

Balmattum Hill Walking Track



Strathbogie Ranges Nature Trails



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A peaceful retreat for all to enjoy.

Short Walk

From the carpark to the rotunda is 294 metres. This track was constructed in 2001 by the Euroa Rotary Club to commemorate the Centenary of Federation. Extensive revegetation works have been undertaken using native plant species to mitigate soil erosion, enhance habitat values for wildlife and beautification. A pleasant walk with valley views.

Long Walk

From the rotunda to the end of the track (close to the summit) is 1036 metres (168 metres of incline). This section was constructed in 2011 by the Euroa Rotary Club as an extension to the short walk creating access to the surrounding bushland and views over Euroa township and across the vast Victorian Northern Plains as far as the eye can see. Rather spectacular!

Rock stack - During World War II soldiers physically trained by carrying rocks up the hill where they remain stacked along the track side.

Both walking tracks are clearly defined and sturdy footwear is advisable. This track links with the Seven Creeks Walking Track (also known as the Apex Track). Seven Creeks is marked on the map.

Dogs are permitted, however in considerations of other visitors and native wildlife please use leashes.

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Rocks stacked by soldiers in training exercises during WWII

Rotunda



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EUROA-STRATHBOGIE RD



Distance

Short Walk - 294 metres | Long Walk - 1,036 metres
Total one way distance - 1,330 metres

Time to complete

Advanced walkers

Short Walk - 5 min | Long Walk - 30 min

Moderation walkers

Short Walk - 10 min | Long Walk - 45 min

Slow walkers

Short Walk - 12 min | Long Walk - 60 min

Relative difficulty

Short Walk - easy | Long Walk - moderate

Location

175 Euroa-Strathbogie Road, Euroa

Travel south for 1.75 km's on the Euroa-Strathbogie Road (Templeton St) from the Tarcombe St intersection. This intersection is sign posted to Strathbogie. Turn left at the Balmattum Walking Track sign, continue for 120 metres to carpark.

Track Notes

Balmattum Hill Bushland Reserve was established in 1979 and consists of 78.6 hectares of crown land under the management of Parks Victoria. The vegetation community is Grassy Woodland, White Box (*Eucalyptus albens*) being the dominant tree species with Grey Box, Red Box and Wattles also present.

A range of grasses such as Kangaroo, Wallaby and Spear cover the ground as do lichens and moss and herbs, together with a range of shrub species.

The Balmattum Hill Bushland Reserve is home to many different kinds of native fauna such as birds: owls, parrots, honeyeaters, finches, treecreepers, kookaburras; mammals: microbats, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, possums, gliders, phascogales; and reptiles: tree goannas, snakes, blue tongued lizards, skinks and geckos.

In addition to the native woodland species, invasive pest plants and animals are also found. Exotic grasses and other weeds such as Paterson's Curse, St John's Wort and Thistle. Pest animals such as rabbits, Indian Mynas and foxes, all compete against native species for the same limited resources.

Granite boulders and rocky outcrops are a prominent landscape feature in the Balmattum Hill Bushland Reserve. Although granite is a hard Igneous type of rock, eroding processes over many years caused by weathering has created sheltered habitats amongst the soil and debris at the base of the rock formations for invertebrates such as ants, centipedes, beetles, crickets, slugs and spiders and other species. This in turn is good food for birds and reptiles.

This walk can be undertaken at any time of year although summer can be very hot – go early or late in the day and take water and hat.

In case of emergency

- For emergency help dial 000.
- The nearest medical facility is Euroa Medical Family Practice.
- In case of fire call 000.

About Strathbogrie Ranges Conservation Management Network

The Strathbogrie Ranges Conservation Management Network (CMN) is a community organisation whose mission is to improve nature conservation and management in the Strathbogrie Ranges through learning, sharing and collaboration.

Formed in 2010 the CMN has been actively involved in on-ground conservation activities such as protecting wetlands and rocky outcrops, community activities such as the Wild Strathbogrie Festival and education workshops such as our Landscape Discovery Tours.

We partner local Landcare Groups and work with the traditional owners of this land the Taungurang Clan.

For further information visit:

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