



Walk 6: Pyke's Cave

Northern Grampians

Length: 6.6 km **Style:** Return

Difficulty: Easy **Duration:** 3.5hr

Total uphill: 93m **Gradient:** Gradual

Path: Some off-track through open, recently burnt scrub and some formed sandy foot track.

Highlights: A magnificent sandstone cave. Wildflowers.



Start: Drive south on Northern Grampians Road for 4.9km and turn left on Smith's Road. Proceed for 2.9km on this limestone road and turn left onto Winfield's Road. After 450m stop near a gate on your left (Grid Ref 209069). The walk starts on the opposite (eastern) side of the road. **Distance to start:** 8.25km **Driving time:** 8min.

Walk Description: Will and Prue Pyke have graciously granted permission to conduct this walk to the beautiful cave located on their property – which borders the National Park. **This walk is not to be undertaken by anyone without prior permission from the landowners.**

After crossing the fence on Winfield's Road, the walk takes you through open bushland, bordering some farm land on your right. After some distance, we join on to a sandy trail which continues up towards the cave, which lies at the base of a majestic rocky escarpment.

A short steep scramble brings you up to the cave itself – a huge wind and water carved hollow. Lunch can be had here while you admire the amazing colours and patterns of the cave. Expansive views are also had to the west.

Re-trace the same path back to the cars, keeping a lookout for wildflowers along the way.

Cautions: Be careful on the rocks in and around the cave. There is some Phytophthora disease in the area, so it is important to stick to the track, so as not to spread it.

Facilities: There are no toilet facilities in this location. The nearest are back at the registration venue.

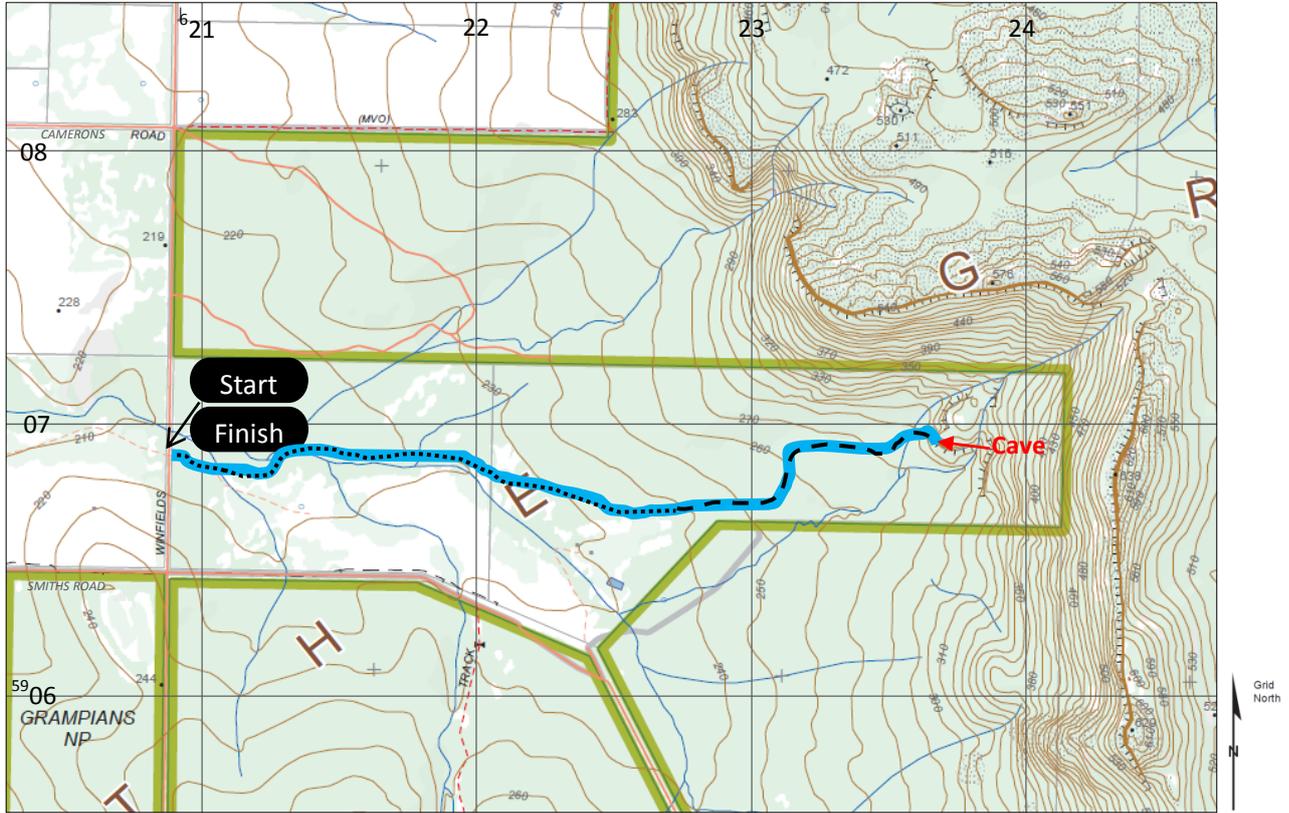
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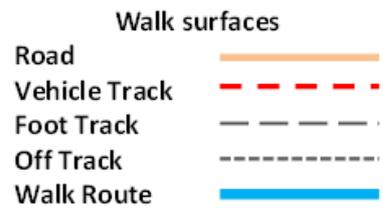
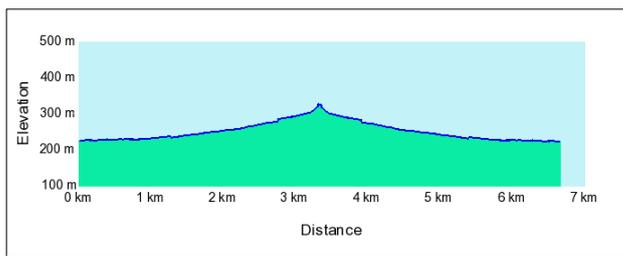
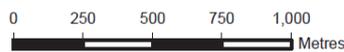
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