

17 Richards Tramline Shorter Loop

A gradual climb in mountain ash forest along an old logging tramline with numerous tree fern gullies and ever present lyrebird calls. Some scrambling over fallen trees and one steep 150m climb.

Distance	19km
Type	Circuit
Duration	5 hours including breaks
Grading	Medium / Hard
Total Ascent	580 metres
Path	85% on single file walking track, 15% 2WD unsealed road.



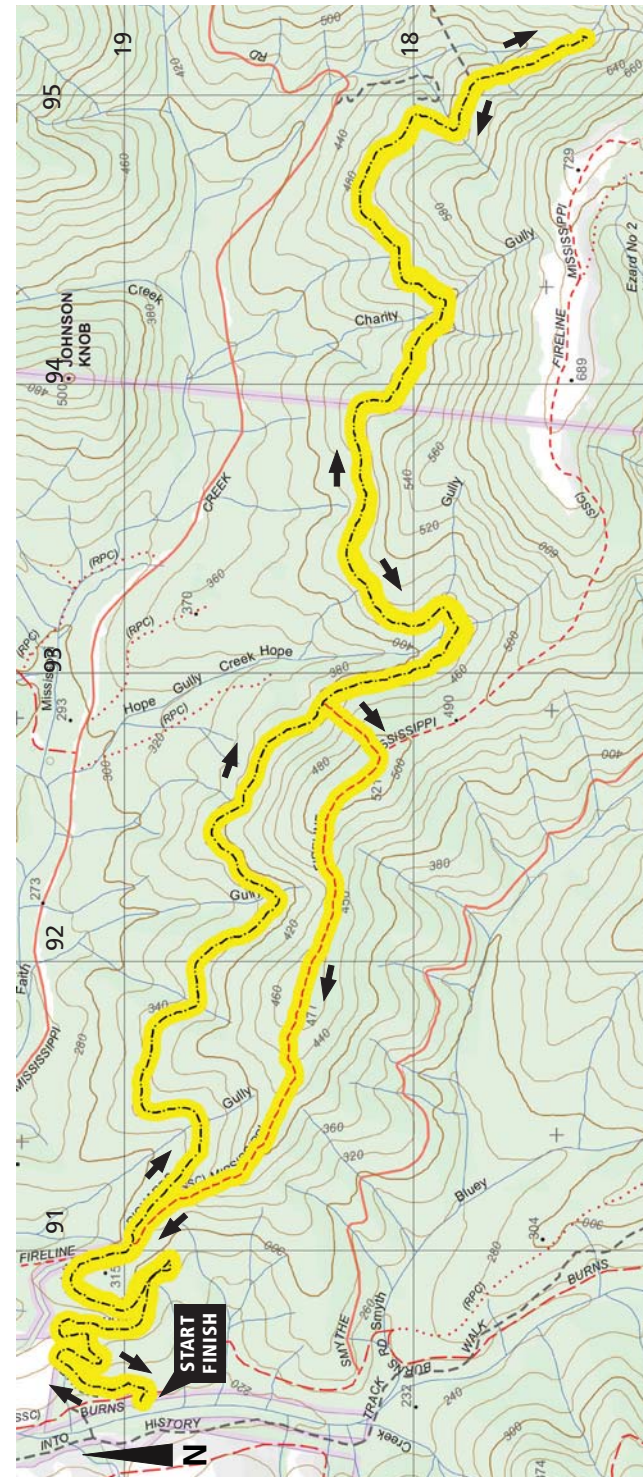
GETTING TO THE START

From the Warburton Visitor Centre, head east and take the Woods Point Road (C511) towards East Warburton. Turn right into Riverside Drive immediately after the second crossing of the Yarra River after leaving Warburton. After 600m turn left into Big Pats Creek Road. After approx. 2.5km take a sharp left just after which the bitumen ends. In approx. 30m cross Big Pats Creek. Immediately turn right and drive for 800m to the Richard Curves Car park with parking for 5 cars at the car park with 5 – 8 more on the road above.

