Rummery Park to Fork Fire Trail - Overnight Hike

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MAP: Huonbrook 9540-1N

Grid Ref Zone: MGRS 56JNP.

Summary

An overnight hike to a camp-site with NO car access.

Water can be collected from a creek close to the camp-site

Several options are available depending on the fitness of the participants, and weather conditions

<u>Hike – Day 1 – Rummery Park to Fork Fire Trail via Eastern Fire Trail</u>

Approx 9Km with around 300m ascent and descent

- Start at Rummery Park Camp Site (3698 3643)
- Head North East from the car park, about 20m along "Peates Mountain Road to the locked gate.
- Find the track (Track up Peates Mountain) that heads off to the left in a Northerly, then North Westerly direction
- Follow this track, heading straight on at the junction with "McIvers Fire Trail" (3652 3679)
- Continue to follow the Track Up Peates Mountainwhich eventually leads to the summit at 3636 3864.
- Leave the summit, and then find the track that heads North West to join Peates Mountain Road at 3623 3886
- Head South East down Peates Mount Road to the Junction with the Eastern Fire Trail at 3655 3857
- Head North East along the Eastern Fire Trail. Follow this trail as it winds through the bush.
- Notice the hairpin bend at 3696 3949, with a small track heading off North. Make sure you stay
 on the Eastern Fire Trail and head South.
- It's about 3km to the junction with Fork Fire Trail at 3846 3832. Although there's only one junction, it will be easy to miss if you don't pay attention to where you are on the map. Count the creek crossings, and notice the bends in the road.
- Head South West along Fork Fire Trail to the small camp (near to a creek) at 3819 3799

<u>Hike - Day 1 – Alternative via Perlite Road</u>

Approx 7Km with around 250m ascent and descent

• Follow the above instructions until you reach the Junction of Peates Mountain Road and the Eastern Fire Trail at 3655 3857.

- Continue South East along Peates Mountain Road until you reach the junction with Perlite Road at 3715 3797
- Head East along Perlite Road, which eventually bends towards the South, until you reach the junction with Fork Fire Trial at 3806 3778
- Head North East along Fork Fire Trail to the small camp (near to a creek) at 3819 3799

Hike - Day 1 - Alternative Camp Site

A larger camp with less tree cover (i.e. less risk of falling branches) is on the Eastern Fire Trail at 3776 3744. You can find this camp by following the notes for Day 2.

The problem with this campsite is that it's about 1km from the reliable water at the small camp (3819 3799). Nevertheless it may prove to be the better option.

Hike - Day 2 - Return to Rummery Campsite

Approx 3Km with around 100m ascent and descent

- From the Small Camp at 3819 3799 head South along Fork Fire Trail to junction with Perlite Road at 3806 3778
- Head south along Perlite Road to the junction with the Eastern Fire Trial 3811 3758
- Head west along the Eastern Fire Trail, uphill and downhill, past the big camp at 3776 3744 until you reach the junction with Peates Mountain Road at 3713 3739.
- Head South East down Peates Mountain Road until you arrive at Rummery Campsite.

Interesting variation

- Rather than walking all the way down the boring Peates Mountain Road take McIver's Fire Trail which at 3712 3704.
- Head South West along this track until the junction with the "Track Up Peates Mountain" at 3652 3679.
- Then head South East along the "Track Up Peates Mountain" until you arrive at Rummery Campsite.