

## Walk 20: Aboriginal Art Site Tour

Black Range & Victoria Range

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Walk Length:** 6.9km (combined walks)

**Drive length (total):** 139km

**Duration (drive and walks):** approx. 6hrs

**Total uphill:** 254m (all walks combined)

**Gradient:** mostly gradual with some short steep climbs.

**Path:** Mostly formed footpads. Some board walk.  
A short climb up a rocky slope (to BR-3 site).



**Highlights:** Hear local rock art specialist – Ben Gunn – interpret the artwork at several Aboriginal rock art sites. Visit two completely different locations - from the Black Range to the rugged Victoria Range.

**Walk Description:** The tour begins with the drive south, then west via Brimpaen to the Henty Highway, where a gravel road takes you to the northern end of the Black Range State Park. Parking at the picnic ground, a short 100m stroll leads up the track to the first of our sites – Mugadgadjin (BR-2; a small and well decorated shelter).

A few meters further on, we gain a vantage point where we can see the abrupt cliffs of the Black Range to the south – including our next art site BR-3. Descending to the sandy flats, we cross a boardwalk that takes us to the foot of the cliffs. Here we undertake a short but steep climb up the rocky slope to the much bigger site with a small number of unique motifs – BR-3. After more interpretation, questions and answers, we make our way back to the cars and proceed to the next location.

Following a different route back out to the highway, we emerge at Cherrypool, where we turn south and continue for 17.5km before turning west onto Billywing Road. We follow this around until we reach the turn into Buandik picnic ground for a lunch break (watch out for the hungry Kookaburras!).

From here, it is a 550m walk to Billimina Shelter, an impressive rock overhang and the most decorated art shelter in Victoria. It is a steady climb on a formed track, but is well worth the effort. If time permits, we may visit the nearby Buandik Falls on the way back to the cars.

A 2.4km drive south from here, down Harrop Track, brings us to our final site of the day –

Manja Shelter (Cave of Hands). A gentle 1.3km walk on a nice foot track brings us to the impressive shelter that has some of the best examples of hand stencils in Victoria.

Tracing our way back to the cars, we then return to Laharum via the Henty Highway and Brimpaen.

