

BARRINGTON TOPS TREK 2003

Proposed Trek Itinerary

1. WALKING ITINERARY:

This is the proposed walking itinerary for the Barrington Tops Trek 2003. There may be some minor changes to what is outlined depending on track conditions, etc, but generally speaking these should stand as they are stated.

The total distance covered during the trek will be about 80km, spread over seven walking days.

1.1 Day One (Saturday): Lagoon Pinch Forest Park to Carey's Peak (About 13km)

In theory the day will begin with the drive to Lagoon Pinch Forest Park, which is past the Barrington Guesthouse. This is via Salisbury Road, Williams Top Forest Road and Lagoon Pinch Forest Road.

The actual walk itself begins with the climbing of Corker Mountain, past Governor's Lookout along the Carey's Peak Trail. The walk then continues over Mount William and to Carey's Peak (1544m). The walk up is one of a steep ascent.

I hope to locate Selby's Hut and Basden's Falls during the journey over the Corker and on to Carey's Peak. There is said to be something of a track heading off to the hut (which I don't ever recall seeing).

I hope to stay in the vicinity of the Carey's Peak hut for this first night.

1.2 Day Two (Sunday): Carey's Peak to Mount Barrington (About 7km)

With an early start I hope to continue along the Carey's Peak Trail for Mount Barrington (1555m).

1.3 Day Three (Monday): Mount Barrington to Big Hole Camping Area (About 10km)

From Mount Barrington I head back to Carey's Peak, then past Black Swamp for the Big Hole Camping Area (about 1400m) on the Barrington River.

1.4 Day Four (Tuesday): Big Hole Camping Area to Little Murray Picnic Area and Polblue Mountain (About 9km)

From the Big Hole Camping Area I follow the Watergauge Trail, crossing the Barrington River at Bob's Crossing, before continuing on to the Kholwha Trail and the Little Murray Picnic Area (about 1490m - near Little Murray Swamp) on the Barrington Trail.

From the Little Murray Picnic Area I continue on the Barrington Trail, heading for Mount Polblue (1576m). I hope to climb the mountain and camp in the near vicinity.

1.5 Day Five (Wednesday): Polblue Mountain to Junction Hole Camping Area (About 9km)

From Mount Polblue I return to the Barrington Trail and follow the trail past Brumlow Top (1586m) and Brumlow Swamp, heading for Junction Hole Trail and the Junction Hole Camping Area (about 1440m).

1.6 Day Six (Thursday): Junction Hole Camping Area to Aeroplane Hill and Wombat Creek Camping Area (About 7km)

From Junction Hole Camping Area I head toward Aeroplane Hill (about 1530m) and the Big Hole Trail. I then follow the Big Hole Trail to Carey's Peak Trail and then on to the Gloucester Tops Trail, before arriving at my next campsite at Wombat Creek Camping Area (about 1430m).

1.7 Day Seven (Friday): Wombat Creek to Gloucester Falls (About 22km)

From Wombat Creek Camping Area I follow the Gloucester Tops Trail to the Arthur Munro Hut and Gloucester Falls area. This part of the walk includes areas of Antarctic Beech Forest (*Nothofagus mooriei*) and Tree Ferns.

I hope to camp near Gloucester Falls for the night.

1.8 Day Eight (Saturday): Pick up Day from Gloucester Falls

I'm hoping to be picked up sometime during the morning at Gloucester Falls.

2. MAPS:

There will be a need to purchase the following 1:25 000 topographic maps:

- Barrington Tops 9133-I-N
- Moonan Brook 9134-II-S
- Gloucester Tops-IV-N
- Cobark 9234-III-S

Also useful will be the CMA Tourist Map of Barrington Tops and Gloucester Districts and the Barrington Tops State Forests map from NSW State Forests.