

## **WALK 06. PLATEAU, PEAKS, PLUS -Mt Buffalo Revealed**

### **Saturday Return AWTGS: 3 10.5km total, 5hrs, 200m ascent**

Mount Buffalo is a moderately tall mountain plateau on the west side of the Victorian Alpine region. A full day exploring the many faces of the Mt Buffalo Plateau ranging from walking through snow gums, open grassy plains and large granite boulders, to visiting thundering waterfalls and enjoying many magnificent views.

**Notes:** Some steeper sections, particularly the switchback climb to Og Gog & Magog turnoff. Steel ladders to climb to Eagle Point. Normal care should be taken at the Gorge Lookouts and the rocks at Ladies Bath Falls.

### **Getting To The Start**

Distance: Approx 105kms from Wangaratta to Reservoir Car Park

Time: Approx 1.5 hours

Caution: Cyclists use the sealed Mt Buffalo road regularly.

Driving the Great Alpine Road, take the Mt Buffalo turn at Porepunkah roundabout, climb toward the summit and once reaching the Buffalo plateau, keep to the right at the turn to the Chalet and 1km beyond turn right into Reservoir Road - a good gravel road that follows Crystal Brook for approx 3.5kms to a limited car park. Suitable for 2WD vehicles.

## **WALK DESCRIPTION**

### **Og, Gog and Magog and Eagle Point:**

The day's activities comprise three distinct sections. The first and major component is a loop that starts and ends at the reservoir carpark and involves a varied 8.5km walk. Retracing 200 metres of the road, turn left toward Mt McLeod then a further left toward Og, Gog & Magog (a collection of huge granite tors) to scramble through the boulders for morning tea enjoying glorious views over the Buffalo plateau. Back to re-join the main track and continue toward a right hand turn to Eagle Point for approx 1.5kms, then a further 750m left to climb for magnificent views over the Warby Ranges and Winton Wetlands. Back to the T intersection, then walking through snowgums to Rocky Creek Track. This 4WD road takes us back to the carpark.

### **Mt Buffalo Gorge Day Visitor Area, (500m)**

The second highlight involves a drive of approx 5kms back to the Mt Buffalo Gorge carpark where views are enjoyed from a number of lookouts, and the site of the famous Mt Buffalo Chalet. Toilets and picnic area available here.

### **Lady Bath Falls (2kms)**

Driving back down the mountain, we will stop at Ladies Bath Falls, a 2km return walk: the track ascends gently to the small Ladies Bath Falls but continues more steeply alongside the Eurobin Creek to reach the viewpoint overlooking the larger Eurobin Falls.