

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/>

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| <b>Walk:</b>           | <b>Dermody's Camp to The Channel</b>   |  |                     |                            |
| <b>Area:</b>           | Avon – Mt Hedrick Scenic Reserve   |  |                     |                            |
| <b>Day &amp; Date:</b> | Saturday 12th December 2020  | <b>To be publicised in local papers?</b> |                     | Yes                        |
| <b>Grade:</b>          | M - 5 - 5  | <b>Style:</b>                            | Day Return          |                            |
| <b>Walk Length:</b>    | 11km   | <b>Walk Duration:</b>                    | 5 ½ hours           |                            |
| <b>Meeting Place:</b>  | Newry Golf Club<br>Three Chain Road, Newry   | <b>Meeting Time:</b>                     | 8:30am              |                            |
| <b>Walk Summary:</b>   | <p>This walk is in the Avon-Mt Hedrick Scenic reserve and takes us to a part of the Avon River that is very different from what we are familiar with at Stratford. Here, the river has cut through a section of sandstone, forming a narrow mini-gorge.</p> <p>Starting at Dermody's camp, we follow the Avon River Walking Track upstream, crossing through gullies and climbing to vantage points with views over the river. Arriving at The Channel, we will first walk along the top of the gorge and peer down into the deep rock pools. We will then make our way back to the mouth of the gorge to have lunch. Providing the weather is warm enough, there will be time for a paddle or swim here too (water sandals/shoes or thongs are recommended as the riverbed has sharp, pointy rocks). After lunch, we will follow the same track back to Dermody's Camp.</p> <p>Topographical Map: Valencia Creek 8222-2-1 1:25,000<br/>Rooftop Map: Dargo - Wonnangatta Adventure Map 1:100,000</p> <p>Dermody's camp is approximately 15km from The Newry Golf Club on gravel roads but suitable for 2WD vehicles.</p> |  |                     |                            |
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