

# 12 Mt Little Joe Summit and River Trails

This walk offers a variety of scenery and terrains as well as a work out. It starts by ambling along the Yarra River and the Warburton Rail Trail. There is a steep ascent and descent of Mt Little Joe which may be muddy and slippery in places if wet. Walking poles are recommended. There are toilets along parts of the route.

- Distance** 13 km
- Type** Circuit
- Duration** 5 hours including breaks
- Grading** Medium. Flat except for steep ascent/descent of Mt Little Joe
- Total Ascent** 470 metres
- Path** 95% foot and bike tracks, 5% unsealed, wide fire trail.

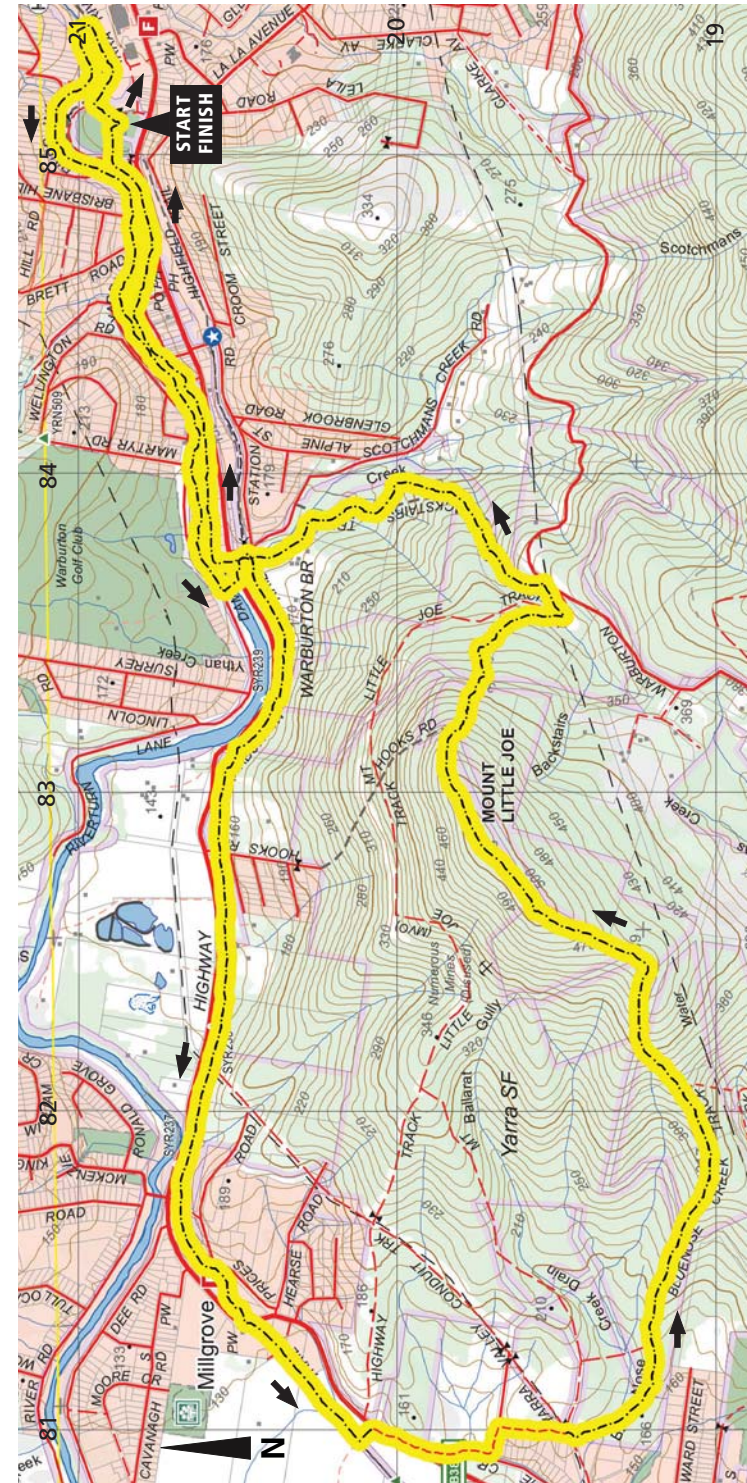


## GETTING TO THE START

From the Warburton Visitor Centre drive 700m east along the Warburton Highway (B380). The walk commences at the sports oval (Melway 290 C4). There is ample parking on the left.

