



Walk 11: Asses Ears

North Western Grampians

Length: 6.5km **Style:** Return

Difficulty: Medium **Duration:** 4.5hrs

Total uphill: 269m **Gradient:** Steady climb with some steep sections.

Path: Some 4WD track. Formed path – vague in sections. Some off-track and also rock scrambling.

Highlights: Rugged rocky outcrops. Huge crevasses to explore. Expansive views.



Start: Drive south on Northern Grampians Road to Zumsteins picnic ground. Turn right onto Zumsteins Shortcut. Follow this and turn right at T-intersection onto Roses Creek Road. After 1.6km, turn right on to Wallaby Rocks Road. A further 3.2km brings you to a right turn into a small carpark. Park vehicles here (Grid Ref 195930) **Distance to start:** 29km **Driving time:** 35min.

Walk Description: From the carpark, the walk commences up the 4WD track in a south westerly direction. After 1.3km, you need to look on your right for a rock cairn, which marks the trail start. The track climbs steadily through forest, then levelling out for a while. A marvellous lookout spot is soon reached, with views toward the summit and also towards the southern Grampians and Victoria Valley. This is a good place for morning tea.

Continuing on, the track descends steeply down in front of the cliff line to a saddle. Care should now be taken to follow the rock cairns. From the saddle, you now make your way up a broad rocky slope, again following cairns. There are a couple of rock scrambles that may be a bit of a stretch for some. Care should be taken.

Once the base of the main summit is reached, it is a short rocky scramble to the top, where you are rewarded with fabulous views of the Wimmera Plains, Mt Difficult Range and also south towards the Victoria Range. Enjoy your lunch here taking in these views.

Descending from the summit, the more adventurous may wish to explore some of the deep crevasses at the summit base.

The return trip is just retracing your path back to the cars. Be careful to follow the cairns.

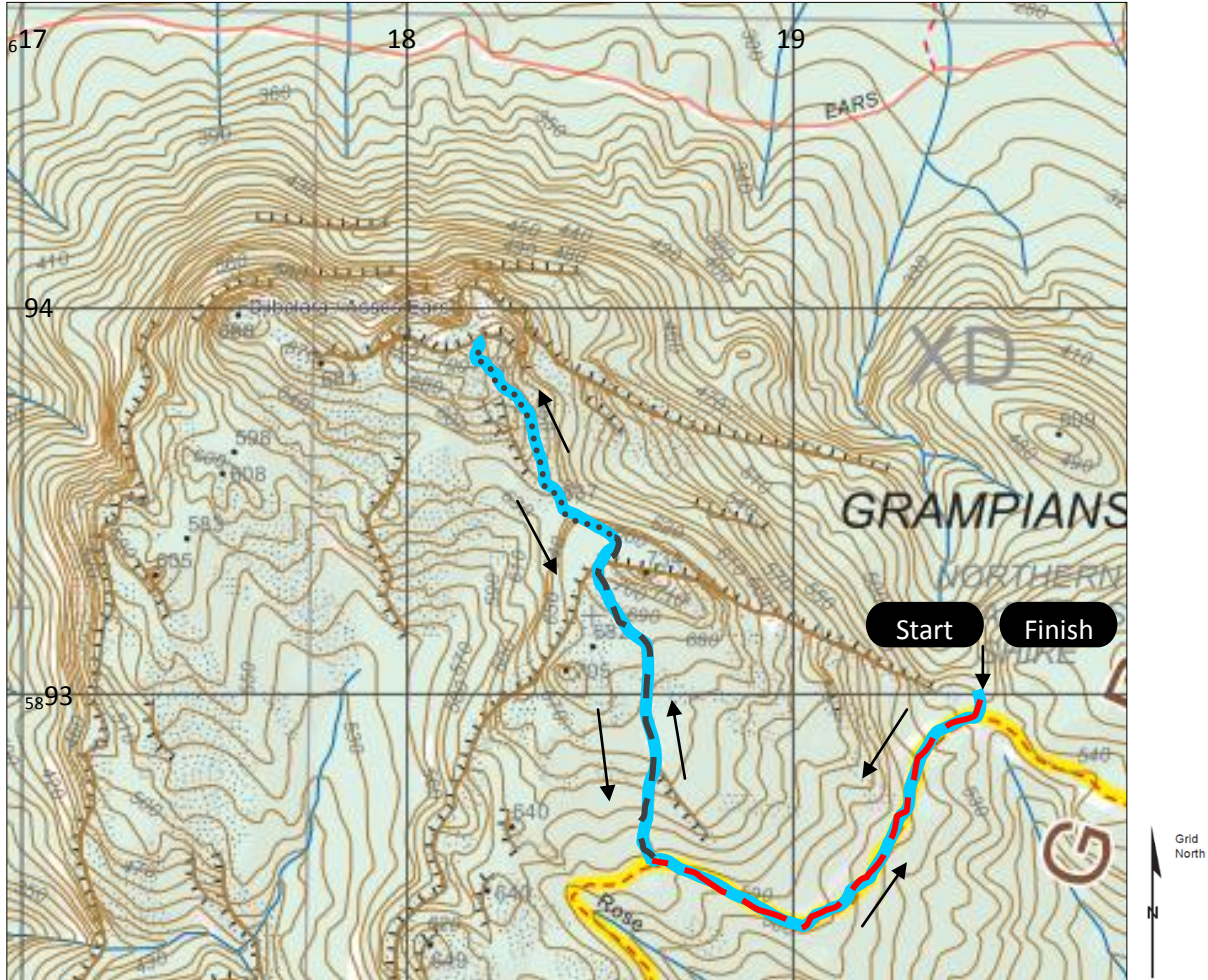
Cautions: Last half of walk is all rock scrambling, with some possible big stretches. Good solid footwear is strongly recommended. Rocks could be slippery if wet. Road from Zumsteins is gravel, getting a little rough in places on Wallaby Rocks Rd. High clearance vehicles recommended.

Facilities: Toilets are available at Zumsteins picnic ground.

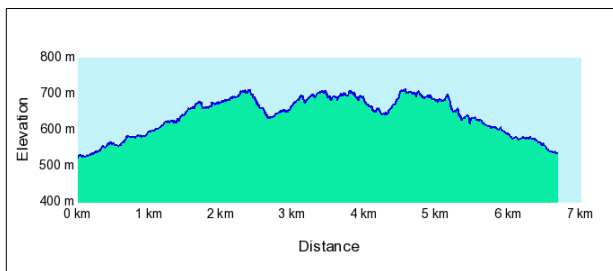
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Walk surfaces

Road	
Vehicle Track	
Foot Track	
Off Track	
Walk Route	



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