

**Australian Alps Walking Track itinerary
Tharwa to Walhalla, December 2005/2006**

Stage 1: Tharwa to Kiandra

Date	Maps	Stage	Distance	Track Notes
12 th Dec Day 1	Corin Dam	Honeysuckle creek to Eighty Acres	20km	Climb S for 3km past HS tower. Continue climb S for 2.5km. Head W over bridge at O River. Continue N 2km N to Rolly's Hut. Follow river N for 2km, turn left at track int and walk for 2km. Turn left at track int and walk thru gate for 2km. Turn right at int thru gate and follow for 1km to another gate. Reach river crossing – 1 ½ km from here is campsite.
13 th Dec Day 2	Corin Dam Rendezvous Creek	Eighty Acres to Murray Gap	18km	Head W predominantly downhill to Cotter's Hut. After 4.5km reach int and turn left into Cotter Hut Rd. Walk S for 2.5km to cross a bridge. Walk S for 1 ½ km to reach Cotter's Hut. Continue S for another 1 ½ km to a track int – stay right. Begin climbing steadily for 4 ½ km towards Murray Gap. Descend for 1km to Murray Gap * from the saddle here is the option to climb Bimberi Peak – 4hrs return or Mt Murray – 2hrs return
14 th Dec Day 3	Rendezvous Pt Rules Pt	Murray Gap to Blue Waterholes	17km	Head W for 3.5km to G River. Pass thru gate and in ½ km turn right at int of BT and AWT. Walk for 300m to reach Oldfields Hut. Walk for 750m to tk int. Stay left on Murray Gap Firetrail. Head West for 1km down to gate, walk for 200m to reach tk int. Turn right. Walk for 250 m and turn left at int. Walk for 500m to reach valve house. Stay right and walk for 1km N to int. Stay left and walk for 300m to reach int Stay left and walk N for 500m (Pocket Hut int) Turn left at int onto Blue Waterholes Firetrail. Walk W for 4km to reach int. Turn right and head N for 2.25km to int. Stay left and walk N for 1km to Blue Waterholes Ford * To locate camp, follow foot track on N bank of Cave Creek, past picnic area
15 th Dec Day 4	REST DAY			EXPLORE BLUE WATERHOLES

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16 th Dec Day 5	Rules Point	Blue Waterholes to Miller's Hut	22km	Walk 2 ½ km S to int of Blue Waterholes Firetrail. Turn right and walk 1 ¾ km W to int. Turn left for 1km to Blue Waterholes Saddle. Continue S for 2 ½ km then turn NW for 8km to Hainsworth Hut int. Walk for 3km S to int. Turn right onto Port Phillip Firetrail . Follow this W for 2km to ford. Go left at the ford and follow the W bank of Bailey Ck to locate Miller's Hut
17 th Dec Day 6	Rules Point Tantangara	Miller's Hut to Witses Hut	17km	Walk 1km N back to Port Philip Firetrail. Turn left onto Port Philip Firetrail and follow for 600m. Opposite Black Hills Spur head S offtrack for 2km. Use knolls to assist. From knoll 1413 head S for 500m to ford Dairyman's Creek (look for river int) Walk a further 2.2km S to ford Murrumbidgee River and meet 4wd track. Follow 4wd for 1km to reach bridge. Turn right over bridge and walk for ½ km. Stay right and walk for 250m – stay right. Follow track S for 3km. Turn right and head S for 4km * Camp here (1/2 km from Witses)
18 th Day 7	Tantangarra Ravine Cabramurra	Witses Hut – Kiandra – 4 Mile Hut *Collect Food Drop 1 at Kiandra	21km	Head W for 4km to track int. Turn right in a westerly direction for 8km along Nungar Ck Firetrail to the Snowy Mtns Hwy. Collect food drop. Head S along Hwy for 1 ½ km. Turn right and follow Tabletop Firetrail S for 7km. Follow foot track on lhs into 4 mile hut in saddle.

