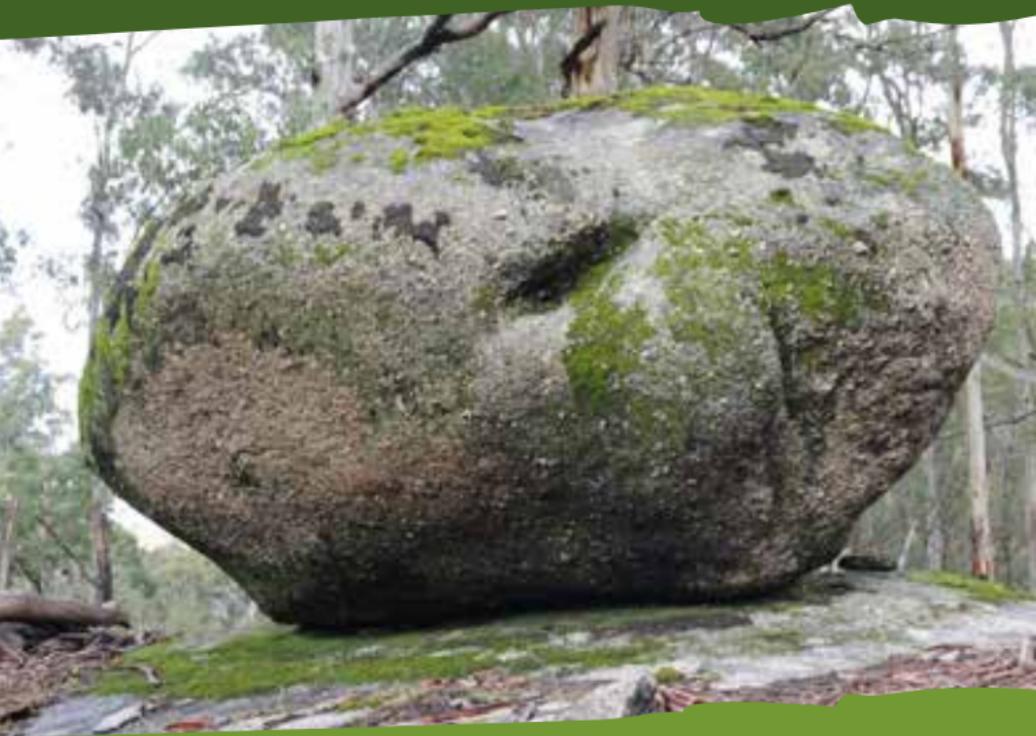


Golden Mountain Walking Track



Strathbogie Ranges Nature Trails



Distance

4 km return

Time to complete

Advanced walkers

1.5 hours return

Moderate walkers

3 hours return

Slow walkers

4 hours return

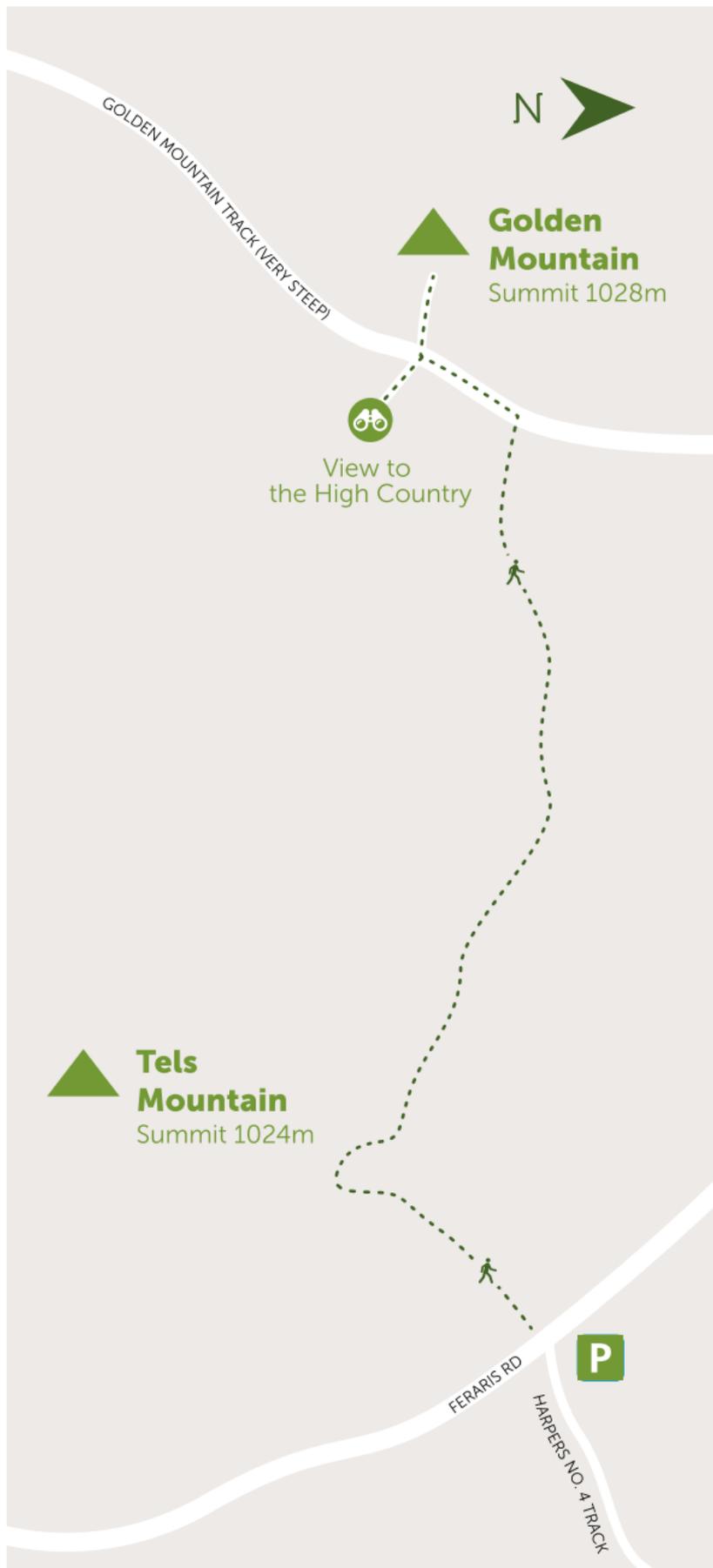
Recommended times allow plenty of time to stop, look and listen, and enjoy the full sensory experience of this walk.

