

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code **W**

Area code **Victoria**

Record No **Vic 0003**

Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (Indicate here with Symbol)..... **W**

Location

Southern Grampians, Victoria

Outline of activity

2.5 day loop walk from/to Buandik campground. Involves quite a bit of scrub, sometimes thick. So gaiters and light scrub gloves are recommended. Rock scrambling required for the optional climb up the Arch, and through the Fortress chasm.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

None

Maps required

“Southern Grampians – Outdoor Leisure Map” by Survey and Mapping Victoria.

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

If travelling by car could leave at the car park for the Manja Shelter – to reduce walking on 4WD tracks required. About 5.5hr drive from Adelaide, plus stops.

Water availability

Generally good. Water tank at Buandik.

But no water near the Arch (about 1km to nearest creek) so need to carry water up here. 2.5 to 3 litres.

The eastern Fortress Hiker campsite sometimes has little (coming down cliff face further to East) or no water. The western Deep Creek Hiker camp site has reliable water from adjacent creek.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

No fires allowed.

Route overview

Day 1: via road (Harrop track) to Hut Creek track, leave track after 2km where track bends from SE to NE, and bearing 120deg head through scrub up to the Arch, carrying enough water for the night and breakfast the next day. Climb Arch for those interested.

An easier alternative, if not wet, is to walk up the creek system 1km further along Hut Creek track.

Day 2: walk south through scrub (3.5km) to the Fortress track, follow track to Deep Creek Hiker Camp site. Climb through the crevice/chasm below the fortress for those interested. Watching out for loose boulders!

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Buandik: large campground

Arch: room for 7-8 tents just south of the Arch, bit scattered amongst scrub.

Fortress: Deep Creek Hiker campsite: room for 10+ tents in and around the cave. Alternative at the eastern end of the fortress, but not reliable water.

Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ')

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)	MMMQ		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

You need a good head torch for walking through the chasm at the Fortress.

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