STAGE 2: Kiandra to Kosciusko

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18 th Dec Day 7	Tantangarra Ravine Cabramurra	Witses Hut-Kiandra- 4Mile Hut *Collect Food Drop 1 at Kiandra	21km	Head W for 4km to track int. Turn R in a westerly direction for 8km along Nungar Ck Firetrail to the Snowy Mtns hwy. Head S along Hwy for 1 ½ km Turn right and follow Tabletop Firetrail S for 7km. Follow foot track on lhs into 4mile hut in saddle
19 th Dec Day 8	Cabramurra Dennison	4Mile Hut – Happy's Hut	16km	Turn Left onto Tabletop Firetrail and climb gradually for 4.5km to int. Turn left and continue for 1km past 9 mile diggings. At int stay right and continue down to saddle, then up to Tabletop Mtn – 2km. Continue along ridge for 4km in SE direction to int. Stay left and continue along firetrail for 2.5km to int Turn right and follow 4wd track to Happy's Hut for 1.5km
20 th Dec Day 9	Eucumbene	Happy's Hut – Mackey's Hut	20km	Head back out 4wd track to firetrail Turn Right. ½ km down track, reach T int. Turn right. 1/2km turn right onto Grey mare FT and follow for 2km. Cross a four way int of Happy Jacks Rd and continue along Grey Mare FT for approx 6km. After Tibeudo Ck crossing (2 nd one) take bearing to find hut (304deg)

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21 st Dec Day 10	Khancoban	Mackey's Hut – O'Keefes – Mt Jagungal -Campsite on Tumut River	22km in total	Follow Grey Mare FT for 7km to int and ruins. Stay left on Grey Mare FT for 3km to reach O'Keefes. Follow Grey Mare for 1.5km. Dump packs near red marker on giant snowgum in clearing. From here scramble up Jagungal – light scrub gives way to a rocky scramble. Return via same route. * Steep. Continue to follow Grey Mare for 4kms past rain gauge to Tumut River Camp here
22 nd Dec Day 11	Khancoban	Tumut River – Valentine Hut	17km	Continue along Grey Mare for 1/2km to reach an int. Stay left and follow Grey Mare for 5km to int. Strawberry Hill FT. Continue for 6km to Cross roads near Greymare Mines. Turn left onto Valentine FT for 8km to Valentine Hut *to get to Valentine falls access via Sth bank over Duck Creek
23 rd Dec Day 12	Khancoban Geehi Dam	Valentine's Hut – Mawson's Hut-Whites River Hut	15km majority offtrack	Head S along FT for .2km then look for a 6m steel pole to head east towards a grassy saddle. From here head NE for 1.5km for knoll 1780 (62 deg) then E for 1.75km to Mawson's Hut (80 deg) Walk S along the Kerries (follow spurline)to Gungarten Pass for 5.5kms. Then head for Gungarten for 1km (192 deg) From here walk 2km to knoll (210deg), then follow the creek down to Witses River Hut *at creek junction pick up track and follow into hut

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24 th Dec Day 13	Geehi Dam Perisher	Whites River Hut – Blue Lake Note: Camping is not permitted at Blue Lake and walkers must camp elsewhere along the Alps Track.	18km majority offtrack	Look for FT to Rolling Ground on S bank of White's River near its confluence with Munyang River. Follow Spur to rolling Ground – to SMA 0691 (202 deg) From here walk 2.5km to knoll 1993 (178deg) Continue to Consett Stephen Pass for 5km (250 deg) Follow spur to Mt Tate (204 deg bearing on spur) Head to Mt Anderson via Man Bluff. Stay on ridge (206 deg) Bluff – Saddle (196deg) Saddle – knoll (214deg) Knoll – Mt Anderson (300deg) Mt Anderson to Mt Anton (182deg) Mt Anton to Mt Twynam (212 up spurline) Mt Twynam to little knoll. Follow this S to Saddle to reach int of Blue Lake GR163 702. Follow track into Blue Lake
25 th Dec Day 14	Perisher	Blue Lake – Kosciusko – Seaman's Hut	13km	Backtrack to Blue Lake Int. Turn left onto the Main Range Track and head for Carruther's Peak –3km. Continue S – SW to Kosciusko. Descend to Rawson Pass and follow summit walking track to Seaman's Hut (2km from Rawson's Hut in NE direction)

