FERN GLADE | MARAKOOPA CAVE



A short walk along Marakoopa Creek in the Mole Creek Karst National Park.

This rainforest walk is located at the Marakoopa Cave Office in Mayberry and is 30 minutes return.

B	Time:	30 minute return	
	Distance:	1.2km return	
æ	Rd and follow Ref: -41.57382	Take the B12 (C38) west from Mole Creek. Turn left at the Marakoopa Cave sign into Mayberry Rd and follow the road to the end where the cave ticket office is located. Roads are sealed. Ref: -41.573818, 146.291672 (type this grid reference or "Marakoopa Cave" into Google Maps) Retail Map: 4439 Mole Creek	
	There are toilets and a gift shop at the Parks & Wildlife ticket office. Cafes and accommodation can be found in Mole Creek and surrounds.		
Å	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.		



Supervise young children; the track follows a creek with sometimes fast flowing water.

Fern Glade Walk is a short walk which starts at the Marakoopa Cave ticket office and leads to the cave entrance, following Marakoopa creek as it tumbles down the hillside from inside the cave itself.

There is usually an abundance of colourful fungi lining the track, especially during autumn and winter, as well as numerous species of fern and rainforest plants such as native myrtle beech, often covered with moss and lichen.

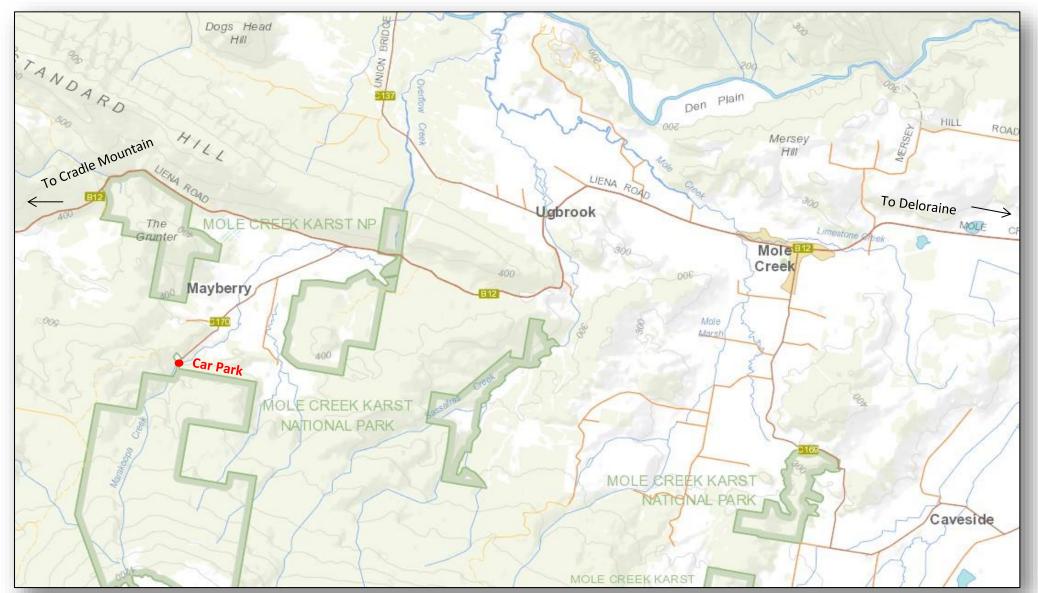
You can enjoy this walk for its own sake, or as a part of your cave experience. Just leave yourself 15 minutes before your cave tour departure time and leave your car at the ticket office carpark, rather than driving up to the cave entrance.

The Fern Glade Track lies within the Mole Creek Karst National Park, so visitors will need a current <u>National</u> <u>Parks Pass</u>, available from the <u>Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre</u> *or* to buy a ticket for the Marakoopa Cave Tour. Phone <u>03 6363 5182</u>.

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: www.fire.tas.gov.au & www.police.tas.gov.au/communityalerts Weather: www.bom.gov.au/tas

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