

Moonlight Ridge – Southern Ranges

The Trek

Moonlight Ridge traverses the Southern Ranges of Tasmania, which are close to the Southern coastline. The major peaks along the Southern Ranges are Mount La Perouse, Pindars Peak and Precipitous Bluff, which give commanding views over the South Coast Track and the Southern Ocean.

The hike is a 6day in and return trip from Ida Bay to Pindars Peak. We cross high country, sidle past highland tarns and climb numerous peaks along the way.

This walk best suits the experienced walker with a good level of fitness. The Southern Ranges are exposed and walkers must be prepared for all weather conditions.

We always hope for favorable weather and with this confidence we have coincided our walks to depart around the full moon.

Tour Inclusions

Length of Walk

6 Days

Tour Cost 2015 / 16 Season

\$1850.00 per person

Your tour costs are based on joining from Hobart and include the following:

- Transport to the trail head and return to Hobart
- Two experienced and qualified guides
- Four season lightweight tents
- All food and snacks from day 1 lunch to day 6 lunch.
- Emergency first aid kits – emergency use
- Satellite Telephone – emergency use
- All cooking and eating equipment
- Max 6 clients
- National Park Passes
- Fun

- Beautiful scenery

Tour costs do not include:

- Your travel to and from Hobart to join the tour
- Personal travel insurance
- Accommodation, food or beverages before and after your tour
- Personal equipment list (pack, sleeping bag etc)

If you do not have specific bushwalking gear for example mat, pack or sleeping bag we can loan it to you at no extra cost.

Joining Instruction

At the booking stage of the tour we will provide you with the how, when and where of the tour. This will include booking information, trip briefing location and time, personal bushwalking equipment list, our environmental policy for the National Park, travel and accommodation information.

Important Information

A prerequisite is that you will have to share the load of food to be consumed plus your shelter. This may be up to an additional weight of 5 - 8 kilograms over and above your personal items. The region is exposed to cold and wet southerly & westerly winds. Walkers should expect some wet weather and cold conditions.

Itinerary

Please enjoy reading the trek itinerary below. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call us.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Ida Bay to Moonlight Creek (7.2km 5 hours)

We depart Hobart at 0700am and drive to Ida Bay. The track starts at an old Limestone quarry and passes Mystery Creek Cave as it climbs up through the forest to Moonlight Flats. At the western end of the flats is Moonlight Creek and our 1st nights camp.

Day 2: Moonlight Creek to Pigsty Ponds (6.5km 4 hours)

Today's walk is over exposed open country and as you head west you get your first views of Federation Peak and Precipitous Bluff. The track sidles around hills 1 to 4 and at Hill 3 we do a side trip up "The Hippo" and then descend to Pigsty Ponds and our camp.

Day 3: Pigsty Ponds to Ooze Lake (3.4 km 3hrs)

Shortly after leaving Pigsty Ponds we drop our packs at a junction and climb to the summit of Mount La Perouse [1158m]. Descending from the summit the track climbs over a series of scrubby saddles to Ooze Lake.

Day 4: Pindars Peak side trip

This day we do a day trip to the summit of Pindars Peak.

Day 5: Ooze Lake to Moonlight Creek (10.0km 7hrs)

A longer day today, we retrace our journey back bypassing Pigsty Ponds to our camp at Moonlight Creek.

Day 6: Moonlight Creek to Ida Bay (7.2km 5hrs)

We return to Ida Bay this day and stop by the Mystery Creek Caves, time permitting.

NB: The itinerary may be subject to change due to weather conditions or other factors.