

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code N

Record No 0005

Activity

Walk

Location

Mt Remarkable National Park & Goat Rock.

This record is an overview of 3 different walks that have been done to Goat Rock.

The 3rd option is described separately, in more detail, in a separate Inventory record (N0001)

Outline of activity

Three options are outlined only here. They are 2 day, overnight walks involving some steep gradients, scrub and do need cross country navigation. Two are based from a single location. the other requires a car shuffle. ie:

Option one - Based at Mambray Ck Camping area.

Option two - Base at Alligator Gorge Car Park. (Overnight at Wilmington Caravan Park)

Option three - Through walk between Melrose (O'night at Caravan Park) to Alligator Gorge Car Park. Car shuffle required.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

National Park car/camping fees apply in the National Park area, particularly if staying the night before the walk which is recommended.

Maps required

Melrose 1:50,000.

Wilmington 1:50,000 for the options involving Alligator Gorge.

Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

Allow 3 hours to drive to the alternative camp sites for the evening before the walk ie, Mambray Ck, Wilmington, Melrose.

Water availability

Water can be an issue both en route and at Goat Rock. However water has been found regularly at Cannon Swamp, near the Gaot Rock camp site. Water is usually found at the shelters and associated tanks on the fire tracks ie Kingfisher Flat, Sugar Gum Dam.

In Dry/hot weather care should be taken to carry emergency water.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Usual fire restrictions apply inside the park. However a small fire can be lit at Goat Rock, over the fence, just outside the park outside the fire ban season.

Route overview

The 3 routes are outlined in the notes below. There are many alternatives but care should be taken on private property and also in the steeper, scrubby gorges which can become quite difficult. Preferably, the more open spurs and ridges may offer easier cross country routes if care is taken to avoid steeper, precipitous areas.

Estimates of walking times should be conservative due to steepness in some areas and slow progress through some off track, scrub areas.

Overall these are pleasant, scenic and rewarding walks but possibly not for beginners or inexperienced o/night walkers.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

These walks are based on the Goat Rock camp site which is very pleasant and spectacular in its own way. However water is often not found there but at Cannon Swamp, nearby.

Walk Ratings:

Distance	S: Short, 0-9 km	M: Medium, 10-17 km	L: Long, 18+ km
Gradient	E: Undulating	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
Terrain	E: Track/open, 4 km/h	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
Qualifying? (Q)	-- Walk Rating: M, M, M		

Supplementary information

Option 1. Based from the Alligator Gorge National Parks office Car park. This walk starts at the car park and follows the creek or walking trail South to Blue Gum Flat. Then East over the range to Spring Creek and Goat Rock. A return loop can be taken Nth along Spring Creek past Cannon Swamp to a steep track (approx GR 308 715) West over the range to the Pines Fire Access Track. Then follow that part way then cross country to the Alligator Gorge car Park.

Option 2. Based at Mambray Ck Camping area. Follow walking track to Sugar Gum Lookout, to Sugar Gum Dam and to the Pines Fire Access Track. Pick a path then, using unmarked tracks and cross country, to Goat Rock. Some on private property. Return Nth via the Spring Creek Fire Access Track to Cannon Swamp and follow that gorge to West to the Pines Fire Track. Then pick a cross country path to King Fisher Flat or elsewhere on the walking track to return Sth to Mambray Ck camp site (or Nth to Alligator Gorge). Avoid steep, wooded gorges.

Option 3. Shuffle cars to start at Melrose and finish at Alligator Gorge. From Melrose, climb Mt Remarkable via the walking track. Follow the Mt Remarkable Range Walking Track (NNW) and pick a place to drop down (West) to Spring Creek Track. (ie come out near Webbs Cutting) Follow the track NNW to Goat Rock camp site. next day walk out to Alligator Gorge as per either above option.

Note: This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

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