

MAJOR MITCHELL PLATEAU (22-23 SEPTEMBER 2018)



Major Mitchell Plateau is located along the Mount William Range on the eastern side of the Grampians, approximately 25 km south of Halls Gap.

Walk Leader: David Louwrens (Mobile: 0438 303 279)

Cost: \$7.00 for non-members; members and trip card holders free; \$11.00 camping fee; share of petrol costs

Camping: One night – at the First Wannon Hiker Campsite on Saturday 22nd (\$11.00 camping fee)

Meals: Two lunches; one breakfast; one dinner

Water: Bring a minimum 2 litres and purification options (tablets or filters); water in creek at campsite

Map: Leader will bring a map (“Southern Grampians” 1:50,000 mapsheet is available at camping shops)

Distance: Melbourne CBD to Halls Gap: ~250 km

Cooking: Bring gas stove or Trangia

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Saturday 22 September:

Depart Melbourne at 5.30 - 6.00 am, to meet at Sheep Hills Car Park, ~16 km to the south of Halls Gap at approx. 9.30 am; drive; car shuffle to Jimmy Creek Campground (12 km to south).

Depart from Sheep Hills Car Park at 10.00 - 10.30 am. Walk up Mount William Track to the summit of Mount William (1,167 m); elevation gain of ~750 m. Walk to campsite (1,010 m). Distance: ~14 km; Time: 6-7 hours.

Sunday 23 September:

Depart campsite after breakfast at ~8.30 am. Walk along the escarpment edge to Stockyard Saddle then descend to the west, reaching Grampians Road and Jimmy Creek Campground. Distance: ~12 km; Time: 5 hours. Return to Melbourne, with optional coffee stop en route.