

Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk.

Walk:	Bentley Plain		
Area:	Nunniong Scenic Reserve		
Date:	Sat 3 rd & Sun 4 th May 2025	To be publicised?	Yes
Grade:	Easy S – 2 – 2	Style:	Car camp with four short circuit walks.
Walk Length:	1km, 1.5km, 2.5km, 4km	Walk Duration:	30mins, 1hr, 1.5hr, 2hr
Meeting Place:	Bentley Plain camping area via Ensay	Meeting Time:	Saturday – by noon
Walk Summary:	<p>Walk 1. Douglas Reserve Walk – 1km Walk 2. Bentley Creek Walk – 1.5km Walk 3. Bentley Plain Walk – 2.5km Walk 4. Commins Hut – 5km</p> <p>This is a relaxing/camping/walking weekend. The campground is along Nunniong Forest Drive within the Bentley Plain Scenic Reserve. Arrive by noon on Saturday to set up camp. We'll have lunch then do one or two of the walks. On Sunday we will do the other walks before heading home. (Arrive Friday leave Monday if you prefer) The campground is open with good access to several fire pits, a large picnic shelter, a toilet and creek water nearby. Nearby there is a substantial hut, known as the Moscow Villa which was built and completed by fire-tower man Bill Ah Chow in 1943 – there's quite a story to it. Bill also built Commins Hut in c.1940 which was used by mountain cattlemen, Charlie Duke and Jim Commins. We need to drive about 12km to the start of this walk. A historic forest harvesting machine, the Washington Winch is located about 5km away and worth a visit, as is the fire tower on Mt Nugong. The Bentley Plain Reserve protects areas of sub-alpine grassland, wet heathland and alpine forest. This includes some alpine sphagnum moss beds. On the Bentley Plain loop walk we'll see some of this special vegetation and get views across Bentley Plain.</p>		
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