

Tanglefoot Track Loop

This walk is a medium walk. It is about 10.5km in length, has a long (maybe 4km) relatively easy uphill section (similar to the Old Kinglake Road, for those who have walked up that, less steep than the Myrtle Gully walk). It has many tree ferns, tall trees and birds. Steepness rating 3 - 3+.

The surface, is not particularly rough, but has a significant amount of forest litter (leaves, bark, small branches etc). Surface rating 4 (due to tripping hazards from forest litter).

It should NOT be walked if there is any fire danger or after rain. It would probably be best walked in March, April, October or November.

Getting there:

Car-pooling at **08.30 at ELT**. The start point is approx. 53km / 1hr from the ELT. Fuel contribution \$5 to the driver.

Head towards Yarra Glen and then left on the C731 at the T into Yarra Glen.

After about 2.1km turn left onto the B300, Melba Highway.

After approx. 14.1km turn right towards Toolangi on the C724, Healesville – Kinglake Road.

Proceed for about 7.4km (passing through Toolangi) and turn left onto Myers Creek Road (note the Toolangi Tavern on your left just round the corner).

After 2.2km veer left onto Sylvia Creek Rd. This is a gravel road with a (difficult to see) sign on a vertical orangey / brown pole.

After 4.3km Sylvia Creek Rd makes a sharp left turn. At this point there is a smaller road leading roughly straight ahead. Take this smaller road and proceed about 300m to the carpark (Wirrawilla Walk).

There is a (long drop) toilet, and a table and benches under a shelter.

Coffee: Make your own arrangements.

The walk: (starts at 09.30, should finish about 12.30, with lunch at about 12.45).

From the back of the carpark follow the sign to the Tanglefoot Track (and Quarry Rd). After about 0.9km pass a track entering from the left. This is an optional return path (see later).

Follow the track for another 3.5km until you come to some large boulders (blocking vehicle access) and a road T intersection (Monda Road, un-signposted, but with a sign pointing left to Tanglefoot Loop Track).

Turn left and proceed about 200m to a gate on the left (there is a small car-park opposite, on the right).

Go through the gate and follow the track. Near the start the track is fairly overgrown with tree ferns, but the track clears progressively as you proceed along it.

Continue straight ahead (for about 4 km) until you come to a track entering from the left with a sign pointing to Quarry Rd.

(Option: turn left, proceed down a moderately steep hill for about 1km to a T. This is Quarry Rd. On reaching Quarry Rd turn right and head back about 900m to the carpark).

Proceed straight ahead (not left) for approx. 1km to the next track on the left (signposted) which leads back to the Willawalla Walk and carpark.

Turn left and proceed gently down. At an intersection turn left. On reaching the next intersection turn left onto the gravel path which leads back to the carpark.

Lunch:

At Toolangi Tavern. To reach the Tavern turn left out of the car park, continue to the T intersection. Turn right then continue straight ahead. The Tavern is on your right immediately before the Healesville – Kinglake Rd.