STAGE 3: Kosciusko to Taylors Crossing

Date	Maps	Stage	Distance	Track Notes
26 th Dec Day 15	Perisher Thredbo	Seaman's Hut to Cascade Hut * Collect Food Drop 2 at Cascade FT & Alpine Way	20km	Head to Crackenback Chairlift. From here Follow Dead Horse Gap Walking Track. At Bogong Ck. Intersect Alpine Way and locate Cascade FT Head S to Cascade Hut (9km from Alpine Way)
27 th Dec Day 16	Thredbo	Cascades Hut – Carter's Hut	18km	Follow Cascade FT S towards Tin Mine Falls. *Look for track on RHS – leads to gauging station and view falls from here 3km on from this int turn right to get to Carter's Hut
28 th Dec Day 17	Thredbo SugganBuggan	Carter's Hut – Cowombat Flat	17km	Follow Cowombat FT 9.5km to int up a spur. Turn left and stay on Cowombat FT A further 2km past this int pass Mt Pilot on LHS * Follow first creek trib up to top & return same way Follow spur fro 3km down to Cowombat Flat and camp at the head of the Murray
29 th Dec Day 18	SugganBuggan	Cowombat Flat – Bulley Ck	11km	Follow Cowombat FT S to Bulley Ck. Steady up and then downhill. Several river crossings
30 th Dec Day 19	SugganBuggan	Side trip to Cobberas Rest Day		From Bulley Creek head up to Moscow Peak- follow spur. From here can do both peaks

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31 st Dec Day 20	SugganBuggan	Bulley Creek – Limestone Creek	11km majority offtrack	Follow Cowombat FT to Stony Creek – 4kms after turning W. Follow west bank of Stony Creek in N direction for 6km to intersect with Limestone Ck Track. Follow Limestone Creek track for 2km to knoll where it heads E. 1km down Limestone Ck Track at creek crossing – campsite downstream from here
1 st Jan Day 21	SugganBuggan Dart Gibbo	Limestone Creek – Mt Murphy Track	19km offtrack	Follow Dead Horse Ck in SW direction for 2kms to cross Smoke Oh Creek. 1km further in MW direction after a small creek, head N for further 1km up to saddle 1090 (keep ck to right) Head NW for further km then head S up steep spur to broad knoll 1405. Head W from broad knoll to intersect Macs Ck Rd within 1km. Head NNW up spur to Davies Plain Ridge for 1.5km. From knoll 1628 head N to intersect Misery Trail in .5km * Follow Misery trail north for 3km before descending to W. A felled tree on the E of the track with horse feeding troughs cut into it is a useful marker to leave trail. Keep creek to RHS and intersect Buckwong Creek. Head W up Buckwong Ck and cross at a quartz outcrop – after 1km. Intersect Buckwong track and head W or NW to intersect Mt Murphy track. *Camp near bridge of unnamed creek.
2 nd Jan Day 22	Dart Gibbo	Mt Murphy – Buenba Hut Site	16km	*explore Mt Murphy mines at leisure Head W along Buckwong FT for 3km to intersect Hope Rd. Stay left and head to Buenba Hut Site. At sharp bend in Mt Hope Rd walk NNW thru open bush to reach the spur leading NW to Buenba Ck. Poplar trees mark hut site. Head W and follow Buenba Ck on Sth bank for 6km

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3 rd Jan Day 23	Dart Gibbo Benambra	Buenba River – Corryong Rd	26km start early	After Corner Ck Crossing, locate spur that heads S and climb steadily to reach 4wd within 5km. Locate Johnnies Top in 3km (Helipad). Follow Track S to intersect Beloka Range Track in 2.5km Head W and follow Beloka Range Track for 9km. At Turnback Tk int turn NW. Follow for 1km to saddle. From saddle head W down long spur to intersect Corryong Rd. Camp here and use Morass Ck for water
4 th Jan Day 24	Benambra	Corryong – Taylors Crossing	8km	From Morass Ck head E up a spur for 1.5km steeply to reach knoll. In saddle, head W for .750km to tableland track. Follow tableland tk S thru Fraser Tablelands to intersect Tablelands Rd in 4km. Turn W for 2km to reach Taylors Crossing

STAGE 4: Taylors Crossing to Mt Hotham

Date	Maps	Stage	Distance	Track Notes
5 th Jan Day 25	Benambra Bogong	Taylors Crossing – Mt Willis * Collect food drop No 3 at Omeo Hwy & AWT int	25km some offtrack	Cross the Mita Mitta & follow 4 mile tk for 4km to meet yards. Continue along 4mile tk, following 4mile ck for 2km til you meet the Tom Link Tk. Follow Tom Link Tk up to knoll for 6.5km where it intersects Wombats Divide Trail. At this point head W down spur to cross Gills Ck in 3km. Cross Gills Ck and head SW up spurline to a knoll in 2km. Very steep. Head S to locate knoll 1km away. Continue S for 2km to intersect Omeo Hwy. Turn W and walk along Omeo Hwy for 1.5km. Look for AWT heading SW to knoll (1km) From here head NW up spur to reach Wills Sth (2kms) Follow Ridgeline and track to Mt Wills for 3km Camp here.
6 th Jan Day 26	Bogong Leisure	Mt Wills – Mt Bogong	19km	Descend spur 2km in NNW direction. Leave FT here and head NW for 2km down spur to Big River Saddle. Follow FT in NW direction for 2km (ignore tracks to left) Continue up long spur for 6km (ignore footpad heading off to N and continue over knoll) Continue to Maddisons hut intersection (6kms) Follow Snowpoles W to Cleve Cole Hut.
7 th Jan Day 27	Bogong Leisure	Rest Day Mt Bogong		Side trip to Bogong Happy New Year!
8 th Jan Day 28	Bogong Leisure	Mt Bogong – Edmonsons Hut	18km	Follow AWT back to Maddisons and down T Spur to Big River. Up Duane Spur steeply to Ropers Hut Follow Firetrail S past Nelse for 6km Head W for 1.5km to reach Edmunsons Hut

