



Craig's Hut Tour

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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TOUR OUTLINE:

NO 3, MT STIRLING AND CRAIGS HUT.

This trip takes you up the Delatite Valley on the road to Mt Buller from Mansfield. At Sawmill Settlement you follow Carters Road deep into the forest towards Tomahawk Saddle. Carters Road becomes the No 3 Road which climbs up onto the Razorback Spur at Mt No 3 and takes the traveller over to the Circuit Road which circumnavigates Mt Stirling. After travelling along the Circuit Road, the access track to Craig's Hut takes you to the well known site of the hut used in the original "Man from Snowy River" movie. The trip back to Mansfield takes you along the Circuit Road to Telephone Box Junction and down the Mt Stirling road to Mirimbah at the base of Mt Buller. The total driving time is three up to five hours allow extra time for stops.

THINGS TO DO

See Tomahawk Hut, typical early timber industry hut.

Views to Mansfield and the Paps from No 3 Road.

Views to Mt Cobbler and King River Valleys from No3 Road.

Visit Craigs Hut and Clear Hills area.

Views of the Bluff and Upper Howqua Valley

Views of Mt Buller and Alpine Village.

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING AREAS

Camping Areas (toilets)

- Carters Road

Day Visitors Areas (toilets & tables)

- Carters Road
- Circuit Road
- Craigs Hut
- Telephone Box Junction
- King Saddle
- Mirimbah

LOOKING AFTER THE AREA

Use fallen dead timber only for campfires, make sure you clear the ground at least 3 metres around your campfire and 1.5 metres around portable gas appliances. Maximum camp fire size is 1 m³.

DO NOT LIGHT FIRES ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN

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Off road driving is illegal.

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USEFUL MAPS AND BROCHURES

Maps

Vic map 1:25,000 Howqua (8123-4-2)

Melbourne Tramping Club Map 1:50,000

King, Howqua & Jamieson Rivers.

Vic Map 1:25,000 Buller North (8123-1-N)

Vic map outdoor leisure series Buller - Stirling

Brochures

Car based camping code

4WD touring code

Camping and barbecues

Bushwalking code

Circuit Rd & Mt Stirling (NRE)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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DETAILED NAVIGATION NOTES

START

Mansfield



FINISH

Carters Road

Carters Road



Mount No 3 Rd
(Tomahawk Hut)

No 3 Road



Circuit Road

Circuit Road



Craig's Hut

Craig's Hut



Mirimbah

Mirimbah



Mansfield

DIRECTIONS

From the Mt Buller Rd take Carters Rd 0.5km on left past Sawmill Settlement

12.6 km up Carters Road, at recent logging coupe take road on left for 13 km to Tomahawk Hut. Straight ahead (veer slightly right) to No 3 Road

Follow track to intersection with Circuit Road (turn left)

Follow Circuit Road to Craig's Hut turn off (15km), turn right to Craig's Hut (2km).

Return to Circuit Road, turn right and follow Circuit Road to Telephone Box Junction. Turn left down Mt Stirling access road to Mirimbah.

Turn right at Mt Buller Road to Mansfield (30km).



The Bluff Tour

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TOUR OUTLINE:

HOWQUA HILLS HISTORIC AREA AND ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

This trip takes you up the Delatite Valley on the Mt Buller Road from Mansfield. At Merrijig, you follow the Howqua Track into the Howqua Valley. At Sheeppark Flat the Howqua Track becomes Brocks Road this road climbs up into the Alpine National Park. Spectacular views of Mt Buller can be seen as you climb Brocks Road. At Eight Mile Gap continue ahead on Bluff Link Road to the Bluff 4x4 track, this track takes you to well known sites such as Bluff and Lovicks Huts. Just before Lovicks Hut veer left into Cairn Creek Track, this will return you to Brocks Road and the Upper Jamieson Valley. Travel down Brocks Road until you reach the Upper Jamieson Hut turn off. If you wish to inspect this historic hut veer left. Upon returning to Brocks Road commence to climb back to Eight Mile Gap. From here re track your steps back to Mansfield via Sheeppark Flat.

