

1 Mt Donna Buang Ramble and Rainforest Gallery

Even though it is the shortest walk on the program it manages to pack in a diverse mix of captivating walking conditions and scenery as it traverses tall forests and shady fern glades. There are some steady uphill climbs to get to the top but it is worth the effort for the stunning views from the observation tower on Mt Donna Buang. A walking pole will be handy.

- Distance** 8 km (excluding Rainforest Gallery)
- Type** Circuit
- Duration** 4 hours including breaks, plus 30 minutes for Rainforest Gallery.
- Grading** Easy
- Total Ascent** 390 metres. Steep in places (average 14% over extended climbs)
- Path** 60% foot track; 25% closed vehicle track; 15% sealed vehicle road.



GETTING TO THE START

From the Warburton Visitor Centre, follow the Warburton Highway (B380) east for 1.2km and turn left onto Donna Buang Road (C507). Continue for about 7km to Cement Creek parking area. Turn left onto Donna Buang Summit Road (C505) and continue a further 6km to the Ten Mile Picnic Area.

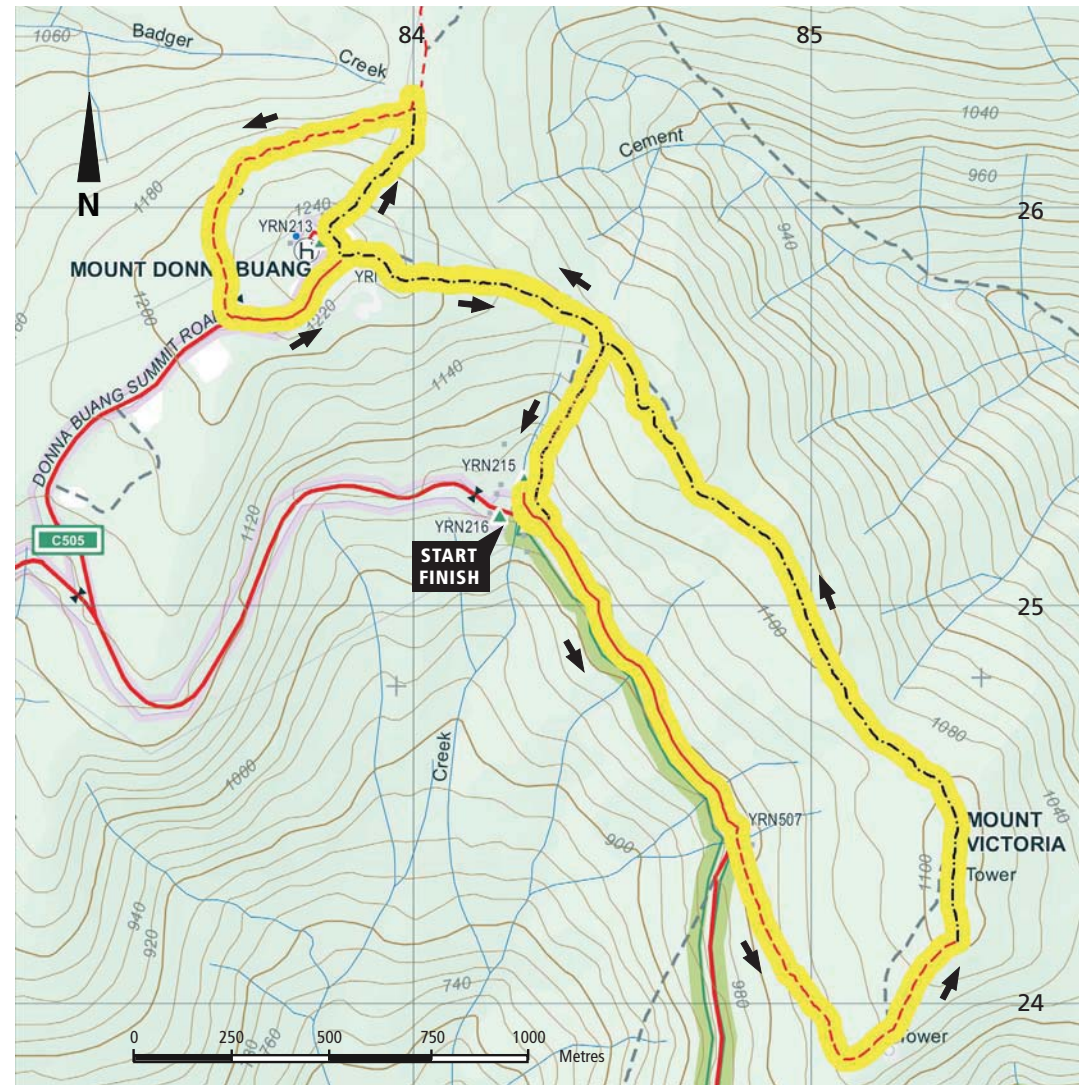
WALK DESCRIPTION

From the Ten Mile Picnic Area walk back down Donna Buang Road for 1km to the access road to Mt Victoria on the left. Follow this gated track for about 1km to a pair of communication towers. Beyond the towers, a marked walking track heads off to the north towards Mt Donna Buang. Follow this track for 2.6km over Mount Victoria to the summit of Mt Donna Buang, ignoring the track branching off to the left, which leads back to Ten Mile Picnic Area (this will be used later).