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9 th Jan Day 29	Bogong Leisure	Edmonsuns Hut to Mt Bundarra	19km	Follow snowpoles to aquaduct and follow this to Mt Cope Hut. Follow snowpole line to Mt Bundarra
10 th Jan Day 30	Bogong Leisure	Mt Bundarra to Diamantina Hut	18km	Follow snowpoles to SP 333. Head S for 3km to track int. Head right towards Basalt Temple. Descend steeply to Cobungra Gap. Cross River and follow SP in SW direction for 4.5km to Derrick Hut. Head N to Mt Loch. Follow Machinery Spur FT SW for 2.5km to intersect Hotham Rd. Head right and follow Rd down to Diamantina Hut

STAGE 5: Mt Hotham to Rumpff Saddle

Date	Maps	Stage	Distance	Track Notes
11 th Jan Day 31	Bogong Leisure Dargo Plains Howitt Selwyn	Diamantina Hut to Mt Murray Campsite * Collect Food Drop No 4 at Mt St Bernard & Alpine Rd	20km	Follow Alpine Hwy S for 1.5km to Little Mt Baldy Locate track on S side road and head to Blowhard Hut in 1.5km. Head up Mt Blowhard and continue to little Blowhard (2km). Stay on Alpine Hwy to reach Mt St Bernard in 4km. Head SW past water tank along Twins 4wd over St Bernard for 3km. Leave Twins Rd and climb steeply to twins. Follow ridgeline for 7km keeping Twins Rd to N. Intersect Twins Rd Camp at Helipad
12 th Jan Day 32	Howitt Selwyn	Mt Murray to Canyon Rd C'Site	14km	Head S along Twins Rd for 1km Turn right at int staying on Twins Rd. Follow Twins Tk to int of Dingo Ck Tk – in 10km. ½ km west look for footpad heading W to summit of Mt Selwyn in 2km. Descend using firetrack S for ½ km to cross Mt Selwyn Rd. Follow track for 1.5km to intersect Canyon Rd. Camp here, water Found N on Canyon Rd
13 th Jan Day 33	Howitt Selwyn	Canyon Rd to Barry Saddle	16km Carry Water	Follow Selwyn Tk to Barry Saddle. *Make sure stay on Selwyn Tk as lots of logging Rds. Basically head W/SW. Camp Barry Saddle – water in tank

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14 th Jan Day 34	Howitt Selwyn	Barry Saddle to Mt Speculation	17km	Follow scrubby ridge for 2km then head up spur in W direction to Viking – 3km. Steep up. From Viking descend for 1km. Walk S from Summit to a slight saddle .3km along ridge and descend steeply W from here. (Swing N beneath cliffs to intersect footpad) Follow footpad to Viking Saddle and continue along ridgeline for 2.5km to reach knoll in NW direction. Turn W and follow ridgeline to Mt Despair – steep up for 3km. The AWT keeps just below the crest of the ridge but S of the rock slabs at all times. The spur down from Mt Despair is found by walking SW from Summit for 2km to locate Catherine Saddle. Follow Rd to right and locate cairn in valley to head W then follow spur up to c'site (3km)
15 th Jan Day 35	Howitt Slewyn	Mt Speculation to Mt Howitt	14km	From C/site head uphill for 1km then descend into Horrible Gap – 2km. Climb S Steeply for 1km to Mt Buggery then follow ridgeline for 6km across Crosscut Saw At int head S along Footpad to Mt Howitt. Descend S for 2km to Big Hill. Descend another km into Saddle before Hells Window Camp Here. * Water 2km down a foottrack to SW)

