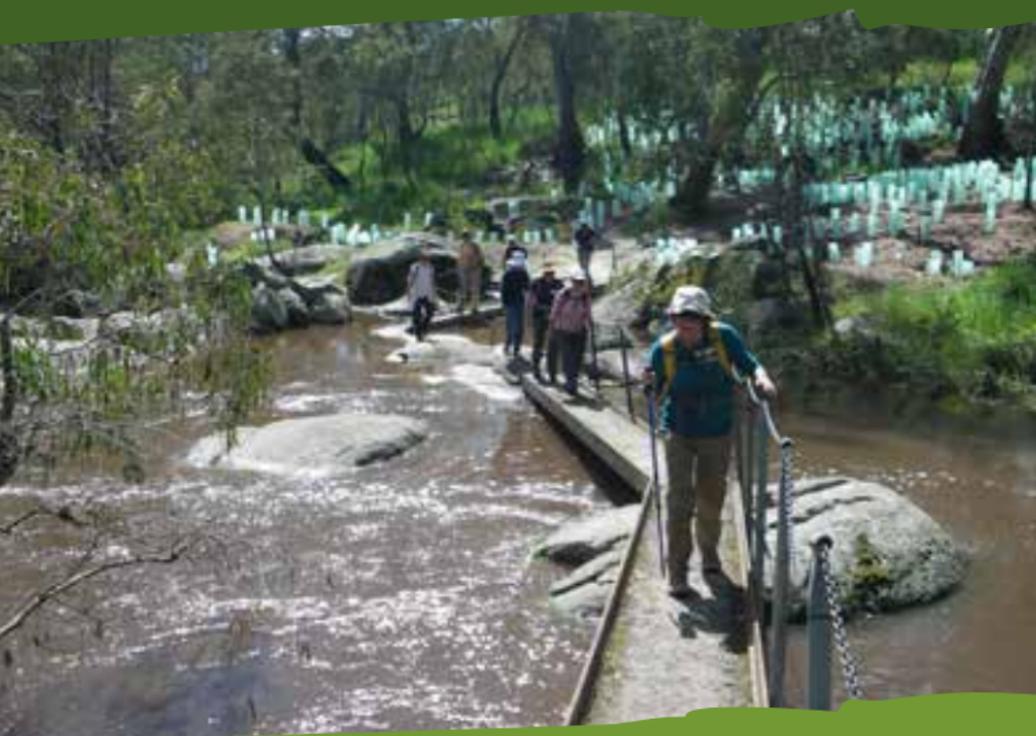


Seven Creeks Walking Track

also known as Apex Track



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Distance

Total distance is 7 km. Several bridges crossing the Seven Creeks can be used as alternative routes.

Short walk – 3 km circuit to the north (downstream)

Long walk – 4 km circuit to the south (upstream)

