



## Walk 1: Mt Zero & Flat Rock

Northern Grampians

**Length:** 3.6km      **Style:** Return  
**Difficulty:** Easy      **Duration:** 2hr 30min  
**Total uphill:** 227m      **Gradient:** Moderate

**Path:** *Mt Zero* - formed walking track. Mostly dirt, with some minor rock scrambling higher up. *Flat Rock* – all on rock following marked arrows.



**Highlights:** The very first peak of The Great Dividing Range – hence the name! Views of the surrounding Wimmera farming plains. Great views south towards Mt Stapylton and Mt Difficult. Wildflowers. Ideal if you are arriving by Saturday lunchtime or if you wish to finish early Sunday.

**Start:** Drive north on Northern Grampians Road for 3.8km. Turn right onto Pohlner's Road. Drive 4.4km and turn left. After 1.4km, turn right into Mt Zero/Flat Rock carpark (Grid Ref 226163)  
**Distance to start:** 10km      **Driving time:** 10min.

**Walk Description:** Starting from the Mt Zero/Flat Rock carpark, follow the sign-posted walking track to Mt Zero. Beware that soon after starting, the track crosses Mt Zero Road – watch out for traffic.

A wide, sandy track leads up a series of steps. The wildflowers are usually prolific along here in spring, including various orchids. Some small rocky outcrops provide great views southwards of nearby Mt Stapylton and Flat Rock. The track winds up through a short rocky section and then flattens out again for a while.

The final section climbs a bit steeper to the summit. Take your time and you are soon rewarded with 360 degree views, taking in the Wimmera farming plains, various olive plantations, Mt Stapylton and other northern peaks, and even Mt Arapiles. Spend some time here and take in the views.

Return to the carpark by re-tracing the same route. However, this time on the way down, those who wish may take the short detour through 'The Gap' – a very narrow crevasse - approx. half way back along the track.

After a short break back at the carpark, proceed up the signposted track to Mt Stapylton. Painted arrows direct you up the broad rocky slope of Flat Rock. It is a steady climb, so take your time. Within 15 mins, you will reach the top of Flat Rock and be rewarded with great views of Mt Stapylton and its impressive Taipan Wall. Keep an eye out – you may even spot the Stapylton Traverse group!

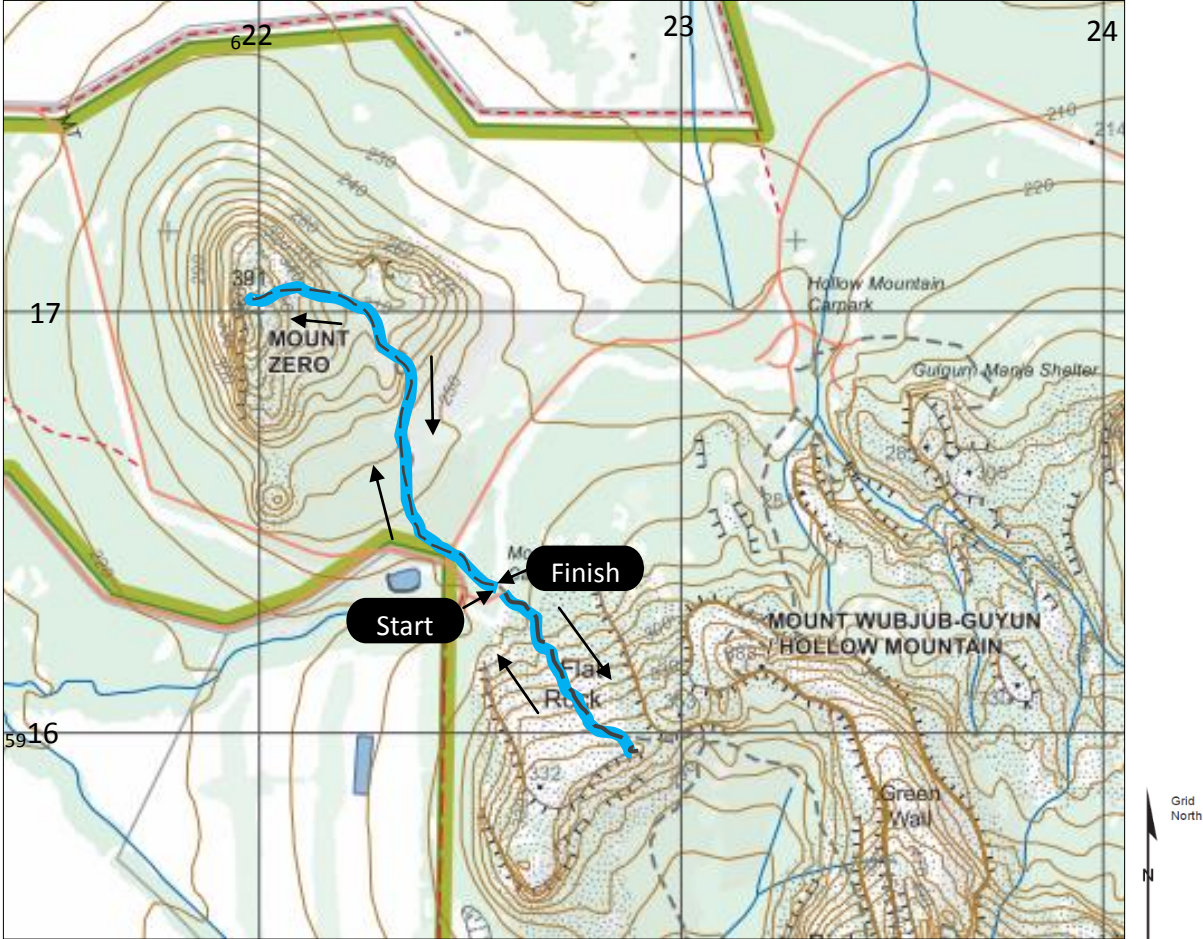
Retrace your steps back down to the carpark.

**Cautions:** Watch out for traffic crossing Mt Zero Road. As there are no longer any handrails on the Mt Zero summit, care should be taken near cliff edges.

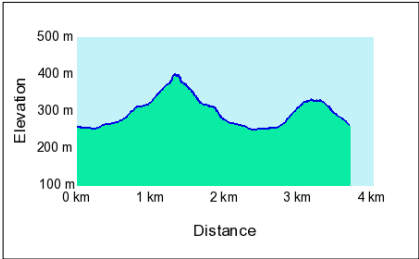
**Facilities:** Toilets are located at Mt Zero/Flat Rock carpark

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**Walk surfaces**

Road	
Vehicle Track	
Foot Track	
Off Track	
Walk Route	



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