

**WALK TITLE:** TALI KARNG OVERNIGHT

**WALK NO:** 21

**DISTANCE/TYPE:** 19 km / Overnight Hike

**DURATION:** **Day 1.** 8 – 9 hours

**Day 2.** 3 – 4hrs

**GRADING:** Hard

**ASCENT/DESCENT:** 830 / 930 metres

**PATH:** This walk follows a well-worn foot pad and 4WD tracks. It has a very steep descent to and ascent from Lake Tali Karng.



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*The area was severely impacted in the 2019 bushfires and evidence of the event can still be seen along sections of the track. Views of Mt Wellington and Spion Kopje dominate the Wellington Plains scenery on the way to Nyimba camp. Descending down to the Lake involves a circuit walk by going down Riggalls Spur and returning via the steeper Gillios Spur. Lake Tali Karng may be considered the highlight of this walk as the lake is not only serene but scenic as well. Time permitting, a visit to Snowden Falls is worth the effort. Our overnight stay is at the historic Millers Hut with dinner and breakfast provided by the Macalister 4WD Club.*

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#### **WALK DESCRIPTION:**

Although an overnight hike, this walk will be supported by a 4WD team who will transport our gear to Millers Hut. Only day packs are required.

Commencing from McFarlane Saddle, this walk passes through snow gum woodland before reaching the open grasslands of the Wellington Plain. The track passes the ruins of Dunsmuir Hut and continues towards the headwaters of the Moroka River at Moroka Gap. Views of Mt Wellington and Spion Kopje are highlights. After 9km we arrive at Nyimba campsite and turn west past the old Riggalls Hut site and down Riggalls Spur Track to Echo Point located above Lake Tali Karng. Departing Riggalls Spur we descend to the lake and lunch.

There will be the opportunity to explore the lake and its surrounds including Snowden Falls on Nigothoruk Creek. We will need to depart the lake by 3:00pm, negotiating a very steep 700 metre ascent of Gillios Track along a well-defined footpad. At the junction of Gillios and Riggalls Spur track, we head east passing Nyimba campsite and crossing Nigothoruk Creek, shortly thereafter arriving at Millers Hut, meeting up with our gear and the 4WD team from Macalister 4WD Club. There are no toilets at Millers Hut but there are ample camping sites and water is available nearby.

“Add-ons” the next day could include a 4km walk (or drive) to the Sentinel and/or Gable End from which spectacular views of the Avon Wilderness and Lake Tali Karng are available.

We will decide on our level of enthusiasm over the campfire. Upon returning to Millers Hut, the 4WD team will then drive everyone back over Mt Wellington to McFarlane Saddle carpark.

**GETTING TO THE START:** From Licola, cross the Macalister River bridge and immediately turn left onto Tamboritha Road. Drive for 46km to arrive at Arbuckle Junction. Turn right at the junction and follow Moroka Road for approximately 14km to McFarlane Saddle carpark.

The distance from the Licola Wilderness Village to the start of the walk is 60km.

