

MT BOGONG (9-11 JUNE 2018)



Mt Bogong is the highest mountain in Victoria at almost 1,986 m elevation. Snow could occur at this time of the year and snow-shoes may be required depending on the depth of snow.

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

Cost: \$5.00 for members; \$10.00 for non-members; trip card holders free; plus share of petrol costs

Camping: Three nights - the first night at the base of Mt Bogong and two nights on Mt Bogong

Meals: Dinner en route for first night, then three breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners

Water: Bring a minimum 2 litres and purification options (tablets or filters); water at all campsites

Map: Leader will bring a map, but Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000 mapsheet is available at camping shops

Distance: Melbourne to Mountain Creek Campsite (10 km east of Tawonga South): approx. 350 km

Cooking: Bring gas stove or Trangia; campfires not permitted on Mt Bogong; can cook inside hut

Weather: Expect below zero temperatures; possible extreme conditions (blizzards, strong winds)

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DEPARTURE:

Friday 8 June: Depart Melbourne 4 - 5 pm; drive to Mountain Creek Campsite at foot of Mt Bogong (or alternative campsite en route).

HIKE:

Saturday 9 June: Depart Mountain Creek Campsite (600 m) at 9.00 am. Climb The Staircase, stopping at Bivouac Hut for extended rest, then to Mt Bogong summit (1,986 m); elevation gain of almost 1,400 m. Walk to Cleve Cole Memorial Hut (1,780 m). Distance: approx. 13 km; Time: 6-7 hours

Sunday 10 June: Depending on weather conditions: Walk to West Peak (1,962 m) via Mt Bogong; lunch at West Peak. Return to Cleve Cole Hut; optional walk to Howman Falls (4 km return). Before dinner, optional walk to high plains to view sunset, weather permitting. Distance: 16 km; Time: 6 hours

Monday 11 June: Cleve Cole Hut to Mountain Creek Campsite via Mt Bogong summit and The Staircase.

Distance: 13 km; Time: 5-6 hours

Return to Melbourne with optional coffee stop (e.g. Myrtleford).