

Walk 17 WAHGUNYAH RIVER TRAIL / LAKE MOODEMERE TRAIL

Saturday and Sunday, AWTGS 2 & 1 Total 20kms

These two walks are close in proximity and will run with a lunch break in between. Lake Moodemere is a natural billabong abundant with native birds and wildlife. Our walk passes the historic John Foord Pioneer Cemetery. Wahgunyah River Trail is a delightful river red gum forest trail, shaded in summer. Tommy McRae, one of Australia's most significant 19th century Aboriginal artists, lived at Lake Moodemere with his family in the 1880s.

Getting To The Start 41 kms from Wangaratta

Walk 1: Lake Road, off Moodemere Road, Wahgunyah.

(-36.0487, 146.3811)

Walk 2: Wahgunyah Football Oval, Reserve Road, Wahgunyah.

(-36.0180, 146.3886)

WALK DESCRIPTIONS

17.01 LAKE MOODEMERE TRAIL Circuit, AWTGS: 2, 7 km

Earth trails, gravel and sealed roads

Starting from the toilet block, walk southeast along Lake Road. At 700 metres turn right onto Hynes Road. At the Murray River turn right to follow Hynes Road north upstream. After 2.8 kilometres, just before Carlyle, turn right toward Anderson Road. Next turn left onto Distillery Road walking north, turning left onto Kilborn Road then 2 km to the John Foord Cemetery and morning tea. A plaque commemorates the centenary year of the burial of John Foord II (1819 - 1883), pioneer of the Wahgunyah Run and the township developed on his property. Foord named his 30,000 acre property Wahgunyah - a Whroo, the local Indigenous people's name for 'big camp'.

Fifty metres past the cemetery turn left and head south to Wirra Park, take Hynes Road east to Distillery Road. Turn right this time and, after 350 metres, right again onto Anderson Road. After 2 kilometres this becomes McDonald Road ending at the Murray Valley Highway. Turn right and, at 400 metres, turn right onto Moodemere Road back to Lake Road and back to our cars.

17.2 WAHGUNYAH RIVER TRACK Return, AWTGS: 1, 13 km

Formed trails, gravel and sealed roads

Leaving the Football Oval, walk north to Grimmond Lane then turn southwest to the Murray River. At the river, head upstream for 1.7 kilometres on the Willows Trail to The Willows Reserve. Via Short Street, head to Foord Street, turn south to Barkly Street heading east to Sarah Street and turn left toward the river. Follow the river for three kilometres, the Tommy McRae Track, to All Saints Road.

Once past All Saints Road, do a loop through Granthams Bend then back along the Tommy McRae Track and onto the Willows Trail then back to the cars along Reserve Road.