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16 th Jan Day 36	Howitt Selwyn Tamboritha	Hells Window to Nobs	21km	Head W along Ridge to Mt Magdala – 1.5km. Continue W 3.5km to intersect Bluff track. Follow walking track S over King Billy 1 up spur for 1km. Into saddle, thru King Billy 2 then descend S to intersect 4wd tracks. Follow AWT S for 3km along ridge to Chesters Yards. Continue for 4km where track turns to footpad. Climb steep spur for 2km to Mt Clear. Continue S down Spur for 1.5km * stay right & skirt Square Top for 3km to knoll 1489 . Head SW into saddle bw Square top and High Cone. Another 2km to saddle via High Cone. When descending High Cone be careful not to follow spur W into Jamieson River Valley – stay SW . Follow foot track along ridgeline for 2.5km to Nobs. Head N for 1km where footpad meets Clear Ck 4WD. Take lesser 4WD NW for ½ km to camp in saddle. Water 1km towards Barkley River
17 th Jan Day 37	Skene Nth	Nobs to Low Saddle	18km	Walk 3km along FT to locate walking track that heads W along and up spurline to Mt McDonald Stay on Ridge From Mt McDonald head W to knoll 1572 in 1km Stay on W of ridge and descend Spur line W then S for 6km to intersect Mt Sunday Rd. Turn Right and follow S for 1km then swing N for 1km to Low saddle int. Camp on low saddle Rd (N of intersection)
18 th Jan Day 38	Skene Nth Skene Sth	Low Saddle to Rumpff Saddle	18km	Continue W around bend on Mt Sunday Rd. Locate footpad to S and follow for 3.5km to Helipad Intersect Barkly River 4WD and descend S for 12km Camp at Rumpff Saddle. Water along track N towards Frog Hollow

STAGE 6: Rumpff Saddle to Mt Baw Baw

Date	Maps	Stage	Distance	Track Notes
19 th Jan Day 39	Skene Sth Conners Plain	Rumpff Saddle to Black River	20km	From SW edge of clearing locate FT towards Mt Skene. Ignore 1 st track int, at 2 nd (1km) drop packs and head to Mt Skene lookout for 2km. Return same way and follow Jamieson Rd S for 2km. Leave Jamieson Rd and follow overgrown FT S for 3km to rejoin Jamieson Rd. Head S down Jamieson Rd for 3km to locate track 25. Head S along this track for 1.5km to Mt Shillinglaw. From here descend spur SW for 2km to knoll 1073. From here walk for 2.5km S down spur to Black River. Camp on N bank.
20 th Jan Day 40	Conners Plain	Black River to Jordan River (Red Jacket)	22km	Cross river and head E – S for 1km upriver to intersect FT. Turn Left and walk up 4WD for 50m to locate walking tk on RHS. Follow this along river for 1km (cross twice) to reach 4WD. Turn Right and follow 4km up spur to intersect Champion Spur. Turn left and follow 4.2km to intersect Mt Selma Rd. Turn Right Mt Selma Rd and follow for 1km. Turn left past knoll 1335 and rejoin Mt Selma Tk in 750m. Turn left and skirt Sunflower Hill to next track int (fiddlers green) Stay on Mt Selma Rd for 2km to int Walhalla Rd. Turn Right into Walhalla Rd and Follow W for 2km. Locate Victor Spur FT (left, gated) and follow 4km just past knoll 1053. From here locate footpad SW spur and follow down spurline to Red Jacket – 3.5km Camp here on N side of Jordan River

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21 st Jan Day 41	Easton Mt Gregory	Red Jacket to Thomson River	13km	Follow track SE for 3km to Blue Jacket along Jordan River. At track int head SW along Casper Ck Tk for 7km to Poole Rd int. Stay left and locate footpad 200m up road that descends down spur 3km to camping area
22 nd Jan Day 42	Mt Gregory Tanjil Bren Mt Baw Baw	Thomson to Mt Baw Baw	26km	Follow Thomson Rd to Park Rd int - 1km S. Turn right and follow for 1km. Locate point tk (4wd) & head S up spur 4km to gate. Turn right along Upper Thomson 4wd track for 500m. Turn left on foot pad and head S up Spur to knoll 1198 – 1km. Descend for 1km S to intersect Thomson Valley Rd. Continue S for 1/2km. Turn right at bend, thru gate and follow walking tk S for 3km tp pass Rocky knob. Continue for another 3 km S past Mt Whitelaw, then follow for further 6km in SE direction to Mt St Phillack. Follow Snowpoles for 4km SW to Baw Baw Village. Finish Here. Yeah!!!!