

Walk 18.1 LAKE MOODEMERE TRAIL

Saturday AWTGS 2 15kms

Lake Moodemere is a natural billabong abundant with native birds and wildlife encircled with River Red Gum forest. Our walk passes the historic John Foord Pioneer Cemetery. Tommy McRae, one of Australia's most significant 19th century Aboriginal artists, lived at Lake Moodemere with his family in the 1880s. Set on the Murray River near Rutherglen, this is another iconic landscape of the North East Victoria.

Getting To The Start 41 kms from Wangaratta

Walk 1: Lake Road, off Moodemere Road, Wahgunyah.
(-36.0487, 146.3811)

WALK DESCRIPTION

18.01 LAKE MOODEMERE TRAIL Circuit, AWTGS: 2, 15 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.