Relative difficulty

Easy to moderate

The walk starts 23 km from the Strathbogie township. The drive to the start of the walk is about 25 min by car from Strathbogie or 45 min from Euroa, taking you deep into the Strathbogie Forest.

The walk is recommended as a slow ramble towards the peak of Golden Mountain. Walking along old logging tracks you will pass large moss-covered granite boulders, Ti-tree thickets and eucalypts including Peppermint Gum. At the summit you will be rewarded with magnificent views to the east and west.



Location

As the drive from Euroa to the start of this walk is quite lengthy, walkers could easily make the drive a feature of the experience. Notice how the vegetation along the road changes with rise in altitude and how the forest management changes as you drive past the logging coupes. You might like to break the trip at the (only) store and café in Strathbogie township.

From Strathbogie township drive east along Tames Road until you reach the end of the bitumen. The start point for the walk is 12.7 km from here. Tames Road soon joins the Barjarg Road. Drive about 10 km until Barjarg Road veers to the right and becomes Feraris Road. Two choices are possible – Feraris Rd and Feraris Track. Take Feraris Road, head east until you reach the junction of Harpers No. 4 Track and park the cars here.

Track notes

From where the cars are parked the first part of the track is not well marked, but head south-southwest up the rise. The forest is quite open here and as you head up you will begin to see a magnificent granite boulder stack in front of you. This one is well worth exploring. Rounded granite boulders are randomly stacked into a great labyrinth. In winter and spring the mosses and lichens are vibrant and alive.

The path follows the old logging track just to the south of the stack. Motorcycles have kept the path open over the past few years and it is marked with blue tape every 40 m or so.

The track heads west into deep forest. At first the track heads through a tree thicket then the forest becomes more open. The Mountain Grey Gums are giants in this part of the forest and exploration off the path is recommended as long as you don't get lost!

The path is easy to follow and heads below the spur that links Golden Mountain with Tels Mountain. At one point the motorcycles have veered off the track and headed up the spur around a huge tree that has fallen and blocked the way. An agile walker does not need to leave the track as the tree is negotiable. After this obstacle the path is easy as it heads up towards Golden Mountain.

Up the rise, the path meets the Golden Mountain track. Follow it up the hill and as you reach the track's summit, veer to the right to the trig point on top. From here to the west between the trees are views to Mount Wombat and the Strathbogie Tableland. However, the real gem of the walk lies back at the base of this path just east of the Golden Mountain track. There, from the edge of a cliff-face looking east, you can see Lake Eildon, The Paps and further into the High Country to Mt Buller, Mt Stirling and The Bluff.

From here, either follow the same path back or the more venturesome might follow the ridge that lies above the old logging track you have walked on and meet the track halfway back.

In case of emergency

- In case of fire go to the Strathbogie Hall in Strathbogie township.
- For emergency help call 000.
- The nearest medical facility is Mansfield Hospital, about 60 km away.

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