

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <a href="http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/">http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/</a>					
<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Raymond Creek Falls to Snowy River (Day Walk or Beginners Overnight Pack Carry)</b>				
<b>Area:</b>	<b>Snowy River National Park</b>				
<b>Date:</b>	Sat 20 Day Walk or Sat 20 & Sun 21 February 2021	<b>To be publicised in local papers? No</b>			
<b>Grade:</b>	S – 6 – 7 (if pack carry) M-6-7 (if day walk)	<b>Style:</b>	Day walk or beginners overnight pack carry & social camp		
<b>Distance Km:</b>	6.5 km each way / 13km return	<b>Duration Hrs:</b>	2 – 3 hours each way		
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Howitt Park (North side), Main Road, East Bairnsdale.	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	8 am		
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>This walk is offered both as a day walk and can be extended to an overnight pack carry for those interested in staying on. It is a good walk for beginners who would like to have a go at a pack carry on a short moderate walk and practice in preparation for the upcoming Mt Howitt walk.</p> <p>Following a well maintained track, (including 107 steps down and up), view Raymond Creek Falls plunging 20 metres into a deep clear pool. Then follow Raymond Creek through warm temperate rainforest, to a second set of rock pools and small cascades where we rock hop across Raymond Creek. Walk 100m up a spur through open eucalypt forest reaching the top of the escarpment with sweeping views of the magnificent Snowy River with its beach and rapids far below, and its rolling hills and farmland on the opposite bank. Continue along a rocky narrow track down the spur to the confluence of Raymond Creek and the Snowy River with its lush grassy bank, open bush and cliff face of the escarpment. Basin Creek Falls are directly opposite on the western bank of the Snowy River. We should arrive and set up camp early afternoon, allowing plenty of time to explore, or just laze and enjoy with opportunity to cool off in the creek and river at camp and along the way. Return will be by the same track. There were bushfires in this area early 2014. Although easy to follow, the track is not well maintained with small branches and some sapling regrowth, particularly on the spur and down to the Snowy River. This provides insight into stages of regrowth after bushfires. Walking poles may be useful.</p>				
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