

FRANKLIN FOREST WALK

Directions to the start of the walks

Heading south through Franklin, turn right into New Road. Follow New Road up the hill, eventually you come to an area that has recently been felled. The road now has many potholes but is quite accessible with a little care. You will come to a side road that turns sharply back to the right, this is the continuation of New Road and the way to the Mill car park, a left turn after approx 500m. For the lower or Loop car park, where most walks start, continue straight for 40m to a T junction. Turn Right at the T junction.

Continue for approx 350m. On the right is a short road where you can park. There is a sign saying Forest Walks but sometimes this gets removed. The tagged track begins off this short access road. Approx 20m. On the left you will clearly see a track, going down into the regrowth forest (young eucalypts and lots of cutting grass). Click the following link for the location on Google maps:

<https://goo.gl/maps/zBaYUXUCfvxhNdmg7>



Track notes

The first 200 metres descends through a regrowth forest that was burnt in the 2019 bushfires. Follow the clear track down and you will enter an unburnt wet forest. The Loop track starts here. You'll see signage with a mud map to explain the various tracks. The Loop track is approximately 1.5km on uneven terrain. Continue along the yellow tags beside the Castle Forbes Rivulet to a bridge. After the bridge, the track becomes a circuit through the forest. Either follow it right, along the creek, or straight into the forest. It will loop around to meet the bridge again, after approximately 1km.

PLEASE NOTE: There are now 4 tagged tracks, each marked with yellow woven tape (there is no defined track). Despite efforts to make tags frequent, there is always a risk of getting lost. Always look for the next tag before moving off. Before beginning the track without a guide, make sure you feel confident with your bearings and leave your walking plans with a friend. It is always good to preload a map on google maps with your gps location so you can find the road if you lose the track. There is no reception in the forest.

Please only follow the yellow tags - ignore any other colour

Please follow leave no trace principles and do not stray from the track. If you bring a dog, please keep it on the lead at all times.

Limited parking available at the start.