



St John's Cartophiles Bushwalking Club

Govett's Leap to Mt Victoria, Blue Mountains National Park, 6th – 8th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend), 2015

Our second overnight walk of the year is a three day trek over the Queen's Birthday Weekend. Starting at Govetts Leap it passes Bridal Falls before dropping into the Grose Valley and following the river to the Acacia Flats campsite. The second day continues to explore the fantastic Grose Valley to the Burra Korain Flat Camping Area.

The last day is a short walk but a very steep climb of about 430m to Mt Victoria past the spectacular Victoria Falls and the smaller Victoria Cascades.

The distance each day allows time to stop, explore and enjoy the fantastic scenery.



*Grose Valley from Govetts Leap
Image courtesy Black Diamond Images*

Getting There and Back

We will meet at the Victoria Falls Lookout, at the end of Victoria Falls Road, Mt Victoria. It's about 2 hours drive from Wahroonga. We'll leave cars there and ferry people to the start point, about 12 minutes drive.

Camping

Acacia Flats Camping Ground is a wonderful place to pitch a tent with tall shady Blue Gums and level grass clearings. There is a pit toilet and sitting logs to make camping more comfortable, and plenty of room for large groups. Water is available from Govetts Creek about 50m away.

Burra Korain Flat Camping Area is a small clearing between the Victoria Creek and Grose River. The campsite is well signposted and has nice sitting logs and plenty of space for a few tents. Water can be accessed from either river or creek.

In both cases water should be treated before use.

Equipment

You will receive a full recommended equipment list when you register for the walk. You will need a tent, sleeping bag and a pack big enough to carry them plus your food, water, cooking gear, spare clothes, personal first aid kit and other miscellaneous items. If you don't have this gear please call Kit to discuss borrowing or hiring it.

You will need to wear suitable clothes for hiking, including boots or good walking shoes.

Times

We'll meet at 9.30am on Saturday so we can start walking at about 10.00am. We'll walk for about six hours, including rest breaks, and should be in camp by about 4.00pm. On Sunday we'll start at about 9.00am and be in camp at about 3.00pm. On Monday we should finish walking by 12.00pm.

Food and Water

Breakfast on Saturday and dinner on Monday will be outside the walk. You will need to carry food for the remaining meals for the three days. You will need to carry at least two litres of drinking water with the intention of refilling at the campsites. Kit will carry water purification tablets.

All meals must be cooked on gas stoves.

You must register for this walk by Monday 29th May. For more information contact Kit Craig on 0411 507 422 or email cartophiles@stjohnswahroonga.org