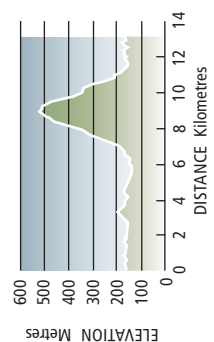
## WALK DESCRIPTION

From the sports complex, follow the riverside path upstream for approx. 300m to Redwood Footbridge. Cross the Yarra and follow the path downstream for approx. 2.5km to Mayer Bridge. Cross the river again, then cross the Warburton Highway and take Scotchmans Creek Road. Just past the footbridge, ascend onto the Rail Trail. Follow this for 2km to Millgrove. Continue along the Rail Trail a further 0.5km to a private access track (look for a green mailbox, No 2975). Follow this through to Warburton Highway and head right for 200m. Take The Crescent for 200m, then follow Banksia Circuit, taking the branch to the south for 200m (look for a gate and the Yarra State Forest sign). Take the track to the right which soon swings generally eastward and upward to the summit of Mt Little Joe. About 2km after entering the forest, a fork in the track is reached (GR823190). Take the fork to the right. After another 500m look for two marker poles on the left side of the track. This is as close to the summit as the track gets. There is no view. Continue northeast a further 300m to another track intersection (GR827196), taking the right, predominant branch, which makes a very steep descent to a T junction. Turn right. Just before reaching Old Warburton Road, go down the steps onto Backstairs Track. Follow this until reaching Dolly Grey Picnic Area. Continue down the track to the Warburton Highway. Cross towards the toilet block, picking up the path along the southern side of the river, following it for 1.5km back to the cars.



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- - - FOOT TRACK  
— WALK ROUTE



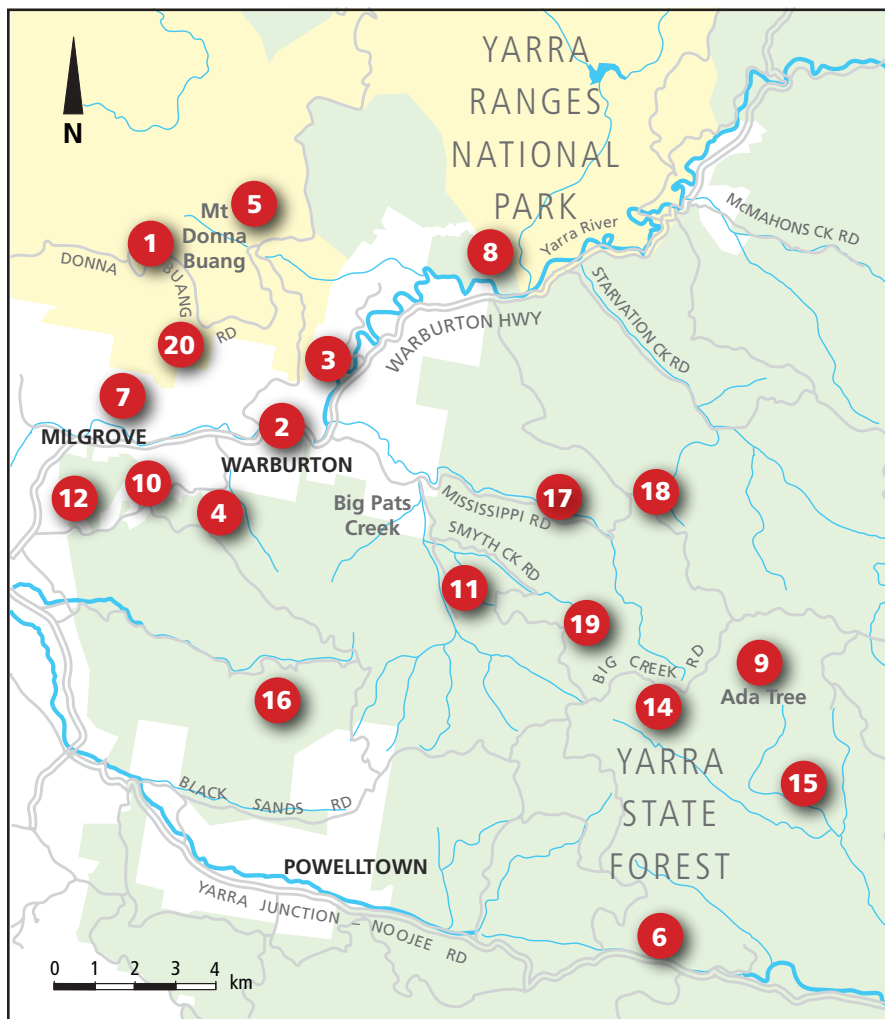
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