



DEVILS GULLET

A short alpine walk to a lookout platform that overhangs sheer cliffs and the Fisher River Valley. From the lookout, on a clear day, visitors can view Tassie's highest mountain (Mt Ossa) on the western skyline, among many others. The walk is worth the drive to get there, providing epic views for minimal effort. The drive through the Mersey Forest is special too with forests of myrtle and tree fern bordering the road.



Time: 40 minutes return
Distance: 1.2km return



Take the B12 west from Mole Creek, past Marakooa and King Solomons Cave turnoffs, then Mersey Forest Road (C138), turning left at the signposted road to Devils Gullet (14km gravel). The carpark is approximately 35 minutes' drive from Mole Creek.

Ref: -41.663671, 146.321569 (type this grid reference or "Devils Gullet" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL06 Jerusalem



There are no amenities at the walk location. However there are toilet, cafe and accommodation options at nearby Chudleigh, Mole Creek and surrounds.



Grade 2: Suitable for most ages. The track has a hardened or compacted surface that may have a gentle hill section or sections, and occasional steps.



Supervise Children, hazardous cliffs and unprotected track edges. Weather may change quickly. Road can be hazardous during winter due to snow and ice. Proceed past boom gate at own risk.

Devils Gullet is located in the Tasmanian Highlands at approximately 1000 metres above sea level. The weather can change dramatically at these altitudes at any time of the year and roads are restricted to 4WD only during snow events.

The first part of the track takes you southeast on boardwalk along the base of an unnamed hill. Evidence of the 2016 fires is apparent here. The track soon begins to climb in a southerly direction up over the hill. Stone Steps are provided here to assist. What was once thick highland scrub is now an expanse of grey trunks and branches and the cliffs that soar above the Fisher River Valley are now more accessible. Despite this there is evidence of regrowth at the base of the bushfire tolerant eucalypts. Wildflowers abound during summer, with the pink of the trigger plant, the red/white of mountain rocket and green of moss punctuating the landscape. In contrast, during winter the ground is often a sheet of white, with lonely burnt trunks poking through the thick snow.

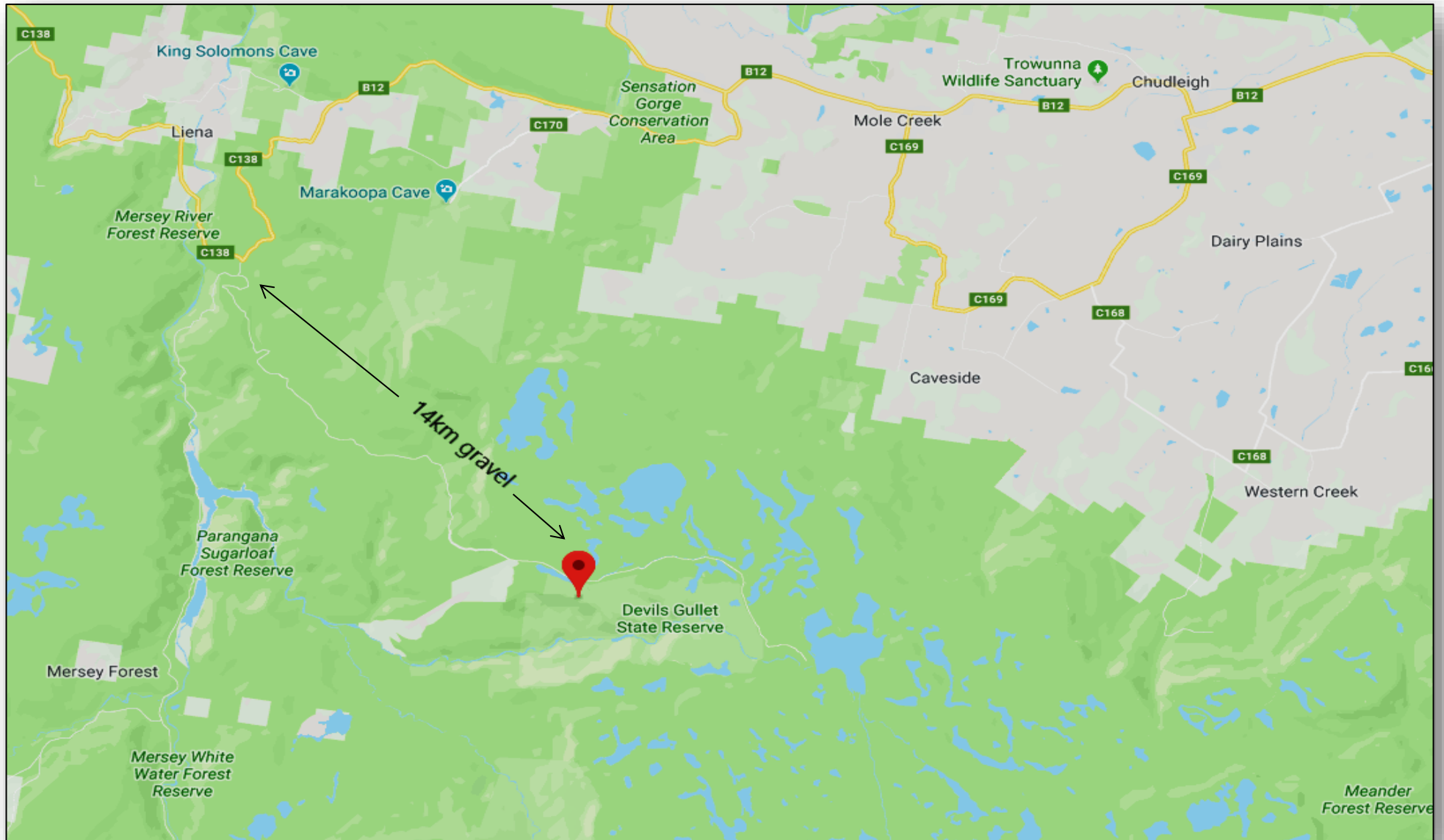
From the lookout on a clear day, visitors are afforded views of Cradle Mountain, Barn Bluff and Mt Ossa to the west and Mt Ironstone, the Central Plateau and Pelion to the east. Overcast days provide benefits too despite the low visibility, and mist can be seen clinging moodily to the dramatic dolerite cliffs, giving the place an eerie feel.

SAFE WALKING: Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania (Launceston & Devonport) 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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