## Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk.						
Walk:	The Channels to Huggets Crossing					
Area:	Avon - Mt Hedrick Scenic Reserve			Map 8222-2-N		
Date:	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Septembe	To be publicised in local papers? No			No	
Grade:	M – 7 – 6 (Medium/hard)		Style:	Loop and return		
Walk Length:	11km. 400m total climb and descent		Walk Duration:	4 ½ hr + lunch		
Meeting Place:	Macalister Park. Toilet available. 35 McMahon Drive, Maffra		Meeting Time:	9am		
Walk Summary:	This walk commences at The Channels carpark. We follow the Channel Gully Track that takes us in a round-about way to the Avon River Walking Track (ARWT). We then follow the ARWT upstream to The Channels where the Avon River has eroded a deep, narrow gorge through the red sandstone/siltstone. This is one of the most spectacular natural features in Gippsland. The walk continues along the ARWT where at one point we get a magnificent view of Ben Cruachan. Continuing along the ARWT we get to Huggets Crossing where we will have lunch beside the Avon River. After lunch we retrace some of the walk back to the carpark.  Sections of the ARWT are quite rocky and steep with the occasional obstacle requiring a bit of scrambling. If you normally use walking poles it would be a good idea to bring them. There aren't any toilets available on the walk but there are plenty of bushes.					
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The Channels

Avon River and Ben Cruachan