

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:	Walhalla - Thomson River.		
Area:	Walhalla		
Date:	Sat 12 Aug 2023	To be publicised in local papers?	No
Grade:	L – 4 - 4	Style:	Day walk /One Way With Car Shuffle
Walk Length:	16 km or thereabouts	Walk Duration:	5 hrs or thereabouts
Meeting Place:	Car Pool from Tyers, meeting at BMX carpark opposite CFA station	Meeting Time:	8.30am
Walk Summary:	<p>Walhalla is an historic gold mining town that lends itself to feeling ‘like walking back in Time’. Wise bushwalkers also know that it the holds many golden opportunities to explore the surrounding area.</p> <p>In the 1860’s around 4000 people lived in and around Walhalla, with this bustling community having 10 hotels, 7 churches, several dance halls, a school with more than 500 students and over 30 shops. The Cohens Reef was discovered in 1863, and Gold was extracted in vast quantities. The town declined in 1914 once the mine closed.</p> <p>This walk starts with car pooling, before leaving some vehicles at Thomson train station and then travelling on to Walhalla township. Starting at the Day Visitor parking area, near the Walhalla railway station, we will stroll through town, warming the legs for the many km’s ahead. At the North end of town, we climb the steep rise to the Long Tunnel Extended Mine, and then pick up the iconic Australian Alps Walking Track. This walk varies between dry forest with shrubby understory to small pockets of wet forest with tree ferns and small creeks. Traversing this, we walk back towards Thomson, keeping an eye out for remains of the old tramways and dry stone walling, until the intersection of Mormon Town Track. Here a sharp right turn has us walking alongside the east side of Thomson river, towards Poverty Point Bridge. The bridge is closed at present, so we’ll stop to admire the structure, before returning the same route, to head down to the Thomson Station.</p> <p>Please bring the usual – food, water, adequate clothing in the event of sudden weather changes, a sense of wonder</p>		
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