

<b>WALK TITLE:</b>	<b>NEILSON CRAG</b>
<b>WALK NO.</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>DISTANCE/TYPE:</b>	15 kms / return walk
<b>DURATION:</b>	6 hours
<b>GRADING:</b>	Medium
<b>ASCENT/DESCENT:</b>	410 / 410 metres
<b>PATH:</b>	4WD track, off track with regrowth, logs and rough underfoot.



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*A feature of this walk are the beautiful trees that reach for the sky along the four-wheel drive track, the magnificent escarpment views of the rocky outcrops including The Watch Tower and Neilson Crag. The views down the valleys and across the mountains are breath taking. This walk enters the Mount Darling - Snowy Bluff Wilderness Zone*

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**WALK DESCRIPTION:** At the junction with the Moroka River Track, start walking north on Doolans Plains Road. Follow the meandering old four-wheel drive track through magnificent Mountain Ash trees. After almost 6 kms along this track, we commence a 3 km off track loop to Neilson Crag through bush following marker tapes. In March 2019, fires burnt through this area clearing much of the undergrowth which is starting to regrow. Care must be taken with rocks and logs under foot and overhanging branches.

We make our way north along the spur at the end of Doolan Plains, at times on the edge of the escarpment and other times in the bush back from the escarpment. From the edge of the escarpment, we get outstanding views overlooking Surveyor Creek and Carey Creek with the road to Howitt Plains to the west and Wonnangatta Valley to the north.

Towards the end of the spur we discover a fantastic spot on top of a knob for lunch. There are commanding views to the east of the mountains that go on forever. Immediately in front of us is the Moroka River and Snowy Bluff. Here we will sit, rest, and enjoy our lunch and take in the grandeur of our surroundings. After lunch we return through the bush to the four-wheel drive track and on to the parked cars. Sturdy footwear, gaiters and poles are recommended.



**GETTING TO THE START:** From Licola Wilderness Village we head north along Tamboritha Road turning right at Arbuckle Junction into Moroka Road then turning left onto the Doolans Plains Road for 1.5km. This is a 52 km drive on an unsealed road, four-wheel drive advisable. There is ample parking at the start of this walk.

