

Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Walk:	GRAMPIANS HIKE and/or BASE CAMP at Halls Gap		
Area:	GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK – Mt DIFFICULT RANGE		
Date:	Sat 13th Nov – Fri 19th Nov 2021	To be publicised in local papers?	No
Grade:	Hike: L - 8 – 7 Base Camp option: Easy	Style: Combination of hiking and sightseeing	Choice of 4-day Pack carry OR simply relaxing at Halls Gap and checking out the sights.
Hike:	Day 1: Travel to Halls Gap Day 2: 15km Day 3: 12km Day 4: 10km Day 5: 13km Day 6: Rest Day 7: Travel back home	Walk Duration:	Day 1: Travel to Halls Gap Day 2: 7hrs Day 3: 6hrs Day 4: 6hrs Day 5: 6.5hrs Day 6: 8hrs Day 7: Travel home
Meeting Place:	APCO carpark – Bairnsdale or McDonalds at Traralgon East	Meeting Time:	8:00 am 9:30 am
Walk Summary:	<p>This activity aims to provide participants with 2 options.</p> <p>a) 4 days of serious hiking with the opportunity to relax at the end of the hike.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Base camp at Halls Gap and carry out day trips to explore the Grampians.</p> <p>For those who have not visited or explored this region, be prepared to be blown away by its ruggedness and beauty.</p> <p>The hike comprises 4 days of solid walking along the Mt Difficult Range in the Grampians & 1 day of relaxing and sightseeing around Halls Gap at the end of our walk. The other 2 days comprise travelling to and from East Gippsland.</p> <p>Walking in the Grampians can be challenging with numerous rock scrambles involved to reach summits and viewpoints. Nevertheless, the effort will be worth it with typical Grampian’s scenery around every corner.</p> <p>With the walk scheduled during Spring, there should be plenty of wildflowers on display but nevertheless participants need to be prepared for wintery conditions as sudden changes can occur within the region.</p> <p>For those interested in Hiking:</p> <p>Day 1: Involves a 6hr drive to arrive at Halls Gap where we settle into our pre-booked hostel accommodation and review the walk plan.</p> <p>Day 2: We drive to the Northern Grampians and after exploring Mt Zero we commence our walk exploring the Mt Staplyton area.</p> <p>Day 3: We explore Roses Gap climbing Briggs Bluff and then on to explore the high point in the range – Mt Difficult.</p> <p>Day 4: Continuing along the range we head towards Plantation Campground. The scenery along this section is stunning.</p> <p>Day 5: Continuing along the Mt Difficult Rd we arrive in Halls Gap late afternoon. After arriving back at our hostel, we freshen up and celebrate with a meal in town.</p> <p>Day 6: Today we relax and explore Halls Gap and its surrounds. For those who wish to explore further afield – Cathedral Rock beckons as a Day walk.</p> <p>Day 7: Check out of our accommodation travel back home.</p>		

Accommodation costs associated with this walk depend upon the option chosen:
 For Hikers: 3 nights @ ~\$50pp per night.
 For Base Campers: 6 nights @ ~\$50pp per night

***NB: These costs are based upon shared accommodation (4 persons per room)
 If wanting a private family room high higher costs would apply (~\$90pp/night)
 A fuel levy for passengers may also apply but remains to be confirmed.***

NB: Some of the campsites along the track are small so we will be limiting the number of Hikers. Therefore, if interested in participating in the hike, please register early to avoid disappointment.

Please ensure you are comfortable with the walk rating (L-8-7) before registering.

For those interested in Base camping at Halls Gap:

There are a variety of options available. Relax and stroll around Halls Gap exploring what the town has to offer. There are numerous walks and strolls around the area with lookouts and viewpoints within easy reach. Explore further afield with day trips to scenic points such as Mackenzie Falls, Zumsteins, Boroka and Reids lookout.

Mt William the highest point within the Grampians Range is located a short drive from Halls Gap. The list of things to do and places to see is endless.

So, if you are happy to travel the distance you will not be disappointed.

Please note that Spring is the peak period for visitors to this region so please register your interest to attend As Soon As Possible.

The costs associated with Base Camping at Halls Gap remain to be confirmed, however if participants are happy to share accommodation on the basis of Co-Living with a shared bathroom (either in mixed or separate rooms) the cost would be as low as \$50 per person per night.

Check out the preferred accommodation venue at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Halls-Gap-Accommodation>

Registration with the Walk Leader is required for all walks.

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Mt Staplyton Area



Mt Difficult summit



Mt Difficult Range