

Walk 21 THE PAPS

Sunday, Circuit. AWTGS:2, 12.4km, 4hrs

The Paps walk winds its way through the hills and valleys of The Paps Scenic Reserve. The Reserve is accessed through private land just off the Maroondah Highway 6kms from Mansfield. Although mostly following a vehicle track, steep, off-track walking goes to the southern Pap (680m, views of Lake Eildon - see below) then northern Pap (700m, views of Mts Buller, Stirling and Timbertop).

4WD management track; grass off track; some short, steep climbs

Getting To The Start (-36.852, 146.006)

Meet at the Lake Nillahcootie Picnic Area at 8am, 75km from Wangaratta and 37km from Benalla via the Hume Highway and Midland Highway through Swanpool and Lima South.

Look for a white, singlecab, Ranger ute. We will travel the next 20km in convoy to the start. After entering the property through a closed farm gate (please leave gates as you find them), follow the track to the next gate and car park (-37.037, 145.988).

WALK DESCRIPTION

Leaving the carpark, walk about 2 km on the vehicle track to GPS -37.046, 145.987. Follow the open grassy valley for about 2km climbing (steeply in places) to the summit of the southern Pap and 360° views of Lake Eildon and surrounding farmland.

Head to the northern Pap on the track down to the saddle (560m) with views towards Mansfield. Contour steeply back up to the northern Pap and the views to Mts Buller, Stirling and Timbertop. Approx 4km.

We return to the cars along the vehicle track.