

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:	A choice of 3 walks involving the Wirilda Walking Track		
Area:	Tyers Park		
Date:	Sunday 15 October 2023	To be publicised in local papers?	Yes
Grade:	Walk 1: S-5-5 Walk 2: M-6-5 Walk 3: X-9-5	Style:	Circuit One Way With Car Shuffle Circuit
Walk Length:	Walk 1: 10km Walk 2: 14km Walk 3: 24km	Walk Duration:	4 hrs 5-6 hrs 6hrs
Meeting Place:	Wirilda Environmental Park BBQ Shelter To get there, head north along Clarkes Road immediately west of where the Tyers River crosses the Moe-Glengarry Road. Take the next road to the right (around 500 metres) and follow it down to the river (another 600 metres). Turn right just before the river to the BBQ shelter.	Meeting Time:	9:00 am
Walk Summary:	<p>The walks are conducted annually in conjunction with the Strzelecki Bushwalking Club and Friends of Tyers Park.</p> <p>The Wirilda Walking Track is one of Latrobe Valley's treasures. The June 2021 floods impacted the Tyers River bed and changed the ambience of the walk, in places providing more extensive views of the river. The damage done is now obscured by regrowth making the track a delight to walk.</p> <p>Walk 1: From the Wirilda Environmental Park this walk starts by going up Wirilda Walking Track for a little way before heading off on a side track up to a 4WD track which is followed around the edge of Tyers Park with spectacular views of the Latrobe Valley. A mystery location is visited before the park is re-entered along Blairs Road to connect up with the Pipeline Access Track. A 400m off track section will avoid the river crossing. The walk returns to the Wirilda Park via the Wirilda Walking Track through the Tyers Gorge.</p> <p>Walk 2: From the meeting point, which is also the finishing point, a thirty minute drive is required to get to the start of the walk at the Moondarra Dam wall. The Wirilda Track follows the Tyers River valley back to Wirilda Park. Scenery varies from dry, open forest to lush fern gullies and passes under the conglomerate cliffs of the Tyers Gorge. There are a few hills and a river crossing so spare footwear is advisable.</p> <p>Walk 3: This is a 24km circuit for fit walkers (Grade X-9-5). The walk starts from the Wirilda Park BBQ shelter and heads up the Wirilda Walking Track before cutting</p>		

	through to the Pipeline Access Road by a side track. Then follows the Pipeline Access Road to the Moondarra Dam and returns via the Wirilda Walking Track as per walk 2.				
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Important:					
Please register your walk choice with Joe van Beek by Thursday 12 October.					
Walks may be combined, duplicated or added to depending on registrations and interest.					
Be sure to bring lunch, adequate water and a raincoat. Be prepared for getting feet wet in a stream and river crossing. Rug up warmly.					
Friends of Tyers Park (FoTP) will provide some snacks and a cuppa at the BBQ shelter after the walks.					



The Wirilda Walking Track traverses a large variety of terrain and flora.