

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

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

<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Mt Hedrick</b>		
<b>Area:</b>	Avon - Mt Hedrick Scenic Reserve		
<b>Day &amp; Date:</b>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>	No
<b>Grade:</b>	M-6-6	<b>Style:</b>	Day Return
<b>Walk Length:</b>	11.5 km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	6 hours
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Macalister River Park, Maffra	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	8.45 am, ready to leave by 9 am
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>In the Avon-Mount Hedrick Scenic Reserve, the walk commences north of Bulldog Junction, climbing through mixed forest towards the top of Mt. Hedrick (459m). On the way there are great views of Ben Cruachan itself, Mt Margaret and others across the picturesque valley below. The walk then heads down a steep descent through changing vegetation, before winding back up to Huggett Lookout where again there are great views - lunch here. Upon leaving Huggett Lookout, there are two steep climbs before arriving back at Mt. Hedrick. From here we descend to the carpark.</p> <p>A lot of the track is rough and stony, thanks to damage by trail-bikes. In particular there is one downhill section with loose surface - poles will be useful. Total climb and descent for the day is 500 m (not all at once!), but the views are worth it.</p> <p>Topographical Map: Ben Cruachan 8222-2-4 1:25,000 Rooftop Map: Dargo - Wonnangatta Adventure Map 1:100,000</p> <p>Meeting place: Macalister River Park, Maffra. From Traralgon - immediately after crossing Macalister River as you enter Maffra, turn right into McMahan Drive (opposite Macalister Hotel). After 150m there is a parking area on the right, with toilets. From Stratford - follow the main street through Maffra. Just before the river crossing, McMahan Drive is on the left (Macalister Tyre Service is on the corner)</p>		
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