

# Travel within Tasmania

As COVID19 restrictions begin to ease, what does this mean when it comes to the way we move around within Tasmania and how we interact with others?

## What is a gathering?

- A gathering is the total number of people present in any single undivided space. This can be inside or outside.



## How many people can visit my home/residence?

- You can have a maximum of 5 visitors to your home for a social visit at any one time. This is in addition to the number of people who live in your household.
- Please use common sense however – wash your hands, try to keep a reasonable distance, cover coughs and sneezes.

**Importantly** – don't visit friends and loved ones if you are unwell, and don't accept visitors if you are not well.

- If you are unwell or have any 'cold or flu like symptoms' please **call the Public Health Hotline to arrange a test – 1800 671 738**. For further advice about how these tests are done visit here: <https://ruthforrest.com.au/electorate-updates/583-ruth-s-guide-to-having-a-covid-19-test-that-doesn-t-make-your-eyes-water>

## Why do we have maximum numbers on gatherings (or visitors)?

- It can be hard to maintain physical distancing and hygiene measures in large crowded areas. By limiting numbers for now we can reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19.
- It also makes it easier to trace contacts if a case of COVID-19 emerges in our community.

## Can I travel to other places in the state?

- You can travel within Tasmania for the day, as long as you return home the same day. Overnight trips are not permitted until 15 June (subject to Public Health advice)
- If you are travelling to visit loved ones please take note of the rules around gatherings and visitors – wash your hands well and often – especially when you arrive at their home and be very aware of the risk to elderly or other vulnerable family and friends.

### Can I visit a national park?

- Yes, you are allowed to exercise in national parks and reserves, including beaches in reserved areas, but only 30 kilometres (distance by road) from where you live. An easy way to calculate this distance is to use a navigation app or website (like Google Maps).
- You can visit a national park for the day only. Camping overnight is not permitted at the moment.
- The re-opening of parks and reserves managed by local government is a decision for each local government area. Check with your local Council if these are open.
- The distance you can travel to exercise in a park or reserve remains in place (30 km by road from your home) to avoid having too many people travel to some popular areas within Tasmania as we gradually review restrictions. These measures will be reviewed and modified subject to further public health advice.



### What about visiting my shack?

- People with more than one property in Tasmania, such as a shack, will still need to base themselves within their primary residence. This measure will help protect the permanent residents of these small communities who are often older and more vulnerable people. There are also limited services (or no services) in these areas if anyone gets sick.
- If there is a need for a household member to go into quarantine, the second residence is allowed to be used as a second household for this purpose. Of course, the person or people in quarantine cannot leave the property other than to obtain medical care or during an emergency as informed when entering quarantine.
- Owners of a second property are still able to attend it (only for a day trip) to make urgent repairs, undertake maintenance or do a security check.