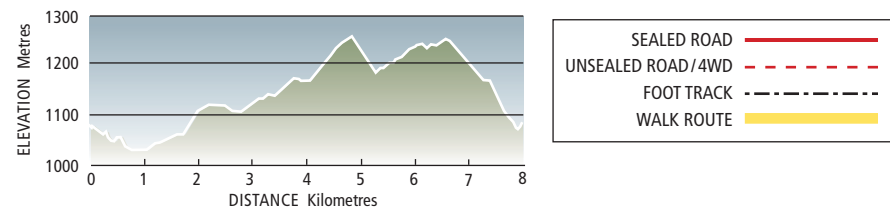
There is a tall observation tower on the summit with extensive views over the surrounding forest and a picnic area that could be a good spot for lunch.

At the end of the car park to the east of the observation tower take a marked track heading northeast to Dom Dom Saddle. Descend sharply along this track until it meets an unsealed management road after about 400m. Turn sharply left and follow the road to a gated junction with Mt Donna Buang Summit Road. Turn left and return to the summit area along the sealed road. From the summit take the same route back towards Mt Victoria. At the junction, take the track to the right back to the Ten Mile Picnic Area.

A short car trip back towards Warburton leads to the Cement Creek car park and the Rainforest Gallery walk. This delightful short platform walk captures some of the best old-growth rainforest scenery along Cement Creek.



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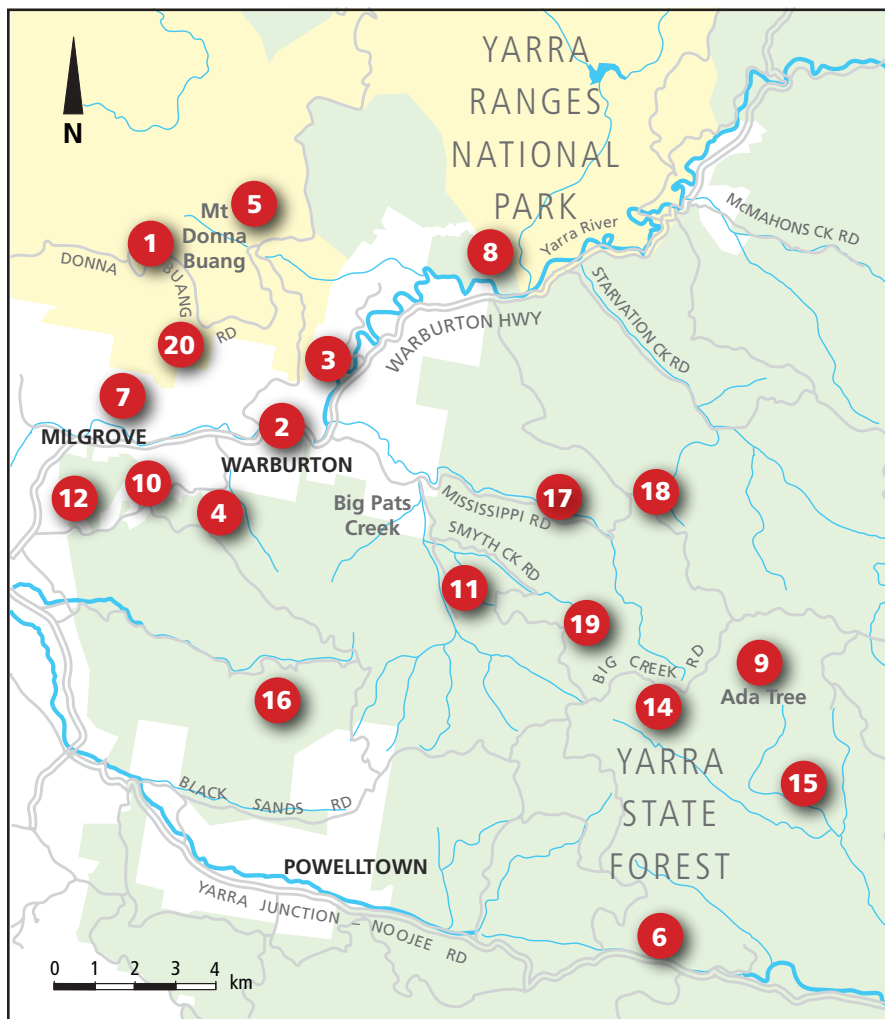
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