

Walk 9: Mt Rosea

Serra Range

Length: 8.5km

Style: Circuit

Difficulty: Medium/Hard

Duration: 6 hrs

Total uphill: 500m

Gradient: Moderate climb and a steep descent.

Path: Mostly well formed foot track, some rocky track and some rough steep foot track on the descent.



Highlights: Stunning views of the Serra Range, Mt William Range and Victoria Valley.

Start: From Laharum, drive south on the Northern Grampians Rd up and over the range until you reach the turn-off to Sundial Turntable (36.5km). Follow this road for 3km to the Mt Rosea carpark (Grid Ref 314834). **Distance to start:** 40km. **Driving Time:** 45 mins.

Walk Description: Commence by following the sign-posted Mt Rosea trail near the carpark. A well formed wide track meanders through tall forest, gradually climbing. When it switches back and climbs a rocky slope, beautiful views are had towards the Bundaleers, Tower Hill and Victoria Valley.

The track continues eastward, onwards and up until you eventually gain the ridge top. It now winds its way in and around interestingly shaped rocky outcrops...almost like a maze in sections!

At one point, you come to a steel bridge across the gaping chasm 'Gate of the East Wind'. The track is more on rock for the final section until the summit is finally reached. The summit safety barrier and direction plaque have been nicely refurbished recently. If it's not too cold and windy, it is a great place to have lunch and enjoy the views looking over the Halls Gap Valley, Lake Bellfield and Mt William in the distance.

Re-trace your path back about 1.5km. Rock cairns mark the turn off to the little used 'Grand Stairway'. The first section of this track is quite rough as it descends steeply down the cliff face – but only for approx. 300m. The track then levels out and traverses gently back down through the tall forest, switching back a couple of times. It also crosses one of the huge landslips that occurred in the 2011 storms, before finally re-joining the main track. Another 600m sees you back at the carpark.

Cautions: Some sections of the track are a little rocky – watch your step. Up on the ridge and summit, the weather can be very cold and windy. Bring appropriate warm clothing. The Grand Stairway section is a steep descent down a rough uneven path and advice is to take it slowly - it is not a long section.

Facilities: There are no toilets at this location.

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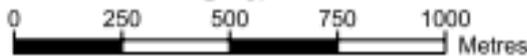
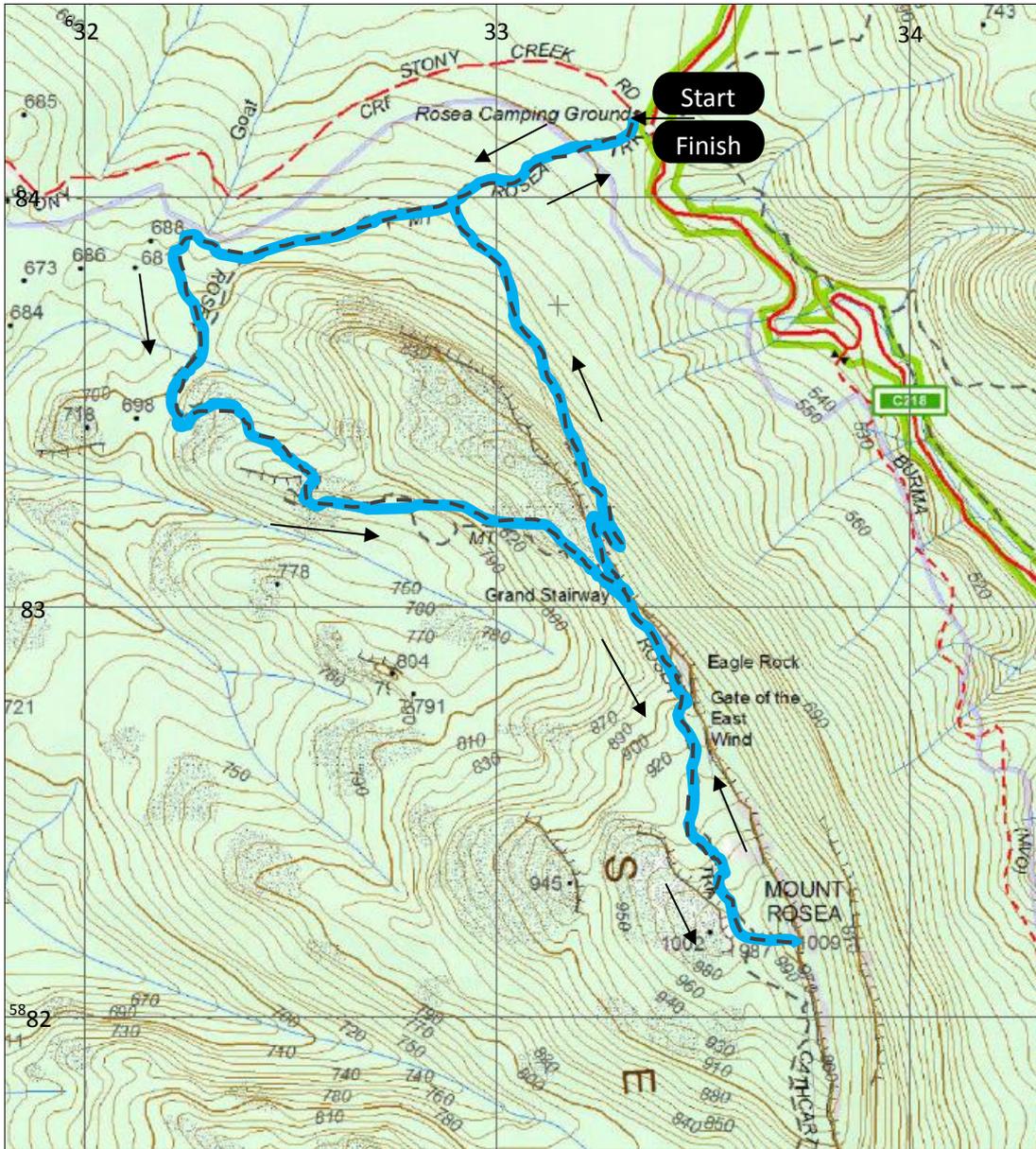
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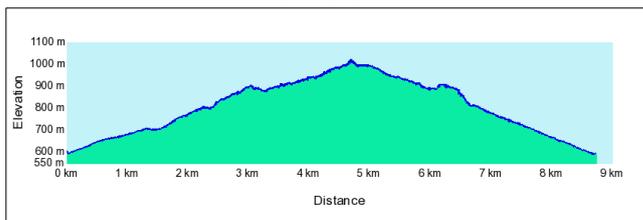
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