

HOBBIT LAND

WALK 15

Distance 13 km

Duration 6 hours

Grading Medium



Walk Description

This walk is called Hobbit Land as this was the name given to this small and unique parcel of land on the Baw Baw Plateau that escaped the bush fires of 1939 that burnt most of the vegetation on the plateau at that time. This is a walk into an area whose existence is known to only a few and requires some off track hiking.

From the Mt Erica car park travel north on the Australian Alps Walking Track stopping briefly at Mushroom Rocks. Then continue along through some forests of Beech before they give way to Snow Gums. Travel over Mt Erica and down to the Talbot Hut site. After a short stop continue along the Australian Alps Walking Track. Passing over Talbot Peak and down through a saddle, at this stage we leave the Australian Alps Walking Track and travel off track up a spur for 300 meters until we descend into a gully and reach Hobbit Land. At this stage we can have lunch and enjoy the wonderful surrounds of this untouched wilderness. Then retrace our steps back to the Mt Erica car park. This walk is in Alpine country where the weather can change suddenly. Walkers should carry equipment for all types of weather conditions as well as water.

Getting to the Start

Leave Rawson and travel by car along the Thomson Valley Road to the Mt Erica turn off. Follow this to its end at the Mt Erica/Mushroom Rocks car park. The walk starts from here.



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