

WALK TITLE: ARBUCKLE TO KELLYS HUT

WALK NO: 8

DISTANCE/TYPE: 8km / return walk

DURATION: 5 hours

GRADING: Easy/Medium

ASCENT/DESCENT: 390/390 metres

PATH: Unformed foot track. Occasional fallen trees, creek crossing. Steep initial climb.



Climbing initially through an Alpine Ash forest, the walk then crosses a snow plain where wildflowers are a feature. It then descends through Snow Gum and Candlebark forest to Holmes Plain and Kellys Hut, an old cattleman's hut built in 1934. The walk follows McMillans Walking Track.

WALK DESCRIPTION: Start walking west from Arbuckle Junction following the McMillans Walking Track red triangular markers and climbing approximately 200 metres in 30 minutes before reaching Arbuckle Plain. Carefully follow the markers and some signage south west for 500 metres before leaving the plain and heading north west gradually descending to Shaw Creek. Carefully cross the creek and head north west for 500 metres across Holmes Plain to Kellys Hut. The hut makes a good lunch site. Return along the same route to Arbuckle Junction.

GETTING TO THE START: From Licola Wilderness Village, head back towards Heyfield, cross the Macalister River and turn left. Follow Tamboritha Road for 46 km to Arbuckle Junction. The road is unsealed beyond Wellington River. There is ample car parking at the Junction.

