

Walk 01 - Underground River and Lookouts, Mt Buffalo N.P.

Saturday –AWTGS 2, 12km (7.5km circuit with side trips)

This well graded walk showcases many of the best features of the Mount Buffalo National Park; Lake Catani, nature walks, the entrance to the Underground River, the Chalet and a variety of lookouts. It also passes the Park Headquarters and Visitor Centre

Getting To The Start)

From the Wangaratta Showgrounds take the C374 towards the Great Alpine Road (B500) . Follow the Great Alpine Road (signposted Bright), South East to Porepunkah roundabout, taking the third exit to the Mount Buffalo Road (C535) for 28km to Lake Catani Campground (-36.7353 146.8128). 100km 1.5 hours.

WALK DESCRIPTIONS

Walk description: From the Lake Catani campground follow Lake Side Walk NE and The Gorge Lake Catani Walking Track to the junction with the View Point Nature Walk Track. Follow this track to the view point and return to the junction. Follow the Underground River Track to cross the Eurobin River where it goes underground. Then continue to The Gorge Day Visitor Area where there are toilets. From here visit a number of the lookouts including Crystal Brook Falls and Pulpit Rock and view the Chalet. Time for lunch before moving on to pick up on Monolith Track, visit The Monolith with 360 degree views, then on to pass by the Park Headquarters and Visitor Centre.

From here walkers willing and time permitting,* an additional side trip up Lake View Track will provide fine views of Lake Catani below and across the Alps. Follow Mt Buffalo Road South and then pick up on Lake Side Walk Track to walk along the northern shore of the lake and then back to the campground retracing the first 700m of the walk. *[A slightly shorter and quicker alternative would be to continue on Mt Buffalo Road and take the road into the campground.]*

**By adding a visit to the Lake View Lookout this walk would probably be a grade 3, near to 14km, 460m climb and 460m descent and close to 6hrs duration. This possibility will be determined by the leader based on participant fitness levels, time and weather on the day.*