



## WARNERS TRACK

Warners Track provides access to the Central Plateau region and was originally forged by Aboriginal people through the use of fire. This managed track allowed for ease of access to the 'Big River' country where people came together from the north, north east, south and north west for trade and to gather 'Cider-Gum' sap and ochre. Warners Track holds many artifacts and much history about the Aboriginal clans. Later, in the 1890s the track was used to allow stock access to the plateau.



Time: 4 hour return (to top of track on edge of escarpment)  
Distance: 6 km return



Take the A5 from Deloraine then the C167 through to Meander. Turn left onto East Meander Rd, then right onto Jackeys Marsh Rd. At the junction of Jackeys Marsh Rd and Sugarloaf Road (stone bus shelter), continue straight for 2km. Turn left onto Wiiteena Road, follow this for approx. 2.5km. Park in the small car park (room for two cars only) at the Private Road sign. Road is shared with horses so drive carefully.

Ref: -41.713751, 146.669150 (type this grid reference or "Warners Track" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL07 Breton



No facilities. There are public toilets in nearby Meander and Meander Bridge Café offers postal services, supplies, petrol and coffee as well as tasty take away and eat in options.



**Grade 3:** Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps. There is an elevation gain of 610m over 3km.



Supervise children as the track follows a creek with sometimes fast-flowing water. Weather may change suddenly especially at the top of the track on the exposed plateau.

From the car park at 540m altitude, the track heads east alongside Burnies creek, beneath stands of mottled dogwood. Here you will pass by the first of many stone culverts that have been created along the track to divert water. The track here has a gentle gradient and is well defined.

The track gradually steepens and narrows, a reminder that you are in fact walking up a mountain. Listen for the variety of forest dwelling birds, as well as the sound of the nearby creek. These provide a calming soundtrack to your walk. Further along the track, construction of stone steps in 2014 aid the walker up some of the particularly steep sections.

Approximately half way up you gain your first glimpse of the escarpment above and the forest begins to change with older myrtle, tree fern and sassafras replacing the dogwood. Rocks and small stones replace the leaf litter on the track and scattered Tasmanian waratah blooms here in late spring and early summer.

As the track nears the edge of the escarpment, it passes by several attractive pools and cascades that are best viewed during the wetter months. The surrounding stunted vegetation reflects the cold and sometimes harsh environment created at these altitudes.

Once you reach an historic timber bridge, built in the 1890s and restored in 2009 by Mountain Huts Preservation Society and PWS, you are nearly at your destination. A further 10 minutes' walk brings you across another smaller bridge and to the edge of the escarpment. Once on the plateau (1150m), you are rewarded with a magnificent view west of Huntsman Lake, Mother Cummings and the Great Western Tiers. Enjoy lunch here, gaze out at the valley below and return the way you came.

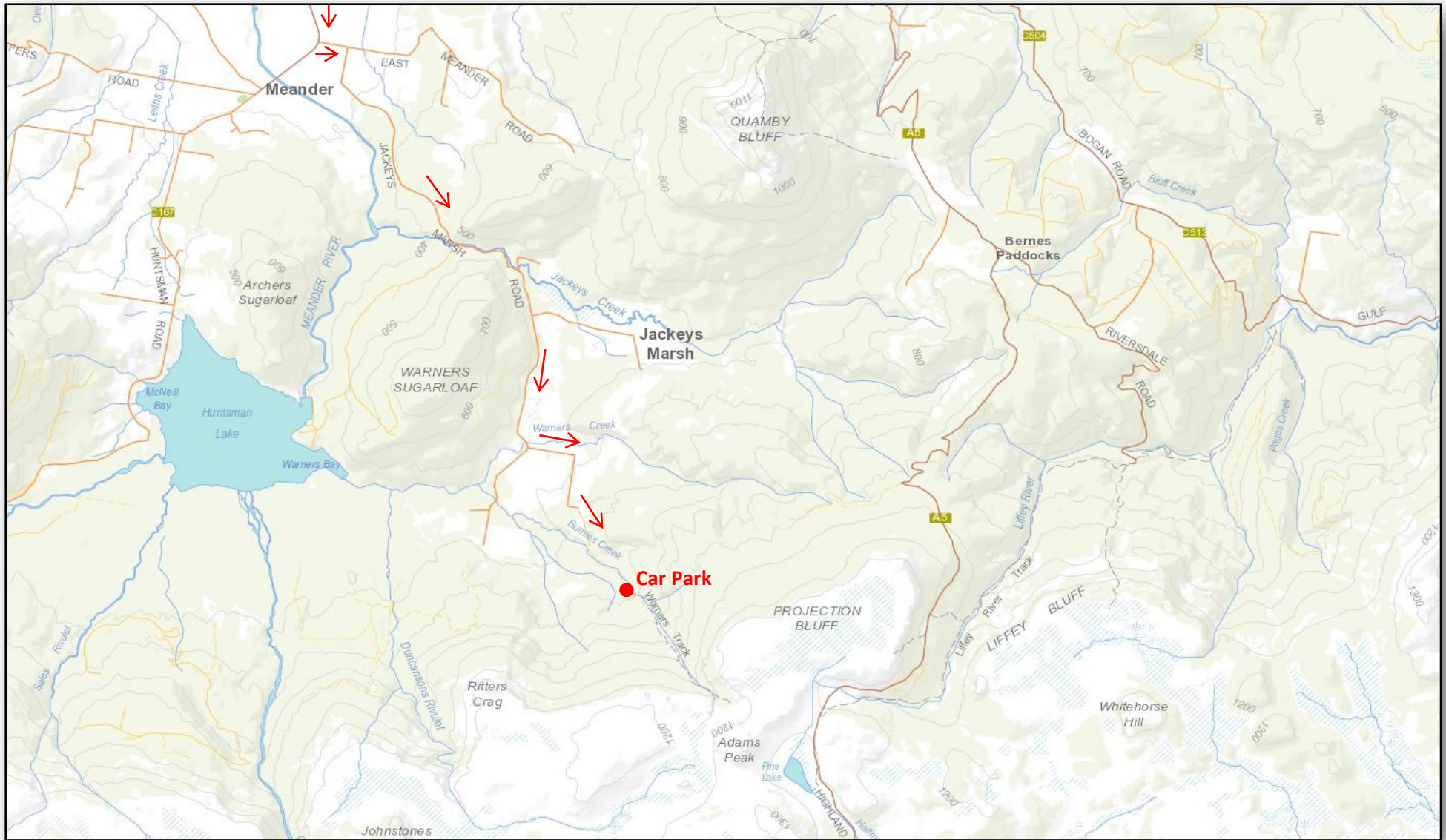
**Note:** There is no need for markers or ribbons on this track as it is quite well defined all the way to the edge of the escarpment. Further along the plateau, the unmaintained and largely unmarked track continues in a southeasterly direction to Pine Lake and the Lake Hwy and also links to Adams Peak. This route can be dangerous in fog, and only those who are properly prepared and have solid bushwalking experience should attempt to go past the edge of the escarpment.

**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](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au) Restrictions & Alerts: [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au) & [www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts](http://www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts)  
Weather: [www.bom.gov.au/tas](http://www.bom.gov.au/tas)

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