Beeripmo Walk

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Skill Level: Moderate Fitness Level: Average
21km, 11 hrs 2-day return

Located an hours drive west of Ballarat, just off the Western
Highway, Mt Cole State Forest is 25 kilometres from the
township of Beauroat and marks the gateway to the Pyrenees
Wine District and the Grampians. The Beeripmo Walk winds its
way through Mt Cole State Forest as well as Mt Buangor State
Park and has been designed as a 2-day walk. Walkers will be
exposed to a seriously rewarding forest bushwalking experience.

“Walk through cool fern gullies and alpine plateaus then rest to
take in the views across the spreading plains to Langi Ghiran and
the Grampians. Experience a night at the charming Beeripmo
Campground, then descend through spectacular tall forests.”

Richards to Raglan Falls
Distance - 1.0 km 30 minutes
The track climbs steadily through a ferny gully surrounded by
large granite boulders until reaching the cliffs of Raglan Falls.
The flat top of the cliffs is a good place to catch your breath and
enjoy forested views.

Raglan Falls to Cave Hill
Distance - 2.6 kms 1.0 hour
The track continues to climb gently to Cave Hill. The forest begins
to change from the tall eucalypt forest with a shrubby understory
to the more open sub alpine vegetation. Nearing Cave Hill, you
will experience the extensive views to the south towards Mt Cole
and the western plains.

Cave Hill to The Sugarloaf
Distance - 3.5 kms 2.0 hours
As you climb Cave Hill, the views to the Grampians and Mt Langi
Ghiran are revealed. To the north the densely forested ridge to the
summit of The Sugarloaf is exposed. The track now winds its way
gently through the eucalypt forests and heath of Mt Buangor State
Park. If you look closely you may see the locally endemic Mt Cole
Grevillea with its serrated leaf edges. As you begin to climb
steeply to the top of the Sugarloaf, breaks in the forest reveal
views south towards Cave Hill, where you have just come from.

The Sugarloaf to Beeripmo Campground
Distance - 0.9 kms 30 minutes

Beeripmo Campground to Mt Buangor Lookout
Distance - 5.4 kms 3.0 hour
The track heads uphill to the summit of Mugwamp Hill, which
exposes views to the east of Mount Lonarch State Forest. At the
base of the Mugwamp Hill, the Beeripmo walk meets the Mt
Buangor lookout side track. The Mt Buangor lookout offers the
most extensive views of the Mt Buangor State Park and the
western plains from Mt Langi Ghiran to the Grampians.

Mt Buangor Track to Grevillea Track
Distance - 6.6 kms 2.3 hours
The track slides past Dawson Rock and descends gradually
through regrowth forest before joining and following Long
Gully. As you walk through Long Gully the tall eucalypts
become overwhelmingly taller. Descending to the intersection of
the Grevillea Track, take time to enjoy the steep gullies lined
with large tree ferns.

Grevillea Track to Richards
Distance - 1.0 km 20 minutes
The track now follows open heathy forest, including Mt Cole
grevillea, back to Richards. Many of the trees have blackened
outer bark from recent bushfires, which have promoted a healthy
understorey of heaths.

Camping
Camping is on a first come first serve basis. No bookings are
required, but early arrival may be advisable in peak periods. The
Beeripmo campground is flat, easily accessible and includes 10
camp pads, fireplaces and toilet.

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- Let someone know before you go bushwalking.
- Keep your party small (4-8 people), Large parties have
  more of an environmental impact.
- Minimise your impact by taking the following items:
  - fuel and stove for cooking.
  - good quality tent (with poles and sewn in floor)
  - hand trowel for burying toilet waste.
- Pack it in pack it out. Don’t take potential rubbish such as
  bottles, cans and excess wrapping. You must take all of your
  rubbish home with you.
- Camp at an existing campsite. Creating a new campsite
can damage the native plants.
- Only light fires in the fireplaces provided. Fires must be less
  than 1 metre square and at least 3 metres clear of burnable
  material.
- Boil all water for at least five minutes before drinking.
- Do not disturb native plants and animals.
- Dogs must be under direct control within State forests and
  are not permitted within State Parks.

For more information
The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is
responsible for managing Victoria’s State Forest. For further
information contact the Department of Sustainability and
Environment office at Ballarat (03) 5336 6856 or DSE’s
Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Visit DSE’s website
http://www.dse.vic.gov.au
then select “Forestry”.

1 To assist visitors in choosing walks, the walks are classified by skill
level and fitness level. For a description of these classifications, refer to the
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