

BESTBROOK BUSH WALKS

GNOME'S GULLY WALK (yellow)

Start at Malcolm's crossing and walk eastwards between the lake and the creek. You will see some yellow markers on the trees- follow these and cross over the excavated siphon line . A yellow marker on a post directs you to a small gully - Gnome's Gully.

Cross this Gully and follow the cattle along the gully.

Watch for the yellow markers and do not cross the gully until you come to an area with many large boulders. Cross here and follow the track further up the gully.

Eventually you will come to a rain forest pocket - Maidenhair fern abounds.

Watch out for the lawyer vine - so called because once it's got you it likes to hang you.

At this point walk quietly as not to disturb the Gnomes!!

Their playground is guarded by a Fig Tree and if no one come out to stop you will be permitted to enter their playground. Enter into the gully area, quietly! Keep a look out so that you do not accidentally step on any sun baking gnomes. If you are young at heart you may climb the rocks to visit the gnomes in their cave.

During the walk keep a watch for Koala's and Goannas. Take care as snakes have been seen. Singing as you walk keeps the snakes away.

Rates as an easy walk of approximately 3 kilometer's (there & back) which should take one to one and half-hours. Some uphill walking involved but plenty of places to stop and enjoy the rest. Some may stop at the final climb to the Gnomes Cave but do not let this deter you from the rest of this most enjoyable walk.

MAIDENHAIR FALLS WALK.(Purple)

Start at Malcolm's Crossing and head Westwards along the road to the Camp ground and Barbecue area.

Then head North to the top of the Camp Ground- look out for the Purple markers on the tree's for direction.

Cross through an area of burnt logs and trees.

You will come to a Gully heavily strewn with Granite Boulders- Actually descend into the gully and climb.

Keep climbing up the mountain along the gully. Watch or the fig tree growing in the rocks.

You are now in the rainforest pocket - Feel the cool air

Maidenhair fern abounds.

Keep watch for interesting rocks, do some fossicking. The Cunningham's Gap area was once a gold prospecting area- perhaps you may get lucky!

You will come to a sheer rock wall but it can be climbed. Keep climbing -the going gets tougher but you will manage.

Eventually, you come to the falls- only operating in the rainy season! This is an almost vertical sheer rock face.

Stop here for awhile and enjoy the atmosphere, look for the Grass Tree's Xanthorrhaea growing along the gully and high up on the ridge

Rated a moderately difficult walk involving a lot of climbing over large boulders. Ok for most people, make sure you wear good walking shoes and stop to have a rest whenever you feel the need. The walk is about 3 kilometer's (there & back)) takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 HOURS.