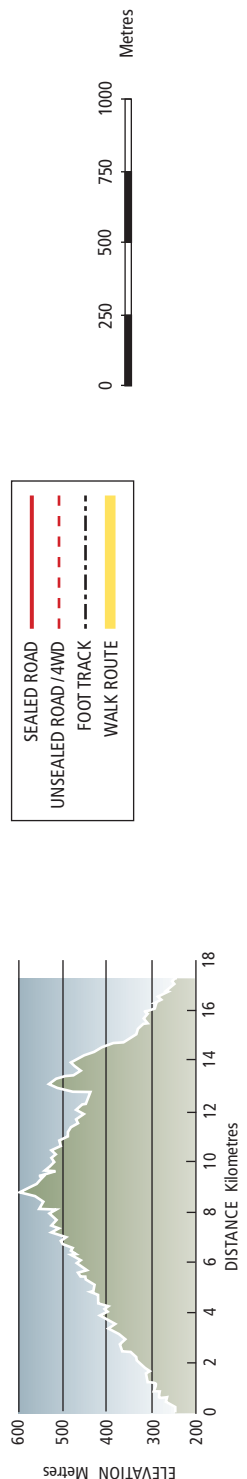
WALK DESCRIPTION

From the car park, GR903187 head east to immediately cross the road and then ascend the clearly defined Richard's Tramway walking track that follows the original tramway and its set gradient. After less than one hour, cross Mississippi Road at GR909186 and continue on a slight upwards gradient to the east, contouring around the slope through numerous fern tree gullies. Avoid any turns that descend, as you will cross one major (steep) fire trail, and a broad turn down slope, before reaching a day shelter at GR937180. Pass the track down at GR947178, that is sign-posted 'to Mississippi Road', as the tramway continues on level contour to the creek. This area is heavily inhabited by lyrebirds, often heard, but harder to spot.

Return along the same track until the steep fire trail, turn uphill, and ascend steeply 150m, if wet, this section will be very slippery and challenging. At the crest, turn right along the 2WD Mississippi Road, which undulates, and then descends steeply to GR909186, where you crossed the road in the morning. Retrace the tramline down hill to the car park.



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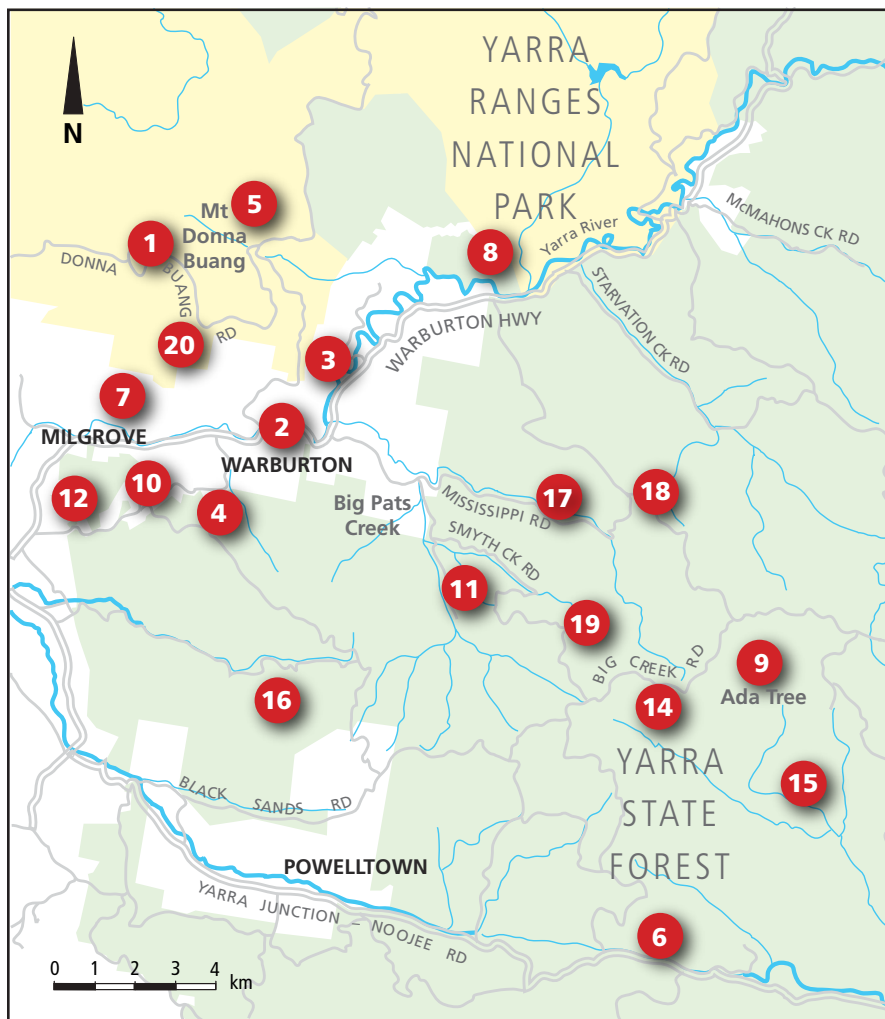
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