Triplet Falls
Great Otway National Park

Walk Guide

Triplet Falls is one of the most spectacular and enchanting waterfalls in the Great Otway National Park. Nestled amongst the ancient forests of Mountain Ash and Myrtle Beech, you will discover three distinct and impressive cascades flowing through shady rainforests and glades of mossy tree ferns.

Rich in history

The completion of the Colac-Beech Forest-Crowes railway opened up the rugged and remote west Otways to logging operations in 1902. The surrounding area was once home to Knott's No 1 sawmill. Relics of this era are evident along the walk.

Built in 1908 by Melbourne timber merchant, G.W. Knott, this mill was one of the most productive in the area. He later sold the mill to the War Service Homes Commission in 1920. The mill processed over 3,600 tons of centuries old Mountain Ash per year producing timber for the homes of servicemen returning from World War One.

As you stand amongst the forest and sawmill relics, it is hard to imagine the industry that was sustained in this area for more than 20 years.

Caring for Country

Through their rich culture, Indigenous Australians have been intrinsically connected to Country for tens of thousands of years. Parks Victoria recognises this connection and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Communities of these areas.

All historical and cultural remains in parks are protected by law and must not be disturbed or removed.

Old Beechy Rail Trail

Early last century a narrow gauge railway was constructed from Colac to Beech Forest and later extended to Crowes (2.5km west of Lavers Hill).

You can enjoy the heritage of this mountain railway, as it is now a trail for walkers and cyclists on the section linking Colac and Beech Forest.

How to get there

Triplet Falls is 200km from Melbourne via Colac and Gellibrand, or 70km from Apollo Bay. Follow the signs from the Beech Forest - Lavers Hill Road, the falls are 3km past the Otway Fly.

For more information call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit our website at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Listen for the soft, musical song of the scrub-wren busy hunting around the forest floor.
Although platypus sightings are rare, keep an eye out for this shy creature. Best time is dusk through to dawn when they come out of their burrows to feed.

Be Safe Be Prepared
- Wear sturdy footwear with good tread, hat and sunscreen
- Always carry drinking water
- Keep to defined walking tracks and resist temptation to take short cuts
- Photo opportunities exist along the walk, please do not leave the track as this causes damage to vegetation
- Avoid bushwalking on days of high fire danger or Total Fire Ban
- Disabled access is to first viewing platform only

Look around for evidence of logging, an industry sustained here many years ago. Watch for grooves in trees, stumps and relics at the Knotts No 1 Mill site.