near river.

## Bicheno

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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Seaview Holiday Park

29 Banksia St, Bicheno

[Website](#)

(03) 6375-1247

@ -41.874525, 148.295293

### Summary of users' comments

**\$\$** Dogs OK. Excellent! Quiet with a glimpse of ocean. Clean, hot showers. On site wine bar and restaurant. Cold beer on the verandah overlooking bay. Good base for Freycinet. Value for money.

#### Bicheno East Coast Holiday Park

4 Champ St, Bicheno

[Website](#)

(03) 6375-1999

@ -41.875394, 148.301338

**\$\$** Dogs OK. Fabulous spot. Close to everywhere. Great showers. Friendly staff. \$40 for power for 4 adults. Take a walk to the grave and along the headlands. Fabulous. A gate opens out into the main shopping area for an easy walk.

#### Bicheno Caravan Park

52 Burgess St, Bicheno

[Website](#)

(03) 6375-1280

@ -41.877421, 148.30341

**\$\$** Dogs OK. Nice park small our 23 foot van fitted okay would be difficult to get off and on sites if park was full. Not all sites suit a big van. Friendly staff no EFTPOS when we were there cash only. Amenities old and a bit run down but clean. Easy walk to shopping centre.

## \* Coles Bay

from Bicheno

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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### BIG4 Illuka On Freycinet Holiday Park

12 Reserve Rd, Coles Bay

[Website](#)

1800 786 512

@ -42.122496, 148.284937

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$\$ No dogs. This is a great park! Laundry has plenty of washing machines and dryers. Showers are HUGE! BBQs were in a great spot, under cover, adjacent to the great little kids playground. There is a bakery, small shop and tavern adjoining to the park. Meals at the tavern were beautiful.

## \* Freycinet National Park

from Bicheno

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#### Freycinet National Park Camp Site

Freycinet

[Website](#)

03 6256 7000

-42.124316, 148.296576

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ No dogs. Right on the beach, showers very hot but \$2 per 4 minutes, BBQ facilities but no other cooking facilities Great value for \$16 a night! Park staff very helpful.

## \* Apsley River

### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Bridge At Apsley River Camp Site

@ -41.942363, 148.233333

### Summary of users' comments

FREE Dogs OK. A tight turn if heading into coles bay but otherwise ok. Might need slight bit of ground clearance but if you're smart any 2wd car could get in. Both a motorhome and a Coaster bus got in no problems.

## Swansea

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#### Swansea Beach Chalets Caravan Park

27 Shaw St, Swansea

[Website](#)

(03) 6257-8177

@ -42.118375, 148.072355

### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ Dogs OK. Great view. Down by the sea not flat, not so good for caravans however managed well. Stabilisers couldn't be put down, back didn't reach the ground, front too low. Mangers & staff very friendly & helpful. Amenities are several steps away.

## Rocky Hills

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### Camp/Rest Area/Park

#### Mayfield Bay Camp Site Rocky Hills

@ -42.238959, 148.013049

### Summary of users' comments

FREE Dogs OK. Perfect spot - not crowded in off season Clean toilets Beautiful beach and sound of waves. Room for big rigs.

## Little

### Swanport

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##### Gumleaves Bush Holidays Caravan Park

Swanston Rd, Little Swanport

[Website](#)

(03) 6244-8147

@ -42.350406, 147.906957

#### Summary of users' comments

\$\$\$ Nice bush setting, totally dark and silent, clean amenities, lots of birds. Quite pricey, \$10 only for power, sites are pull through, but are directly next to each other and only a few are level. Day pass for activities is another \$12 per adult.

## Triabunna

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##### Triabunna Free Site

Fully self contained vehicles only.

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Privately owned Camp Site.

2 Charles Street, Triabunna

@ -42.509102, 147.914901

#### Summary of users' comments

\$ Great spot level area across from pub. Local fish van great fish and chips. Info center has toilets and showers free 9 am to 5pm. Marina toilets always open. Donation for site in pub.

#### Camp/Rest Area/Park

##### Triabunna Cabin & Caravan Park

##### Caravan Park

4 Vicary St, Triabunna

[Website](#)

(03) 6257-3575

@ -42.508372, 147.910491

#### Summary of users' comments

\$\$ A 21 foot van and gets in alright. Parked beside the bbq. Nice park. Can walk into town. Nice and clean camp kitchen. Clothes dryer \$5 for an hour, showers \$1 for 5 minutes.

##### Rear Of Spring Bay Hotel Camp Site

3 Charles Street, Triabunna

@ -42.509442, 147.914528

FREE Dogs OK. Lovely little place across the marina where you can use toilets and get potable water. Definitely recommend.

## Buckland

#### Camp/Rest Area/Park

##### Ye Olde Buckland Inn Camp Site

Kent Street, Buckland

(03)62575114

@ -42.606672, 147.72073

#### Summary of users' comments

FREE Dogs OK, max. 4 hrs. Great quiet little spot in field at back of inn. With water and bins. Free wifi at the cafe opposite. Good flat grassed area behind pub with clean toilets, playground and bbq nearby.

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