


# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/>

<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Mississippi Track</b>		
<b>Area:</b>	<b>Colquhoun State Forest</b>		
<b>Day &amp; Date:</b>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>	No
<b>Grade:</b>	M-2-2	<b>Style:</b>	One Way With Car Shuffle
<b>Walk Length:</b>	14km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	3-4hrs
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Bruthen Information Centre (East end of Main Street)	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	9.00am
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>This walk follows an old tramway along the Mississippi Creek to the quarry where granite was quarried from the early 1900's. The tramway was constructed in 1910 and in use through to the mid 1930's. Large granite blocks were carried along the tramway to the head of the North Arm where they were barged down to reinforce the man-made entrance to the Gippsland Lakes. The granite was also used in other works locally and in projects as far away as Melbourne.</p> <p>After having an early lunch at the quarry we will continue on with a short steep section up out of the quarry. The well-made track leaves the tramway and continues through the forest to meet up with the East Gippsland Rail Trail. From here we will walk 2km's along the rail trail back to our cars.</p> <p>The track is well made and maintained. The gradient is a gentle incline to the quarry with a short steep climb up from the quarry. The track then gently undulates until we drop down onto the rail trail. We will walk at a gentle pace and take time to admire the local flora and fauna. You may see native orchids, wattles in flower and abundant birdlife just to name a few attractions.</p> <p>This walk requires a car shuffle. After meeting at Bruthen, we will make our way by car to Bruces Road (approx. 10min). Here we will leave cars and then drive down Bruces Road to Log Crossing where we will commence our walk (approx. 20min). When we get back to Bruces Road we can all return to Bruthen and have a coffee together at Tambo Honey. I will then return drivers to Log Crossing to collect their vehicles (approx. 25min).</p>		
			



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