

Media Release

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Illegal Activity in Remote Areas of Alpine National Park

Parks Victoria is reminding park visitors to abide by park regulations.

The reminder follows the issuing of Infringement Notices and seizure of several firearms in the Alpine National Park east of Benambra this past weekend.

Offences ranged from carrying a range of firearms in an area of park where firearms are not permitted, illegal brumby running and bringing dogs into the park.

Parks Victoria Senior Ranger Mr Richard Laurier said rangers are conducting targeted compliance operations across the entire Alpine National Park on a range of illegal activities that are being reported.

“This should serve as a timely reminder that Rangers do enforce departmental regulations and that substantial penalties can be applied”, said Mr Laurier.

Mr Laurier added that Parks Victoria in conjunction with Victoria Police worked hard to provide a safe environment for all park users. Firearms are permitted in certain areas of the Alpine National Park for the hunting of Sambar deer.

“Guns seized over the weekend were well outside the permitted areas for deer hunting and that the majority of weapons seized were of the wrong calibre for legal deer hunting.

“Parks Victoria is committed to providing good customer service and safeguarding the exceptional assets in our Parks. There are plenty of recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy without breaking the law”, concluded Mr Laurier.

Parks Victoria will continue to run compliance operations on a regular basis.

For more information on recreational opportunities in National Parks and regulations please contact the Parks Victoria Information Line on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

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