

Western Arthur Range – Kappa Moraine Circuit

The Trek

This 8day walk traverses Tasmania's most rugged mountain range – The Western Arthur's.

We walk the ranges amazing skyline, clambering up and over dramatic peaks and past numerous pristine lakes and tarns.

Walkers will need to have a lot of bush walking experience and need to be fit to tackle this circuit. The range can be subject to extreme weather conditions, even in the best of summer months. We recommend that you do this walk from January through to the end of March.

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 tents
- All food and snacks from day 1 lunch to day 8 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)

Important Information

This walk is very arduous and has some height exposure in places. Walkers need to be very fit and have plenty of bushwalking experience.

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 - 6 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.

Management and your guides reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary due to unsafe or extreme weather conditions.

Camping is strictly in 2 person tents only. There is no room on at the sites for single person tents.

Itinerary

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

Itinerary:

Day 1: Scott's Peak to Lake Cygnus (15.5km 7 hours)

We depart Hobart at 0630am and drive 152km to the Huon River campground at Scott's Peak. From the campground it is a moderate 3hour walk to Junction Creek, on a well-defined track. After lunch it is a long and arduous climb up Alpha Moraine to the top of the range. Once on top of the range the walking is easy across moors and around rocky knolls to our camp beside Lake Cygnus.

Day 2: Lake Cygnus to Lake Oberon (4.2km 5 hours)

The track continues to follow the range and the walking is moderate but exposed to the weather. The views are absolutely amazing as we pass by Mounts Hayes, Sirius and Orion. A steep decent leads us down and across to the plain beside Lake Oberon.

Day 3: Spare Day - We can utilize this spare day anywhere along the track. It will be used for rest or to hold out in the case of bad weather.

Day 4: Lake Oberon to High Moor (4.3 km 6hrs)

This section is the most exciting and hardest part of the traverse as we have numerous climbs and gullies to negotiate. The track may be rough and tough in places but you are rewarded by the amazing views of glacial lakes and the expanses of the South West National Park.

Day 5: High Moor to Haven Lake (3.8km 5 hours)

Leaving High Moor the track becomes quite tricky to follow, as there are many crags to pick our way through. These crags are called the "Beggary Bumps". These are a series of rocky peaks, which start soon after leaving High Moor. From here there are some steep gullies to negotiate before we hit our final ridge and easier walking, then we, descend an easy slope down to the campsite at Haven Lake.

Day 6: Spare Day - We can utilize this spare day anywhere along the track. It will be used for rest or to hold out in the case of bad weather.

Day 7: Haven Lake to Seven Mile Creek via Kappa Moraine (4.5km 4hrs)

The ridgeline walk to the junction is easy / medium walking. We pass by the junction of Kappa Moraine where we decide to descend off the range, as this makes for them a shorter circuit. From Kappa Moraine it is only 4 km to our campsite.

Day 8: Seven Mile Creek to Scott's Peak (14km 7hrs)

The walk across the Arthur Plains to Junction Creek is easy and the track is well defined. Along this section of track we have an excellent profile view of the jagged ridgeline of the Western Arthur Range that we previously traversed. The well defined, track heads back to the Huon River campground where we began our walk on day 1.

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