

11 Big Pats Creek to Ezards Mill

A walk through beautiful eucalypt forest with luxuriant growth in ferny gullies. The foot track along the Big Pats Creek valley in the initial and final stages of the walk is very pleasant walking. There are toilets near the start. The track may be slippery and is steep in places.

- Distance** 12.5km
- Type** Circuit
- Duration** 5 hours, including breaks
- Grading** Medium. Moderate climb before lunch and a steep descent after lunch along a disused 4WD track
- Total Ascent** 420 metres
- Path** 90% foot track, 10% disused 4WD track, 10% unsealed road.



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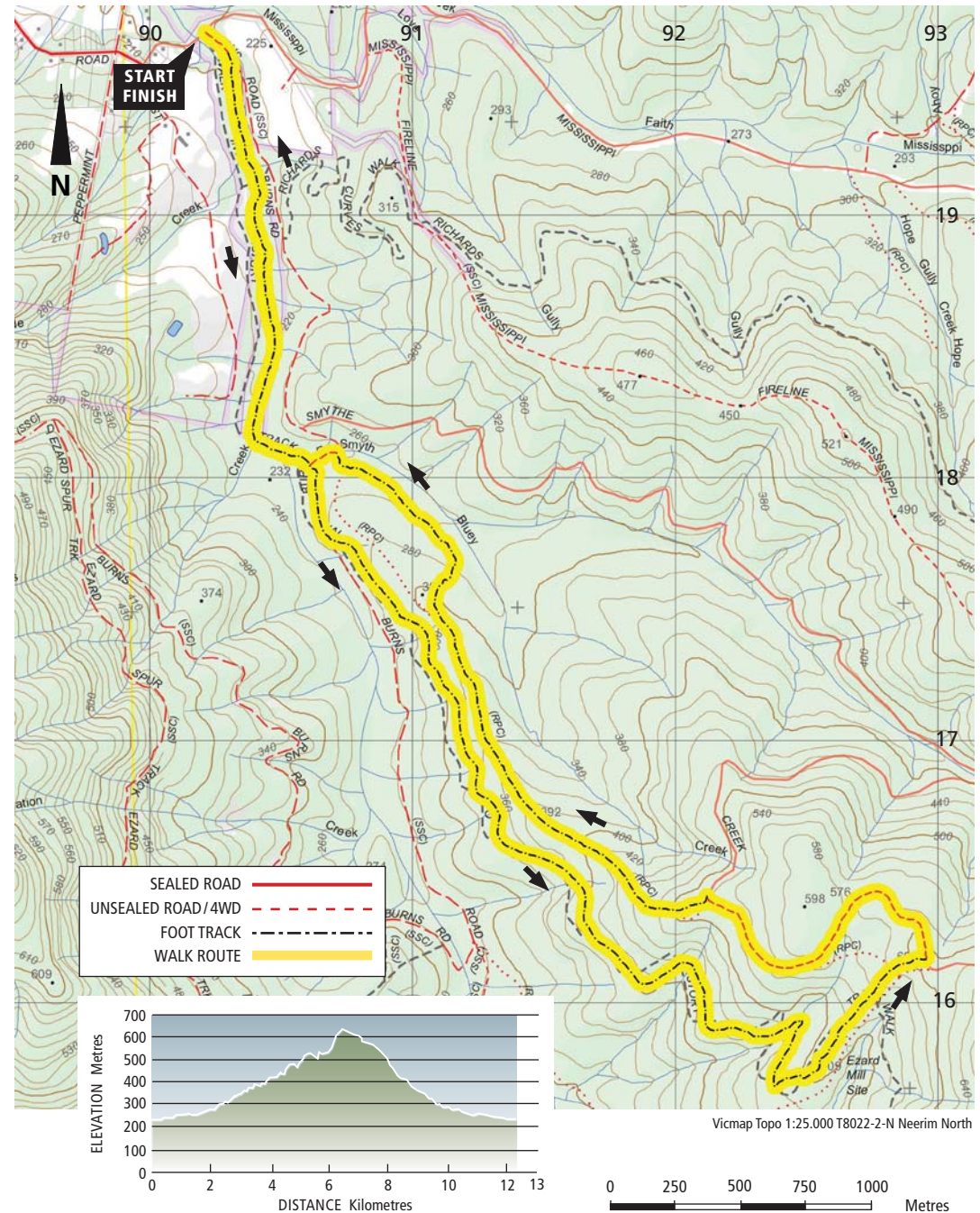
GETTING TO THE START

From the Warburton Visitor Centre, follow the Warburton Highway (B380) and Woods Point Road (C511) for 4.5km, turn right onto Riverside Drive, then left after 0.6km onto Big Pats Creek Road. The walk starts approx. 2.5km along Big Pats Creek Road at a bridge.

