

# 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>Mitchell River - Picnic Point</b>			
<b>Area:</b>	Bairnsdale			
<b>Day &amp; Date:</b>	Saturday 23rd May 2020	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>		Yes / No
<b>Grade:</b>	S-3-2 Easy	<b>Style:</b>	Day Return/Circuit	
<b>Walk Length:</b>	14km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	3 ½ hours	
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Howitt Park Car Park, Bairnsdale (east side of Mitchell River bridge)	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	10:00 <b>Maximum of 10 participants</b> You must contact the leader.	
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>This walk is a pleasant circuit beside the Mitchell River on good paths, mostly flat. There are many birds that reside in different sections of the walk, among them corellas, cormorants, pelicans, fantails and sometimes gang-gangs. New ramps lead walkers around the bat colony sanctuary so they are now viewed from Riverine St.</p> <p>Old trees, both native and exotic line the river banks including spotted gums, blackwood, oak and poplars. There are interpretive panels to give information to walkers explaining the history of the various locations.</p> <p>About half way, at Picnic Point we will meander around new walking paths, stop for lunch and view Bairnsdale's surrounding farmland. The return walk over the Mitchell River takes us through Bairnsdale's Botanic Gardens, and we may be able to get a takeaway coffee at a nearby café before returning home .</p>			
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