The total trip time without stopping is approximately five and a half hours.

THINGS TO SEE

Mt Timbertop views of Mansfield

Howqua Hills Historic Area:

Popular camping location with many good swimming holes in Summer

Views of Mt Buller, Mt McDonald

Visit Bluff and Lovicks Huts.

Upper Jamieson Hut an early example of Government Hut.

CAMPING AND PICNIC AREAS

Camping Areas (toilets)

Fry's Flat

Sheeppark Flat

Tunnel Bend Flat

Bluff Hut

Lovicks Hut

Day Visitor Areas (toilets & tables)

Sheeppark Flat

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Dogs and cats are not permitted within the Alpine National Park.

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MANSFIELD 4WD DISCOVERY TOURS

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START

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FINISH

Merrijig

Howqua Track



Sheeppark Flat

Sheeppark Flat



Eight Mile Gap

Eight Mile Gap



Bluff Link Road

Bluff 4x4Track



Cairn Creek

Cairn Creek Track



Brocks Road

Brocks Road



To 8 Mile Gap

Eight Mile Gap



Mansfield

DIRECTIONS

Take the Mt Buller Road to Merrijig, turn right (1.5km past) into Howqua Track (18km) of winding dirt road, stop at Timbertop Saddle for walk to summit of Mt Timbertop. (1 hour walk)

(19.3km) Follow Brocks Road to 8 Mile Gap intersection.

Follow Bluff Road, straight ahead (22km) to Bluff 4x4 track and turn right

Bluff 4x4 Track via Bluff Hut and Square Head Jinny to Cairn Creek

Track (8.5km) turn right (0.5km) before Lovicks Hut

Follow Cairn Creek Track (10.5km) down to Brocks Road, turn right.

Follow Brocks Road to 8 Mile Gap (17.6km)

Retrace your tracks via Sheeppark Flat to Mansfield (40km)



Mt Stirling

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TOUR OUTLINE:

MT STIRLING, CRAIGS HUT AND ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

This trip takes you into the Delatite and Howqua Valleys. The trip starts by travelling along the Mt Buller Road to Mirimbah. At Mirimbah turn left onto the Mt Stirling road to Telephone Box Junction, (the area around Telephone Box Junction is popular in winter for cross country skiing). From Telephone Box Junction the Circuit Road circumnavigates Mt Stirling. Take the Circuit Road via King Saddle to the Craigs Hut turn off. This Access Track takes you to Craigs Hut, which was constructed for the "Man from Snowy River" Movies. From Craigs Hut return to the Circuit Road via Clear Hills and Monument Track. You rejoin the Circuit Road at Bindaree Road Junction, Bindaree Road becomes Flat Spur Road as you cross the Howqua River, follow Flat Spur Road to the Bluff 4X4 Track. If you wish to see the Bluff Area turn right, if not continue ahead to Eight Mile Gap and onto Sheeppark Flat. It is a 18km drive to the Mt Buller Road, turn left to Mansfield. Total trip time without stopping is approximately 6 hours.

THINGS TO SEE

Visit Craigs Hut and Clear Hills Area

Visit Bindaree Falls

Visit the Bluff and Bluff Hut Area

Swim at Sheeppark Flat in Summer

Climb Mt. Timbertop

PICNIC AREAS

Camping Areas (toilets)

Bluff Hut

Noonans Flat

Tunnel Bend Flat

Sheeppark Flat

Day Visitor Areas (toilets & tables)

Telephone Box Junction

Craigs Hut

Sheeppark Flat

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DETAILED NAVIGATION NOTES

START	FINISH
Mansfield	Mirimbah
Mirimbah	Telephone Box Junction
Telephone Box Junction	Craigs Hut
Craigs Hut	Bindaree Road
Bindaree Road Crossing	Flat Spur Road
Flat Spur Road	Bluff 4X4 Track
Howqua River	Bluff 4X4 Track
Bluff Link Road	8 Mile Gap
Eight Mile Gap	Howqua Hills Historic Area
Brocks Road	Howqua Hills Historic Area
Howqua Hills Historic Area	Mansfield

