



ARM RIVER TRACK TO PELION HUT

Arm River Track ascends through the Mersey Forest and culminates at Pelion Hut on the Overland Track. The track climbs steeply through rainforest and stands of tall eucalypt before branching out on the plateau. From here the track is relatively flat and passes Lake Price, Wurragarra Creek, Lake Ayr and eventually reaches Pelion Hut. Can be done as a long day walk during the summertime or more practically as an overnight trip.



Time: 8 hour return (minimum)
Distance: 22km return



Access via Mole Creek - continue West on Liena Rd (B12) for 14kms then branch onto Mersey Forest Rd (C138). Don't turn onto Olivers Rd (Cradle Mt), keep straight on the C171 (Mersey Forest Rd). Drive 6 km to Lake Parangana. 7 km further on turn right into Maggs Road (gravel). Follow the road for approx. 5km where the road will split. Take the left road for around 15km then turn left onto a side road for 700 metres to a car park and the start of the track. The gravel road is rough and can be muddy in wetter months.

Ref: -41.785667, 146.160084 (type this grid reference or "Arm River Track" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL06 Jerusalem, 4237 Rowallan



There is water and a toilet at Pelion Hut. There are no amenities at the start of the track; however there are toilet, cafe and accommodation options at nearby Chudleigh, Mole Creek and surrounds.



Grade 4: Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.



Weather may change suddenly with exposed alpine conditions and snow is possible at any time of the year. Fog may impede navigation. Beware of snakes during summer.

[National Parks Pass](#) required. Available from the [Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre](#) and [PWS](#).

The Arm River Track is the shortest track to Pelion Hut on the Overland Track. It is also used to visit Mt Pillinger, Mt Oakleigh, Mt Ossa and February Plains. The walk can be done as a long day walk direct to Pelion Hut during the longer summer days, or as an overnight trip, which allows exploration of the surrounding peaks. The hut is large and sleeps 60 people, although it is always a good idea to come prepared with a tent (see note below).

Located both in the Arm River Forest Reserve and the Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park, the track is wet and muddy in places, with some duckboards on the plateau. It is 11km long (one way), with a 290m height difference. At the beginning of the track you must navigate a creek and sturdy walking shoes are a must here. The track takes you through lush rainforest before zig-zagging steeply beneath eucalypts to Lake Price (1-1.5 hours). It is from here you are rewarded with stunning views over the lake to Mt Pillinger.

Shortly after the lake, the track passes through ancient moss-covered rainforest before crossing Wurragarra Creek via a narrow steel bridge. Further along, the track slowly descends toward Lake Ayr and Douglas Creek, before reaching its final destination, New Pelion Hut.

NOTE: Campers must register via the new COVID safe booking system. Call [6165 4254](tel:61654254) or email tracks@parks.tas.gov.au to confirm availability and register your tent site.

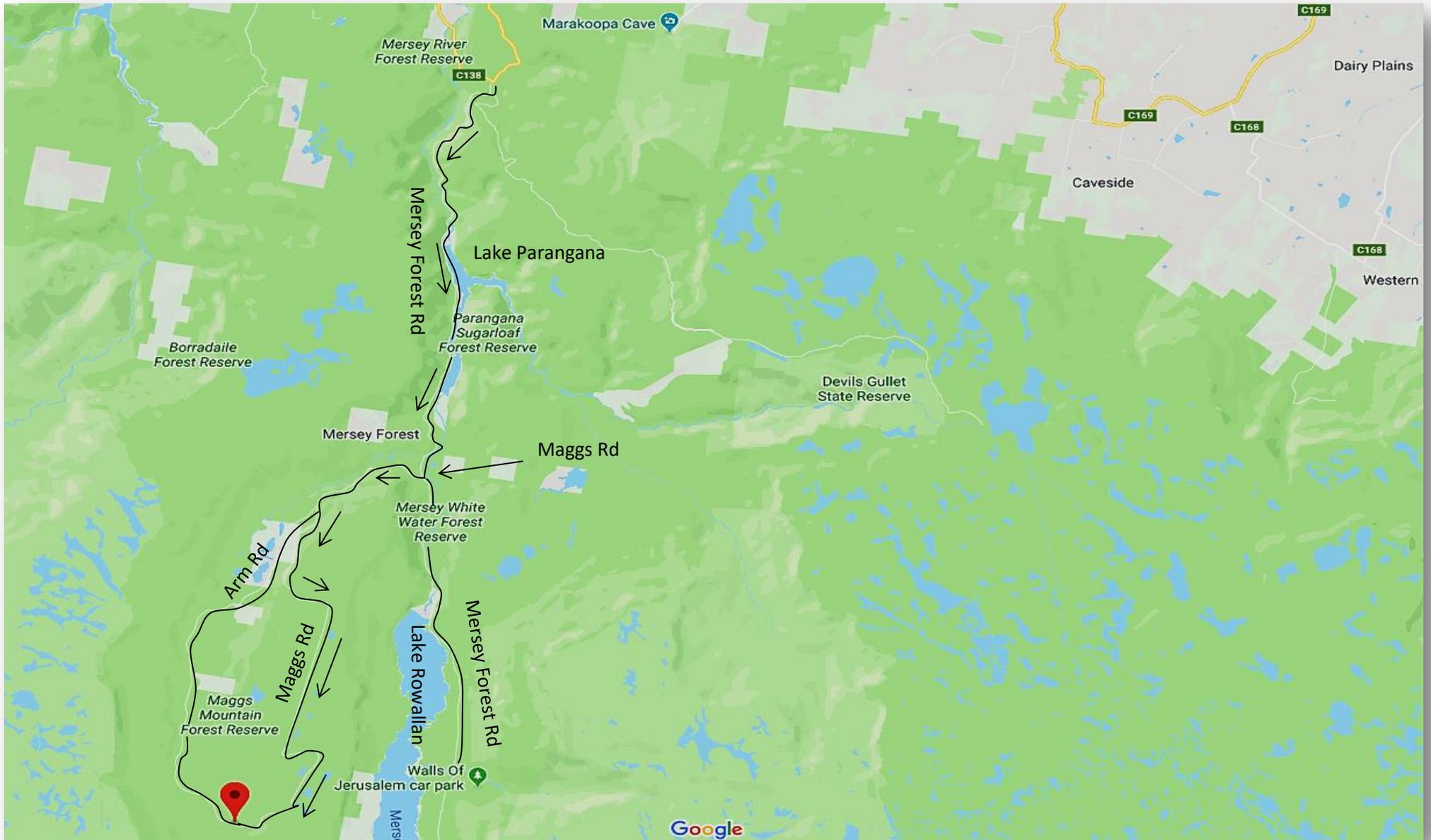
SAFE WALKING: Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania to prepare for emergency events. Make a personal determination as to your fitness and ability to undertake specific walks.

LEAVE NO TRACE: walk on formed tracks, observe all restrictions, dispose of waste properly and leave what you find.

FURTHER INFO: National Parks: www.parks.tas.gov.au Restrictions & Alerts: www.fire.tas.gov.au & www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts Weather: www.bom.gov.au/tas

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