



MONTANA FALLS

Montana Falls on Western Creek are reached via a short and relatively flat track through Eucalyptus, Banksia and Blackwood forest. It is a wonderfully relaxing early morning walk when the sun shines from the east through the banksias. The falls are impressive after rain.



Time: 45 minutes return
Distance: 1.8km return



From Deloraine head along the B12 toward Mole Creek, after approximately 4.5km turn left onto Montana Rd. Continue for another 4km, passing 41° South Salmon farm, and turn left onto Leonards Rd (gravel) after the bridge. The walk starts 800m on your left at the blue sign marked *Long Ridge Regional Reserve*. There is room for 3 - 4 cars here.

Ref: -41.569554, 146.598495 (type this grid reference or "Long Ridge Reserve" into Google Maps).

Retail Map: 4639 Montana



There are no amenities at the walk location. There is a café at 41 Degrees South Salmon Farm on Montana Rd and toilets in nearby Deloraine.



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.



Western Creek is prone to flooding after rain. Supervise children near the water. Stay on the track and avoid surrounding private property.

Montana falls are located on Western Creek in the Long Ridge Regional Reserve at Montana, 10 minutes' drive from Deloraine.

The track from the carpark is easy to follow despite the lack of directional markers. The track is narrow but clear as it winds through low bracken in a north westerly direction. See if you can spot the odd tree fern amongst the bracken.

At the orange marker, the begins its gentle descent through forest dominated by banksia, she-oak, gum and Blackwood, also coral and fishbone fern. From here you start to hear the rumble of the falls that are not too far away. After about 15-20 minutes walking you reach the falls and a set of timber steps will lead you down a narrow trail that runs back along the river to the base of the falls.

A second set of cascades can be found a short distance downstream. This track is rocky and narrow. Return the way you came.

NOTE: Stop in at the Salmon Farm for a beer, coffee or light lunch and view the falls from another angle on their self-guided farm tour.

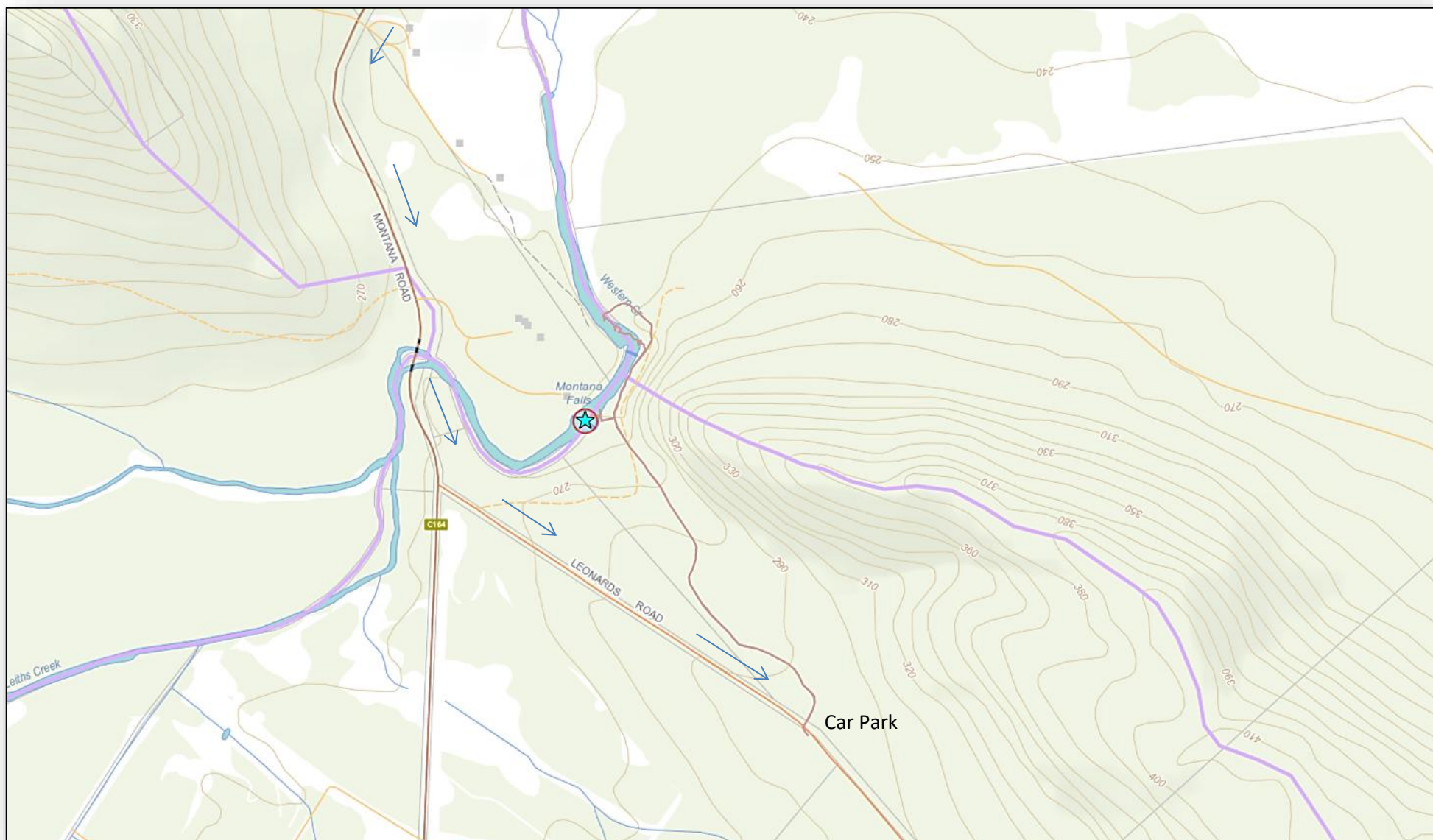
SAFE WALKING: Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania (Launceston & Devonport) to prepare for emergency events. Make a personal determination as to your fitness and ability to undertake specific walks.

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: TasAlert & www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts

Weather: www.bom.gov.au/tas

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