

# Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: <a href="http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/">http://bencruachanwalkingclub.com/</a>			
<b>Walk:</b>	<b>Picnic Point on the Mitchell River</b>		
<b>Area:</b>	Bairnsdale, Mitchell River environs		
<b>Day &amp; Date:</b>	Thursday 11 April	<b>To be publicised in local papers?</b>	Yes
<b>Grade:</b>	S-3-2 Easy	<b>Style:</b>	Day Return/Circuit
<b>Walk Length:</b>	12 km	<b>Walk Duration:</b>	3 ½ hours
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Howitt Park Car Park	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	10:00
<b>Walk Summary:</b>	<p>This walk is a pleasant circuit beside the Mitchell River on flatish made paths. It is and easy walk, and suitable for walkers of all abilities, with some seating along the way. There are many birds that reside in different sections of the walk, among them corellas, cormorants, pelicans, fantails and sometimes gang-gangs. New ramps lead walkers around the bat colony sanctuary so they are now viewed from Riverine St.</p> <p>Old trees, both native and exotic line the river banks including spotted gums, blackwood, oak, sassafras and poplars. There are didactic panels to give information to walkers explaining the history of the various locations.</p> <p>About half way, at Picnic Point we will meander around new walking paths, stop for lunch and view Bairnsdale's surrounding farmland. The return walk over the Mitchel River takes us through Bairnsdale's Botanic Gardens, and some may wish to have a coffee at a nearby café before returning home. Dogs Welcome.</p>		
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