

# ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code Vic

Record No 0005

## Activity

Walk

## Location

Northern Grampians - Northern Ridges.

## Outline of activity

This is a through walk from Troopers Campground to Mt Zero visiting the following features: Tawinda Falls, Mt Difficult, Briggs Bluff, Beehive Falls, Golton Gorge (copper mine), Mt Staplyton, Hollow Mountain and Mt Zero. The walk takes 2.5 days but could be shortened if some of the latter features are left out. Day 1: 10.5 km, 8 hours (total); Day 2: 11 km, 8 hours (total); Day 3: 5.5 km, 2.5 hours (total)

## Permits & permissions required, with contact details

None required

## Maps required

Northern Grampians 1:50,000

[http://www.grampiansnationalpark.com/grampians/national/park/reg\\_north.asp](http://www.grampiansnationalpark.com/grampians/national/park/reg_north.asp)

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

Spring is an excellent time: less chance of rain and the flowers are out.

## Water availability

Water was found in most creeks but was not plentiful. Tawinda Falls and Beehive Falls were fine but the water marked on the map as available at Mt Zero car park has been removed. However there is a reservoir about 400 meters from the car park that has a decent amount of water (0.5 meters deep). At Hollow Mountain car park, one creek was dry but the more remote one was good. There are large rock pools near the top of Mt Staplyton. Little water was seen at other points.

## Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

## Route overview

Day 1: Troopers Campground, Tawinda Falls, then climb in SE direction (off track) to intercept the Troopers – Mt Difficult track. Follow this to Mt Difficult for lunch. Walk to track junction at GR293 055, drop packs and continue to Briggs Bluff. Backtrack to the packs and descend to Beehive Falls.

Continued at the Supplementary Info below.

## Campsites used & possible alternatives

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

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

## Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Route Review (continued)

Day 2: Beehive Falls, take the road through the Roses Gap Recreation Centre (marked as a Private Road). The track that leads north from the back of the Centre is hard to locate but it is near the archery sign. Take roads to Golton Gorge and through to rocky outcrop 447. Good place for lunch.

Follow the marked track to Mt Staplyton turn off. There is a tiny but excellent water seepage crossing the main track near the turnoff to Mt Staplyton.

It might be possible to go directly from Mt Staplyton to Hollow Mountain (which was my original plan) but it looks very difficult. After climbing the mountain, we headed down to Mt Zero car park and then took the road to Hollow Mountain car park.

There is supposed to be a camping area at Hollow Mountain car park but it has been closed. But there is an excellent camp location if you take the Gulgurn Manja track from the car park. About 200 meters along the track you will see a large flat area hidden on the right with fire places and a good creek flowing by. There are no signs to indicate that this camp ground exists.

**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.

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