

WOMBAT ROCK and DIAMOND GULLY WALKS

Mt Killiecrankie Nature Recreation Reserve

Both tracks take walkers to the top of the eastern peak of Mt Killiecrankie (K1) – 316m. The Wombat Rock Track starts from the north and the Diamond Gully Track commences from the south at Killiecrankie township.

The Wombat Rock Track starts at the carpark opposite the '4WD Only' sign at the top of the Dock Rd 2.2kms in from Palana Rd (power pole No. 321), 6.6kms past the Killiecrankie turnoff. The track is rated medium difficulty, is approx. 1.8kms in length and takes about 3-4 hours return trip.

Highlights include the distinctive 'Wombat Rock' perched on the mountain ridge as seen from the start of the track, the 'White Eyed Man' rock, large wind shaped boulders straddling water-laden, wind-honed granite bowls (gnammas), rock underpasses and narrow passes and views, views and more views.

The Diamond Gully Track starts at the intersection along the Coastal walking track 100m to the north west of Diamond Gully Beach but effectively starts from Killiecrankie at the end of the road where the BBQ and facilities are located. Take the bay walk for 3kms along the beach to reach the intersection. Diamond Gully track is rated medium difficulty, is approx. 5.2kms in total and is a 5-6 hour return trip from Killiecrankie.

Highlights include the chance of finding an elusive 'Killiecrankie Diamond' or a short detour around to Stacky's Bight Beach, walking through serene forest and fern glade sections, water-laden & wind-honed granite bowls (gnammas) and many interesting rock shapes, and great views.

Both Tracks: Both walks can be done as a return trip option as two separate walks or they can be done as a through-walk from either starting point (5 hours) which requires car-pooling/drop off.

Important Safety Message:

Check the weather before you plan any walks, ensure you dress appropriately and according to the weather, winds can produce a chill in this cool maritime environment and your safety and navigation maybe impacted. Weather conditions may change at any time so being prepared with warm clothing and protective gear is required, along with water and sun protection.

Walking this area in summer on hot fire days is not recommended due to the risk of bushfires.

Track: These tracks are class 6 (as per AS 2156.1) and are **not managed** or maintained to negate any risk so self-reliance is required. This means that you are responsible for your own safety. Wear appropriate footwear & clothing, be prepared.

This means that you may lose sight of the trail, encounter overgrown sections and miss any marked points. There is no modification the environment, the ground will be uneven and slippery, especially on the rocky outcrops, especially when wet and there are steep sections. It is recommended you carry a topographical map and let someone know your plans.

Biosecurity- Help keep Flinders Island beautiful.

Many different diseases impact the health of our parks and reserves, as a minimum, we ask visitors to check, clean and disinfect all outdoor gear and boots.

Start your trip with clean dirt-free dry gear and remove dirt from boots.

Keep to the formed tracks and trails when walking.

Phytophthora – (pronounced fy-toff-thora): *root rot/dieback/cinnamom rot*

This is an introduced pathogen (*Phytophthora cinnomoni*) that causes root rot disease in as many as 120 of Tasmania's native species and is sadly present on these walks. It is like a fungus and lives inside plant roots where it gradually consumes the host. Some species die quickly, and it is spread by microscopic spores that can move through the soil.

How is it spread: When left alone, it spreads very slowly. However, it is spread by unsuspecting humans and hidden in mud, root rot can hitch a ride on boots, vehicles and gear.

What can you do to help: Please ensure your boots are clean and disinfected using Methylated spirits (in a spray bottle) before taking this or any other walk on island. It is good practice to carry a spray bottle and brush and make it a habit of keeping your boots clean when walking in any of our Tasmanian reserves.