

Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Walk:	RAMS HEAD RANGE		
Area:	Southern End of the Main Range – Mt KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK		
Date:	20 - 25 April 2023	To be publicised in local papers?	
Grade:	M - 6 - 4	Style:	6 Days including 2days of car travel (4 days of pack carry with overnight camping)
Walk Length:	Day 2: 6km Day 3: 8km Day 4: 10km Day 5: 8km	Walk Duration:	Day 2: 5hrs Day 3: 6hrs Day 4: 6hrs Day 5: 5Hrs
Meeting Place:	Howitt Park – Lucknow, Bairnsdale		Meeting Time:
Walk Summary:	<p>This event planned over 6 days involves 4 days of solid walking within the Kosciusko NP. Located South of Mt Kosciusko summit the Rams Head range is a series of granite peaks that are often ignored by most walkers in this region. Nevertheless, it is becoming more popular and will reward participants with an array of intriguing perspectives – from the intricacies of gigantic tors (rock) formations to serene alpine tarns, to amazing views of the surrounding mountains such as Mt Kosciusko, Mt Townsend and Mt Northcote to name a few.</p> <p>Day 1: Involves travelling by cars from East Gippsland to Jindabyne and beyond to (Thredbo Diggings) and settling in. Allow 4 - 5hrs of travel time</p> <p>Day 2: Starting early we drive to Thredbo and beyond to Dead Horse Gap, the starting point of our walk. All going well we walk on a 2km track climbing 400m to Rams Head South. From there move along the range via untracked open rolling terrain to camp near Rams Head North. This is a relatively short day allowing plenty of time to admire the views and explore the many tors and small peaks that make this such an interesting area.</p> <p>From the camp at North Rams Head there are 2 options depending on the weather outlook and the mood of the party.</p> <p>Option 1. Day 3. Move camp to the headwaters of Wilkinsons Creek via Muellers Pass. Packs can be dropped for a side trip to the summit of Kosciusko on the way. Day 4. Day walk circuit of the local peaks - Abbott, Townsend (Australia's 2nd highest), Alice Rawson, Muellers Peak and Northcote. Good views of Lake Albina. Return to camp. Day 5. Break camp and return via Muellers Pass, bypass Kosciusko, battle the conga line of day walkers from Thredbo on their way to the summit. Lunch and refreshments at the Eagles Nest at the Thredbo resort then back to the cars via the Dead Horse Gap track.</p> <p>Option 2.</p>		

<p>Base camp at North Rams Head. Day 3. Day walk. Day 4. Day walk. Points of interest: Mt Kosciusko, Cootapatamba Hut, Seamans Hut, Etheridge Ridge. Day 5. Return to Eagles Nest at the Thredbo resort via Merritts Creek for refreshments then back to the cars via the Dead Horse Gap track.</p> <p>Day 6: Travel back home</p> <p>Although this walk is scheduled in TBA, there is always a chance of snow “on the ground” meaning walkers should expect cold nights and potentially extreme conditions. Therefore, participants will need to be well prepared as sudden changes in weather and the higher altitude may result in snow being encountered at any time of year.</p> <p><i>Please note that Camping & Park Entry fees apply (tbc)) plus it is intended to limit the number of overnight walkers to a maximum of 6 participants, however those members who may be interested in exploring the region are welcome to attend and utilise the base camp (Sawpit Creek or Thredbo Diggings) for alternative day walks options.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please be advised: Registration with the Walk Leader is required for all walks.</p>					
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Granite tors along the Rams Head range