

KNOTT'S SIDING, HORSESHOE BEND TUNNEL, THOMSON STATION

WALK 16

Distance	10 km
Duration	3 hours
Grading	Easy



Walk description

The walk mainly follows the old Moe-Walhalla rail line and includes a side walk to Horseshoe Bend tunnel. It passes through heavily forested terrain and is rich in wildflowers over spring. The area was largely denuded for timber for gold mining at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Gippsland Water Dragons can occasionally be seen basking on rocks in the river bed. The tunnel exit is quite spectacular as the full force of the Thomson River comes rushing out of the sheer mountain side. The tunnel inlet may also be visited. Horseshoe Bend tunnel was constructed in 1911 to divert water to enable gold mining from the dry river bed.

Getting to the start

From Rawson, follow the Tyers-Walhalla Road for approximately 2 km to Knott's Siding where the turnoff to Walhalla intersects.

This is a one-way walk, so a short car shuffle is required to the conclusion of the walk at Thomson Station.



Horseshoe Bend Tunnel - Outlet