

WALK TITLE: MCMILLANS #1
WALK NO: 9
DISTANCE/TYPE: 11.5/ through walk
DURATION: 5 to 5½ hours
GRADING: Medium
ASCENT/DESCENT: 315/410 metres
PATH: Unformed foot track. Occasional fallen trees, creek crossing. Steep initial climb.



The entire walk is on the McMillan Walking Track. It demonstrates the diversity of the environment from climbing through Alpine Ash forest, crossing snow plains of button grass, a section of 4WD track before re-entering forest to follow old logging tracks to a second snow plain.

WALK DESCRIPTION: Start walking west from Arbuckle Junction following the McMillan Walking Track red triangular markers and climbing for approximately 200 metres before reaching Arbuckle Plain. Carefully follow the markers and some signage southwest for 600 metres before leaving the plain and heading northwest, gradually descending to Shaw Creek. Cross the creek and head north for 500 metres across Holmes Plain to Kellys Hut. This hut makes a good rest site.

Continue on the McMillan Walking Track in a southerly direction for 2.6km on a vehicle track (Kelly Lane), passing the turnoff to the recently restored McMichaels Hut, a diversion of 300m off track. This is a good site for lunch. Water is available from Shaw Creek. Resume following the red markers through the forest on the McMillan Walking Track south west for 4.8km to emerge on the Dingo Hill vehicle track. From this junction the walk follows the vehicle track for 0.9km to a clear campsite on Shaw Creek where the vehicles will be parked. Sturdy footwear, gaiters and poles are recommended.

GETTING TO THE START: From Licola Village, head back towards Heyfield, cross the Macalister River and turn left. Follow Tamboritha Road to Arbuckle Junction. The road is unsealed beyond Wellington River. There is ample car parking at the Junction. A car shuffle is involved, hence vehicles will be left at the

Shaw Creek campsite on the way to the starting point. Distance from the Licola Wilderness Village to the start of the walk is 46 km.

