



Walk 4: Pohner's Loop

Northern Grampians

Length: 8.5km **Style:** Circuit

Difficulty: Medium **Duration:** 4.5hr

Total uphill: 339m

Gradient: Moderate climbs along with some easier sections.

Path: Mostly formed footpad, some on rocks and a 1km section of reasonably open off-track.



Highlights: Spectacular views of Mt Difficult Range and Mt Stapylton. Rugged rocky landscapes. Wildflowers.

Start: Drive north on Northern Grampians Road for 3.8km. Turn right onto Pohner's Road. Continue for 6.7km and watch out for a foot track on your left (Grid Ref 242136) - about 450m past the turn off to Plantation Rd. **Distance to start:** 10.5km **Driving time:** 12min.

Walk Description: The track begins on a nice foot pad and a moderate climb soon brings you to the top of the ridge line. The going is now much flatter for a while. A rocky outcrop provides a great viewpoint for morning tea.

After a further 500m of mostly flat walking, we branch off the trail and begin to follow what will be a new section of the Grampians Peak Trail (GPT). This 1km off-track section wanders through lightly regenerating burnt scrub and up and over some rocky sections, but nothing too hard! There is even a short rocky tunnel to wander through. On the other side you are rewarded with a unique view of the Mt Stapylton summit and Mt Zero beyond – a view never had before the GPT! Lunch may be had here or further down the track depending on the time.

Close to here, we re-join the main Stapylton walking track. From here it is a steep descent down past the impressive Taipan Wall (keep an eye out for climbers) and Bird Rock. Once down into the Amphitheatre, we take a track back towards the south, which skirts around the base of the range. The going is easy along here, with view of the range all the way back, including the towering Mt of Olives. Before long we arrive back at the vehicles.

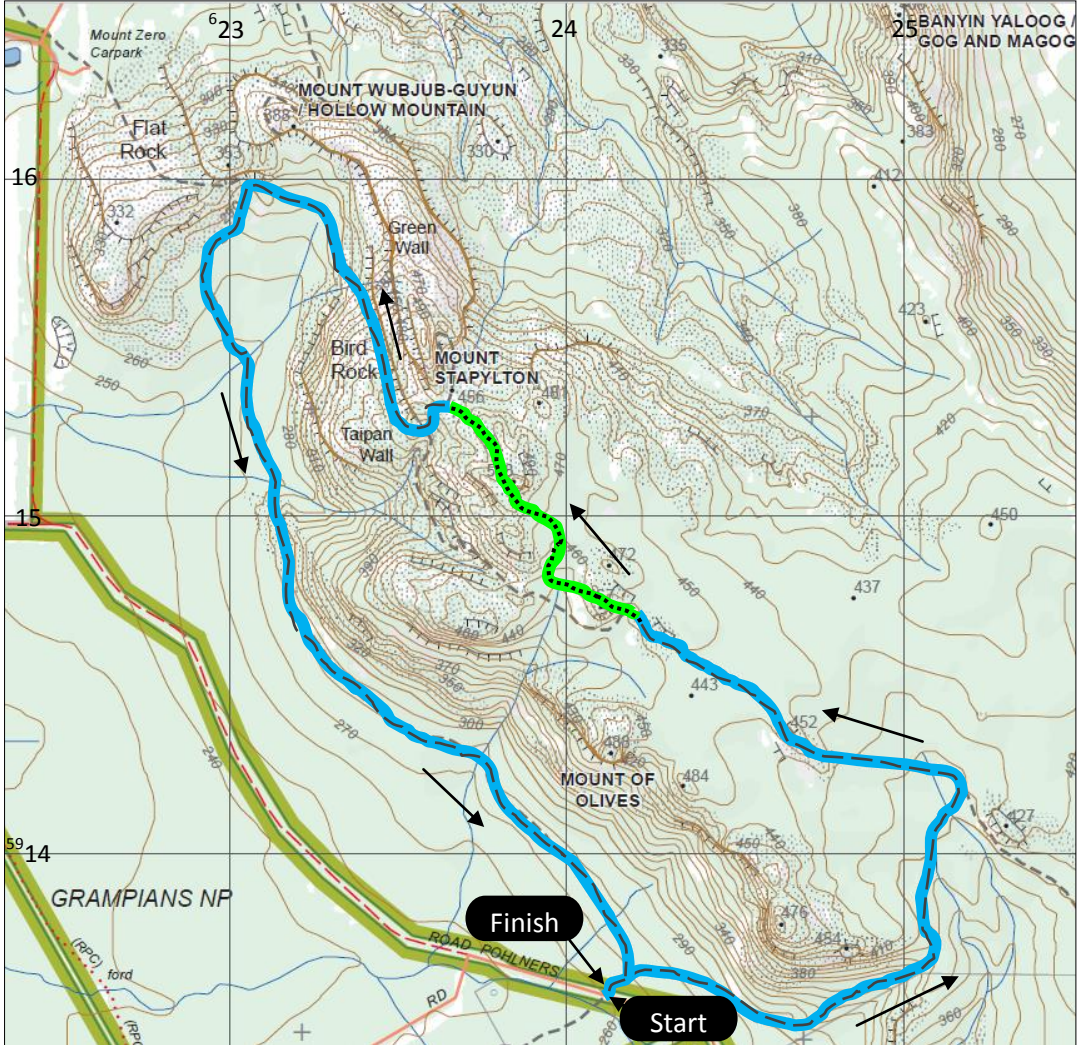
Cautions: Some parts of the foot pad may be a little rocky or uneven – watch your feet! Care should also be taken during the 1km off-track section – watching for sticks and loose rocks.

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

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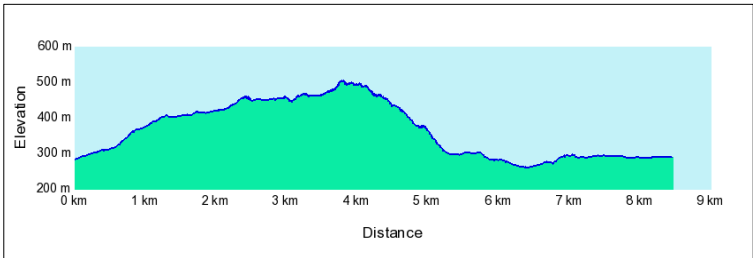
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| Road | |
| Vehicle Track | |
| Foot Track | |
| Off Track | |
| Walk Route | |
| Gramp Peak Trail | |

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