

Ben Cruachan Walking Club – Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk.

See website: <http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/upcoming-walks.html>

Walk:	Falls Creek to Mt Hotham Alpine Crossing		
Area:	Alpine National Park		
Date:	2 – 5 November 2019	To be publicised in local papers?	No
Grade:	X – 6 - 3	Style:	Multi Day Pack Carry
Walk Length:	Day 1: Travel to walk start Day 2: 14 kms Day 3: 14 kms Day 4: 9 kms & car shuffle & travel	Walk Duration:	4 days
Meeting Place:	Bruthen Information Centre 79 Main St (Cnr Great Alpine Rd)	Meeting Time:	9 am
Walk Summary:	<p>One of Victoria’s icon walks, the 37km Falls-Hotham Alpine Crossing (FHAC) is a 3 day/2 night walk through the Alpine National Park, linking the resort villages of Falls Creek and Mt Hotham. Winding its way along alpine ridges through snow gum woodlands and snow grass plains, over rocky summits and past historic huts, this 3 day hike offers an achievable and rewarding hiking challenge with spectacular views every step. The track is its best walking in the direction from Falls Creek to Hotham. Day 1 Saturday will involve travel to Falls Creek via Mt Hotham, transferring gear and walkers to a minimum of cars to travel on to Falls Creek, leaving cars at track end at Mt Loch Car Park. There should be time for a stretch and leisurely exploration of Falls Creek after the long drive. Day 2 Sunday, and Day 3 Monday will be on track. The designated campsites and tent platforms already are booked out for this long weekend. However, there are alternate campsites along the track. Water will be available at campsites and from creeks along the track. Day 4 Tuesday, the last day, although short distance, has a steep 1 km climb up Swindlers Spur. Unfortunately, Day 4 also will require a 208 km / 4.75 hr round trip to retrieve cars from the Falls Creek start of the track before driving home. (This hike is suitable for walkers who would like to stretch themselves to try a short multi-day pack carrying hike. Please discuss (including equipment needs) with walk leader.)</p> <p>Saturday night options (Please advise preference when registering):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The walk’s first night camp site is only about 100 - 200m from the road. We can set up camp there for 2 nights so that day 1 walking can be treated as a day walk. We will be able to have dinner in camp or go into the village. 2. Stay at Falls Creek Country Club – 2 and 3 bedroom apartments available. Cost will depend on numbers with cheapest being \$60 per person. <p>Note: Pack for highly changeable and exposed alpine weather. Fuel stoves required. A contribution towards fuel costs will be requested for drivers – to be calculated once numbers known.</p>		
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