Time to complete

Advanced walkers

1 hour return

Moderate walkers

1 hour and 20 min return

Slow walkers

2 hours return

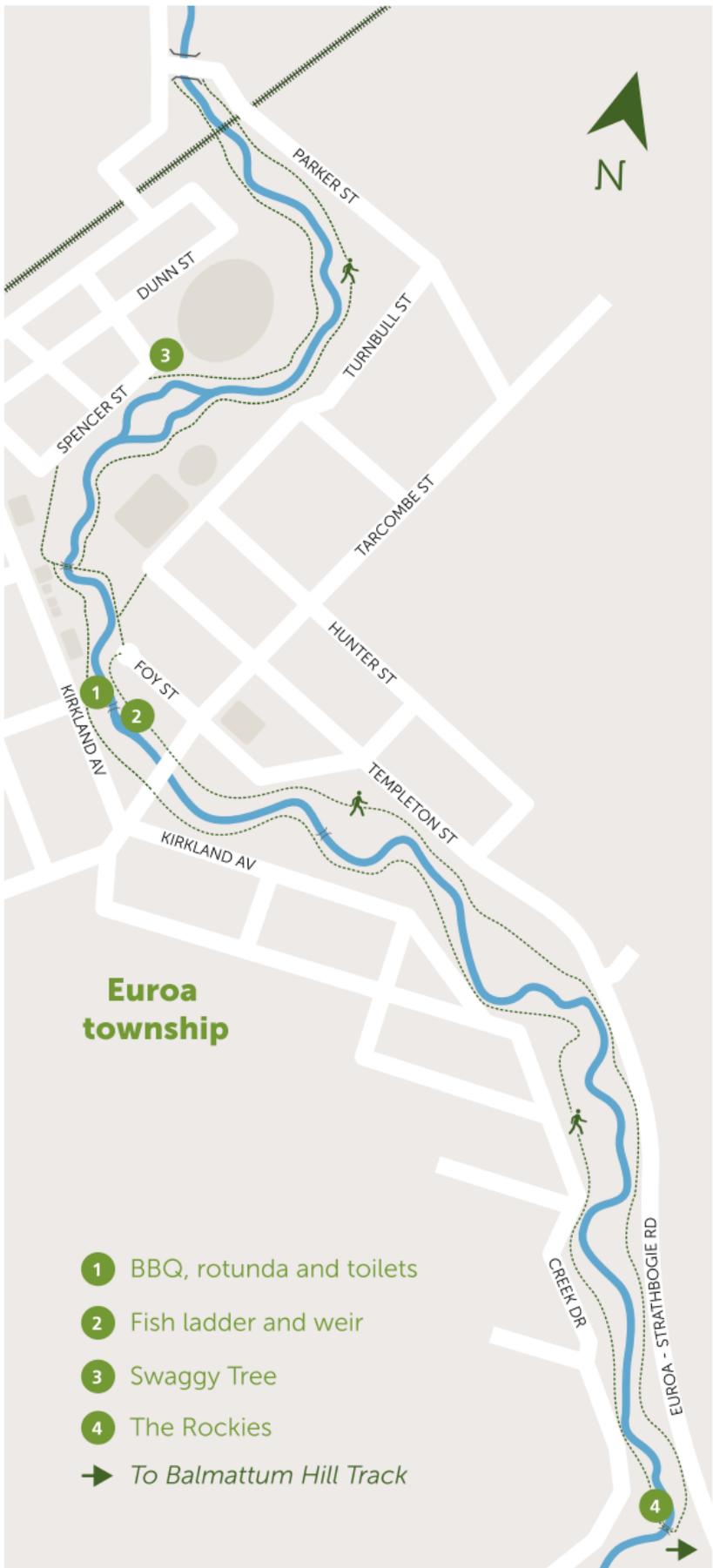
Relative difficulty

Easy

The Euroa Apex Club established the Seven Creeks Walking Track in 1988 as a Bicentennial project. The walking track follows the Seven Creeks as it passes through floodplain riparian woodlands. The track surface ranges from well-maintained asphalt and grassed areas to loose gravel.

At the southern end, the Seven Creeks Walking Track links with the Balmattum Hill Walking Track (see the arrow on the accompanying map).

A multipurpose track offering nature's delights to enjoy!



Euroa township

- 1 BBQ, rotunda and toilets
 - 2 Fish ladder and weir
 - 3 Swaggy Tree
 - 4 The Rockies
- ➔ To Balmattum Hill Track

Location

It is recommended to start at the east end of Bury Street, near the barbecue, rotunda and public toilet. However, you can start the walk anywhere along the Seven Creeks track.

Track notes

The track is set in the Euroa Seven Creeks Reserve. The reserve is a popular recreation spot, and most of the formal sporting facilities used by the Euroa community and visitors are located here.

1. The barbecue, rotunda and new public toilet buildings are next to the Euroa Museum.
2. The creek supports habitat for native and exotic fish, water rats, platypus and frogs. A fish ladder next to the weir enables fish to swim up and down the stream to breed as part of their natural life cycle.
3. Seven Creeks Reserve is culturally and historically significant. The locally named Swaggy Tree is a large River Red Gum hundreds of years old. It is believed people sheltered here during the 1930s Depression. Major Thomas Mitchell passed nearby in 1836 during the *Australia Felix* expedition and, not long after, the township of Euroa was established on the banks of the Seven Creeks. Long-term residents have memories and stories about mining and gypsy camps, humpies, Chinese market gardens, old river crossings and deep swimming pools.

Covered footwear is advisable.

Dogs are permitted – however, for the benefit of other visitors and native wildlife, please use a leash.

4. Granite boulders lie in the creek near The Rockies. The creek bed changes as soil erodes from the banks when water levels fluctuate. Changing water flow creates backwater billabongs, and sediments form into sand bars and sand slugs.

The Friends of the Sevens, a volunteer community group, is a main contributor to managing the reserve. Along with other community groups, the Friends remove invasive weeds and rubbish, and continue to revegetate the reserve with indigenous plants that help stabilise soils and improve animal habitat. The Friends organise community education such as guided tours, information sessions and evening spotlight walks to see nocturnal fauna. Apex and the Strathbogie Shire also contribute to maintaining the walking track and surrounds.

The Seven Creeks Reserve is situated on a natural floodplain and is largely made up of Floodplain Riparian Woodland and Plains Grassy Woodland vegetation communities. The dominant trees, River Red Gums, provide hollows and canopy and there is a ground cover of grasses, herbs (non-woody small plants), fallen branches, twigs and leaves. This variety of habitats attracts many animals such as microbats, possums, gliders, koalas, echidnas, snakes, blue-tongued lizards, geckos and skinks. Silver Wattle and Blackwood flowers provide nectar. Regular bird surveys have recorded over 90 different bird species here.

In case of emergency

- In case of fire call 000.
- For emergency help call 000.
- The nearest medical facilities are Euroa Medical Practice, 360 m from the start of the walk and Euroa Health Hospital, 975 m from the start.

About Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network (SRCMN) is a community organisation whose mission is to improve nature conservation and management in the Strathbogie Ranges through learning, sharing and collaboration.

Formed in 2010 the SRCMN has been actively involved in on-ground conservation activities such as protecting wetlands and rocky outcrops. The SRCMN creates and organises community activities such as the Wild Strathbogie Festival and education workshops such as our Landscape Discovery Tours.

We partner local Landcare groups and work with the traditional owners of this land, the Taungurung Clan.

For further information please visit our website www.strathbogierangescmn.com