

Walk 02 - A Trio of Walks

Saturday –AWTGS 2 &3 Various - total 7 km

These walks offer a variety of experiences on the Mt Buffalo plateau from open plain to ascending and descending rocky tracks plus a walk through a rock field. Various terrain, views and landscape of this unique mountain that will capture your heart.

Getting To The Start (-36.7634, 146.7858)

Take the Great Alpine Road (B500) from Wangaratta. At the big (and only) roundabout on the B500 at Porepunkah turn west onto the Mt Buffalo Road (C535). From here it is 34 km (45 minutes) to parking for the Dicksons Falls walk at the Cresta Valley parking area. In total, it is 106km, 1 hr 40 min from Wangaratta.

After the Dickson Falls walk, it is 1.5 km to the Cathedral and Hump Track, and a further 2.9km to the Old Galleries.

WALK DESCRIPTIONS

Overview

Dicksons track is open, flat undulating and well marked. Hump track is a 138m ascent/descent with steps in sections. The Galleries easy ascent along open track to rock formation, then threading one's way through the rock formation before descending on the open track. Ascent/Descent 38m.

Dicksons Falls Nature Walk (4km; AWTGS 2)

Follow the track beside the running creek through snowgrass plains and snowgums. Pass Backwall Track on the right. Continue to the falls which cascade over sloping granite slabs. Return the same way. A lookout at the end provides a view of the valley below and distant ranges.

The Cathedral – The Hump Track (2km; AWTGS 3)

From the start at the picnic area, the track winds continuously uphill to the Cathedral rising steeply and arriving at the saddle between the two peaks. Steps are along the way. Continue up the slope of The Hump (also steep). There is a bit of rock clambering to the very top. The views from the top of The Hump are spectacular. Return same way.

The Old Galleries (1km; AWTGS 3)

This is a short walk through mountain gums to the Old Rock Galleries which is a dramatic gap between two rocks that lead to a tumble of rocks. The track takes several turns as well climbing down a set of stairs. Keeping together is very important to ensure no one makes a wrong turn. Some uphill is involved. We will do the Old Galleries walk in reverse to that shown by the signage. Parking is limited at the Old Galleries. The maximum number of cars will be three. This will allow 10 walkers plus leaders.