

WALK TITLE: MCMILLAN #2
WALK NO: 19
DISTANCE/TYPE: 13 km / one way
DURATION: 7 hours
GRADING: Hard
ASCENT/DESCENT: 390/1350 metres
PATH: Foot pad



If you enjoy high country meadows in full bloom, sweeping vistas of ethereal mountain ranges, the challenge of finding a route, sometimes indistinct and the scrambling descent of steep spurs into a pristine river system, this is the walk for you. The walk follows McMillans Walking Track from Mount Tamboritha to Breakfast Creek. There are prominent views of The Crinoline and Ben Cruachan is seen on the horizon.

WALK DESCRIPTION: A short way (600metres) along Dingo Hill Track from the saddle, turn left onto a 4WD track that climbs steeply onto the ridge between Mount Tamboritha and Little Tamboritha. Once on the ridge, turn right and follow a foot pad north for 1km to the cairn at the summit of Mount Tamboritha (1509m). Do a U-turn and follow McMillans Walking Track southwest along the crest of a broad ridge, well defined with many markers. Little Tamboritha is the next stop. Continue west, descending the broad ridge giving excellent views to the south, pass a dam and enter woodland. The track becomes less well defined. Clearings on the left-hand side of the ridge just below a large knoll afford a good lunch spot with great views.

Climb across the sloping clearing and turn left onto a spur coming down from the knoll and descend south then south west. The track becomes better defined and easier to follow but some of the lower sections are steep and covered with loose gravel and we will move carefully. Walking poles are recommended. At the end of the spur there are excellent views over Red Box Camp beside the Wellington River. The track then veers right and heads steeply west descending into Breakfast Creek.

GETTING TO THE START: From the Licola Wilderness Village, head back towards Heyfield, crossing the Macalister River and immediately turn left. Follow Tamboritha Road to Breakfast Creek. We will leave our cars at Breakfast Creek and get a ride with others to Tamboritha Saddle. Distance from the Licola Wilderness Village to Breakfast Creek is 19km and to the start of the walk is 37 km.