DIRECTIONS

Take Mt Buller Road to Mirimbah (32km) turn left
 Follow Mt Stirling Road to Telephone Box Junction (8km)
 Follow Circuit Road to Craigs Hut turn off (19km) turn right to Craigs Hut
 Follow Clear Hills & Monument Track to Bindaree/Circuit Road Junction. (4km)
 Turn left from Circuit Road, travel (6.5 km) to Howqua River, Flat Spur Road is directly ahead
 Follow Flat Spur Road (10km) to Bluff 4X4 track on left (1.6km) to Bluff Hut. Retrace your tracks to Flat Spur Road which becomes Bluff Link Road.
 Turn left off Bluff 4X4 Track onto Bluff Link Road, travel via Refrigerator Gap to Eight Mile Gap
 Continue down Brocks Road (19.3km) to Howqua Hills Historic Area
 Cross over river at Sheeppark Flat and follow Howqua Track to Buller Road (15km) turn left to Merrijig and Mansfield



Mitchells Flat Tour

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TOUR OUTLINE:

LOWER HOWQUA RIVER, MITCHELLS FLAT, UPPER JAMIESON RIVER

This trip departs from Mansfield via the Jamieson Road, turn left immediately after crossing the Howqua River into Howqua River Road. This road becomes Steiners Road near Running Creek Camping Reserve, continue on to the now abandoned Slate Mine. The track from the Slate Mine to Mitchells Flat should be treated with caution in wet weather. From Mitchells Flat take the main track to Wrens Flat. At Wrens Flat take the Mt Sunday Road which becomes the Low Saddle Road at Mt Sunday. Continue on until you meet Brocks Road as you cross the Upper Jamieson River. Brocks Road climbs up to an exposed saddle at the Eight Mile Gap, turn left at Eight Mile Gap and continue down Brocks Road to Howqua Hills Historic Area. Cross the Howqua River at Sheeppark Flat, follow the Howqua Track to the Mt Buller Road at Merrijig, continue to Mansfield.

THINGS TO DO

Visit Running Creek Camping Reserve.

Visit Mitchell's Flat, site of early settlement

8 Mile Gap, spectacular views of the High Country.

Howqua Hills Historic Area, popular camping and day visitor location.

Timbertop Saddle, walk to Mount Timbertop, views of Mansfield and district.

PICNIC AREAS

Running Creek Camping Reserve (toilets & tables)

Howqua Hills Historic Area

- Tunnel Bend Flat (toilets)
- Davons Flat
- Noonans Flat (toilets)
- Sheeppark Flat (toilets & tables)

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FINISH

Howqua River Road

Howqua River Rd



Slate Mine

Slate Mine



Mitchell's Flat

Mitchell's Flat



Wren's Flat

Wren's Flat



Mount Sunday

Saddle



Mount Sunday

Mount Sunday



Brock's Road

Low Saddle Road/

Brock's Road



Eight Mile Gap

Eight Mile Gap



Howqua Hills

Howqua Hills



Mansfield

Historic Area



Mansfield

DIRECTIONS

Follow Mansfield/Jamieson Road to Howqua River Bridge, turn left into Howqua River Road (22km)

Follow Howqua River Road (Steiners Road) to Slate Mine. (15.8km)

Continue with main track through mine and down Mitchell's Track to Mitchells Flat. (5.0Km)

The road from Mitchells' Flat to Wren's Flat (5km) is via the Potato Patch

Turn left at Wren's Flat into Mount Sunday Road, travel (12km) to Low Saddle Road at Mount Sunday

Mount Sunday Road becomes Low Saddle Road, travel (19km) to Brock's Road, cross the Upper Jamieson River and turn left into Brock's Road.

Climb (6 km) to Eight Mile Gap and turn left

From Eight Mile Gap travel via Brock's Road to the Howqua Hills Historic Area.

Cross over Howqua River at Sheeppark Flat, follow Howqua Track to Mount Buller Road (18km), turn left to Merrijig (1.5km) and to Mansfield.