WALK DESCRIPTION

Starting from the bridge over Big Pats Creek, head south along Smyths Creek Road for 60m, then follow Upper Yarra Walking Track (aka 'Walk into History' Track). After crossing Burns Road the track ascends at a moderate rate for approx. 4km until a junction is reached. Here the route turns to the left, leaving the Upper Yarra Walking Track. After several minutes a relatively flat area is reached, making a good lunch stop. The site of Ezards Mill is near here but is difficult to accurately locate. Continue along the track for approx. 1.5km and after a short climb, Smyths Creek Road is reached. This is the highest point reached on the walk.

Turn left and walk for just over 1km until Bluey Creek Track is reached. This is an unmarked and disused 4WD track. Follow this track downhill approx. 1.5 km to the valley floor. Turn left briefly onto Burns Road, then right onto Upper Yarra Walking Track. Follow this path for about 5.5km back to the cars at Big Pats Creek Bridge.



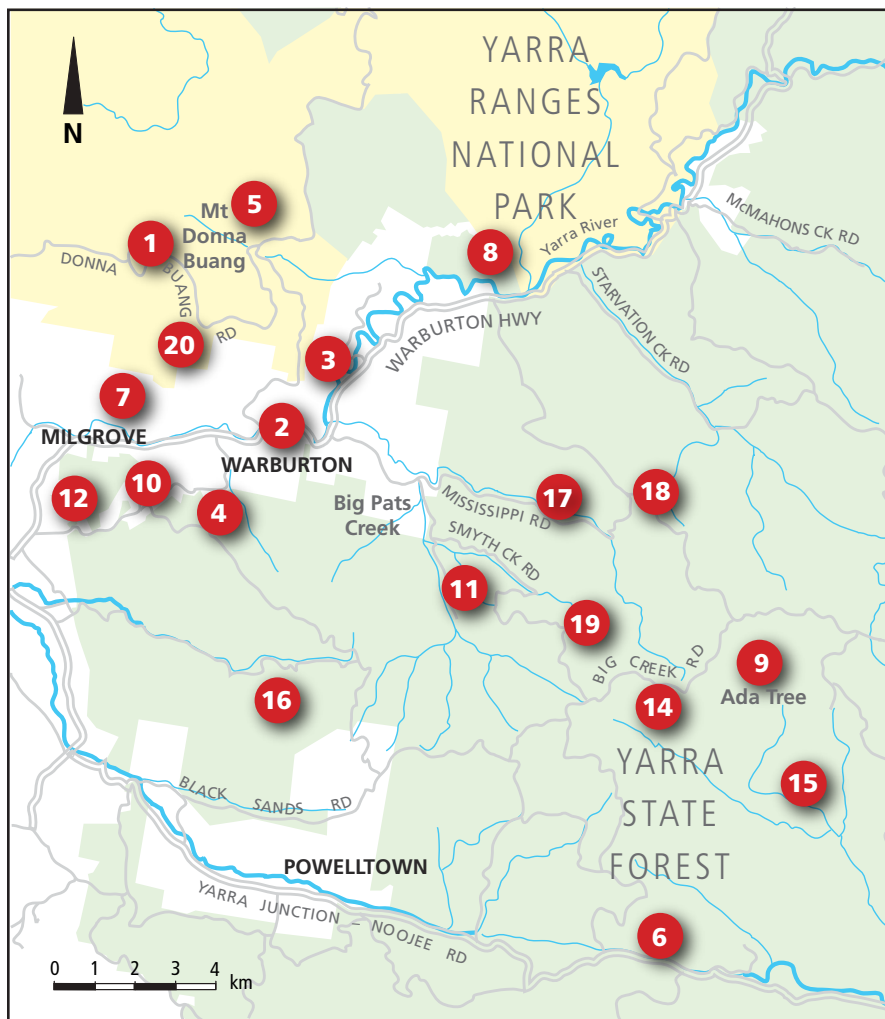
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