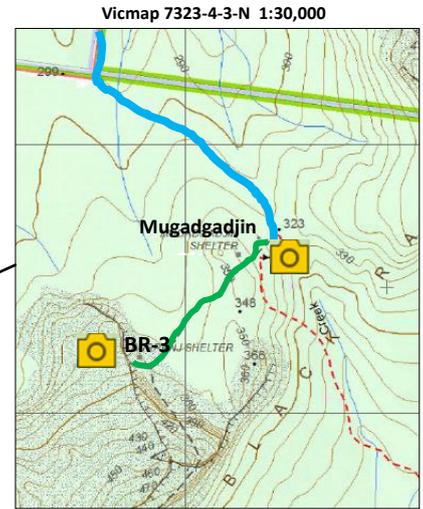
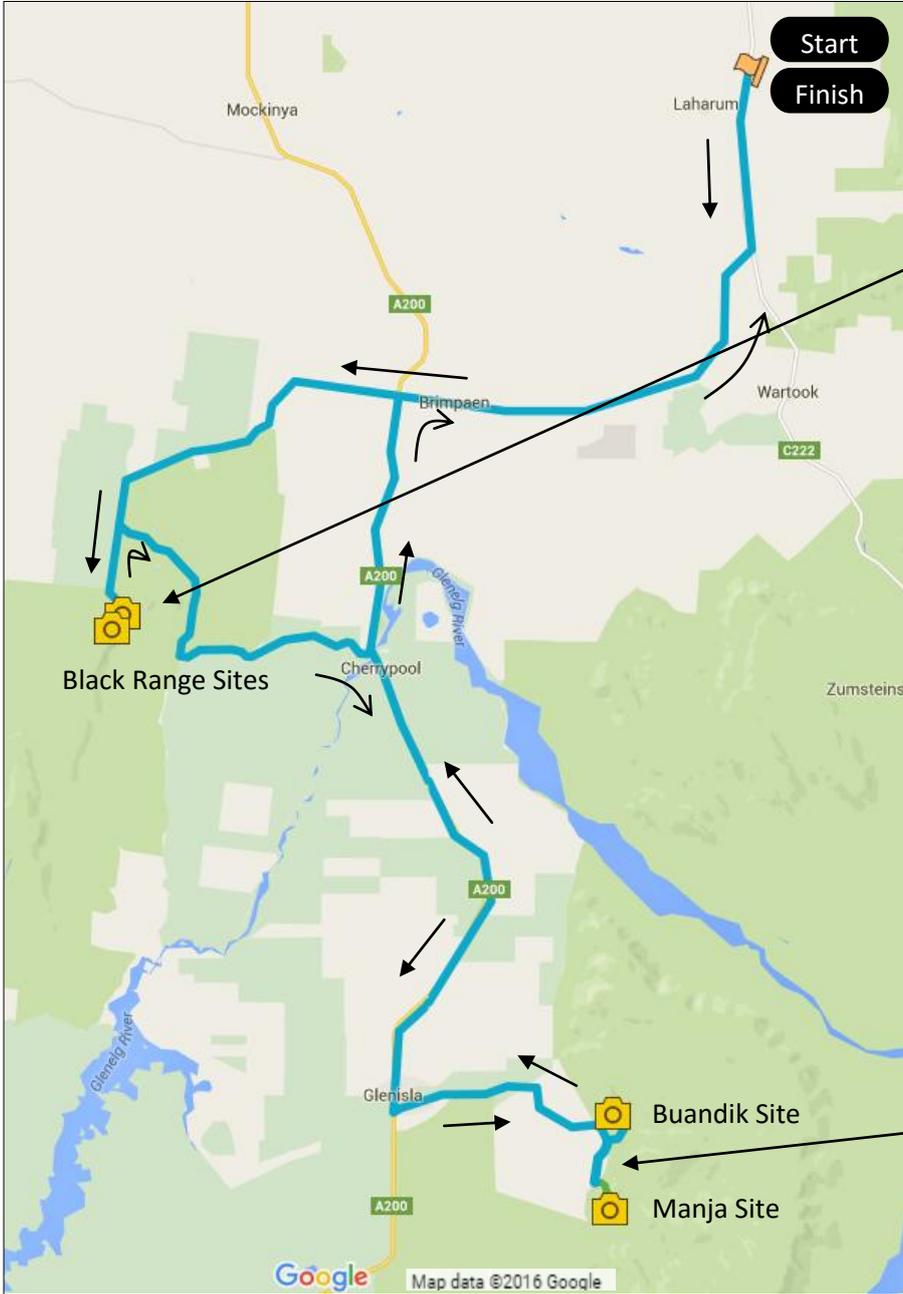
**Cautions:** The short rock scramble up to the BR-3 site could be slippery if wet.

**Facilities:** Toilets are located at Black Range picnic ground and Buandik picnic ground.

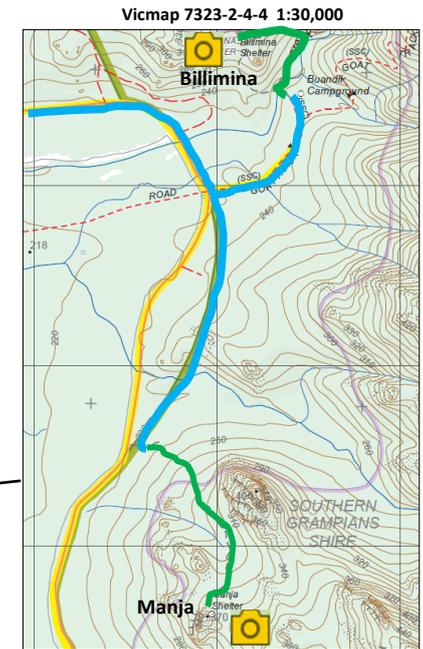
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ABORIGINAL ART SITE TOUR



Mudadgadjin 100m  
BR-3: 1.8km return  
Total uphill 94m



Billimina: 2.5km return  
Total uphill 72m  
Manja: 2.6km return  
Total uphill 88m

Driving route ———  
Walking track ———



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