

Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: [Upcoming Walks - Ben Cruachan Walking Club](#)

Walk:	AVON CHANNEL				
Area:	AVON - MT HEDRICK SCENIC RESERVE				
Date:	Saturday 18 March 2023	To be publicised in local papers?		No	
Grade:	M - 5 - 5	Style:	Day walk - circuit		
Walk Length:	11.5 km, 250m total climb/descent	Walk Duration:	5 hours		
Meeting Place:	Macalister River Park, Maffra	Meeting Time:	9.30 am		
Walk Summary:	<p>This walk 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 excavated a path through the Lower Carboniferous siltstone and sandstone, forming a narrow mini-gorge. The first 400m of the foot track follows the Channel, with good views into the deep pools. From there the track climbs away from the river with some good scenic views. After lunch we follow gravel roads away from the river, then return to the foot track alongside the river to make the loop. Although most of the walk is on good walking track or road, there are some short steep climbs and descents, and some short sections of track that are rocky underfoot.</p> <p>Topographical Map: Valencia Creek 8222-2-1 1:25,000 Rooftop Map: Dargo - Wonnangatta Adventure Map 1:100,000</p> <p>Getting there - the last 6 km of the access road is gravel with a few steep bits, but OK for ordinary cars. It is dusty after dry weather.</p> <p>Meeting place: Macalister River Park, Maffra. From Traralgon - immediately after crossing Macalister River as you enter Maffra, turn right into McMahon Drive (opposite Macalister Hotel). After 150m there is a parking area on the right. Meet here. From Stratford - follow the main street through Maffra. Just before the river crossing, McMahon Drive is on the left (Macalister Tyre Service is on the corner)</p>				
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