



## **FEDERATION WALKS 2016**



## **Walks Summary**

- 1. **Mt Zero & Flat Rock** (E) Two pleasant, but different walks in one at the northern tip of the Grampians. Wildflowers should be abundant on the Mt Zero section. Great views to be had. Note: <u>On the Saturday only</u>, this walk will be held after lunch. This makes it ideal for anyone arriving Saturday morning.
- 2. **Hollow Mountain** (M) A very short walk, but spectacular rocky scenery with an amazing cave to explore. The only reason for the medium grade is because of the short but steep rocky scramble involved to reach the cave.
- 3. **Stapylton Traverse** (H) a challenging walk on an iconic Grampians mountain, involving lots of rock scrambling along the ridgeline. A couple of exposed sections make it not suitable for the faint hearted.
- 4. **Pohlner's Loop (M)** A lovely circuit walk along the ridge south of Mt Stapylton, mostly on a good track, but also including a 1km off-track section of the proposed Grampians Peak Trail.
- 5. **Grampians Peak Trail-Coppermine to Roses Gap** (M/H) A chance to preview a 10km section of the proposed Peaks Trail. See new views not previously seen. With recent fires, the scrub is reasonably sparse and the going not too hard.
- 6. **Pyke's Cave** (E) An opportunity to visit a little known beautiful weathered cave on private property. Don't let the bit of 'off-track' deter you ....the going is very easy.
- 7. **Wartook to McKenzie Falls** (M) A mostly flat walk following a newly proposed walking/cycling trail through open forest. The last few km's to the Falls follows the very picturesque McKenzie Creek.
- 8. **Zumsteins to McKenzie Falls** (E) A much shorter, easier version of walk 7, this follows the beautiful creek to the iconic McKenzie Falls and back again.
- 9. **Mt Rosea** (M/H) A great mountain to walk, with varying terrain from forest to rocky ridges. Views on both sides of the Serra Range.
- 10. **Tower Hill & Calectasia Falls** (M) Nestled deep in the Victoria Valley, explore this prominent rocky buttress followed by a visit to the little known Calectasia Falls.
- 11. **Asses Ears** (M) an interesting walk in an out of the way location. This varied walk takes you through forests and scrambling up and over rocky platforms, with panoramic views as your reward. Wildflowers can also be abundant in this area.
- 12. **Hollow Mountain & Red Cave** (Victoria Range) (M/H) An off-track walk to two very impressive but different caves in the Victoria Range.
- 13. **Deep Creek** (M) Follow a vague old track along Deep Creek to a series of lovely waterfalls and culminating at the mouth of Billywing Gorge. The track can be a little scrubby, but the gradient is mostly very gradual.
- 14. The Fortress (H) a long, challenging walk to a real Grampians icon. We won't get on to the summit, but will get very close. The very rugged terrain is well worth the effort to get there!
- 15. **Fortress Views** (M) for those who don't wish to do the harder Fortress walk, but instead go part of the way and have the opportunity to view the iconic rock stack and rugged Victoria Range scenery.

- 16. **Mt Thackeray** (E/M) –The drive (4WD) is very interesting up along the Victoria Range Road and the short rocky climb up Thackeray provides some of the best views in the whole of the Grampians. If you don't own a 4WD, this may be your only chance to visit this spectacular location.
- 17. **Chimney Pots** (M) Situated at the southern tip of the Victoria Range, this circuit walk takes you up amongst the towering 'Chimney Pot' outcrops and some different views to the south.
- 18. **Black Range Traverse** (M/H) Though recently burnt in 2015, this walk along the entire cliff line of the Black Range provides for great views of the Grampians Ranges. Also an opportunity to see the beautiful Wildman's Cave. Re-generation should also see some wildflowers coming up.
- 19. **Mt Arapiles Circuit** (M) A mostly flat walk circumnavigating this Wimmera icon. Keep an aye out for flowers and rock climbers.
- 20. **Aboriginal Art Site tour** (E) Enjoy a tour of several Aboriginal art sites with an informative interpretation from local enthusiast Benn Gunn. There will be two art sites in the Black Range and two in the Victoria Range.

**NOTE:** These are only a brief summary of the walks on offer for the weekend. Participants should read the detailed walk sheets for more information and take in to account all aspects to determine if a walk is suitable for them.

<u>Walk Grades alone can be deceptive.</u> You should take into account all the details such as Distance, Duration, Gradient, Total Uphill, Path, Cautions and even the driving distance and time. While some walks are very close to the venue, others may involve up to a 55 min drive (longer in the case of Mt Thackeray)

Please make sure to choose a walk(s) within your ability.