



## DRYS BLUFF

Rated as one of Australia's hardest day walks, Drys Bluff (1340m) is steep all the way, with an ascent of 1000m over 3km. In good weather, your effort will be rewarded with magnificent views of the Meander Valley, Central Plateau and surrounds. Drys Bluff Forest Reserve forms part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.



Time: 7 hour return  
Distance: 8km return



Take the C513 from Bracknell (west) through the small village of Liffey and park in the carpark marked 'Oura Oura Reserve' about 5km past the Old Liffey School on the left. Follow the river track to the white cottage in the farmland below Drys Bluff where your walk begins. There are 2 accessible car parks further down the road near the newly constructed caretaker's cottage.

Ref: -41.682197, 146.823712 (type this grid reference or "Oura Oura" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL07 Breton



There are toilets at the trailhead and cafe and accommodation options can be found at Bracknell, Carrick, Deloraine and surrounds.



**Grade 4:** Bushwalking experience recommended. Track is long, rough and very steep. Directional signage is limited.



Steep. Rope ascents required in several areas. Weather may change suddenly with exposed alpine conditions and fog may impede navigation. Beware of snakes during summer.

Taytitikitheeker is the Tasmanian aboriginal name for Drys Bluff.

The walk to Drys Bluff along 'Deans Track' begins from Gulf Rd (C513), at what is now known as 'Oura Oura' meaning 'black cockatoo' in palawa kani, language of the Tasmanian aboriginals. Oura Oura is a Bush Heritage Reserve formerly owned by environmental campaigner Bob Brown.

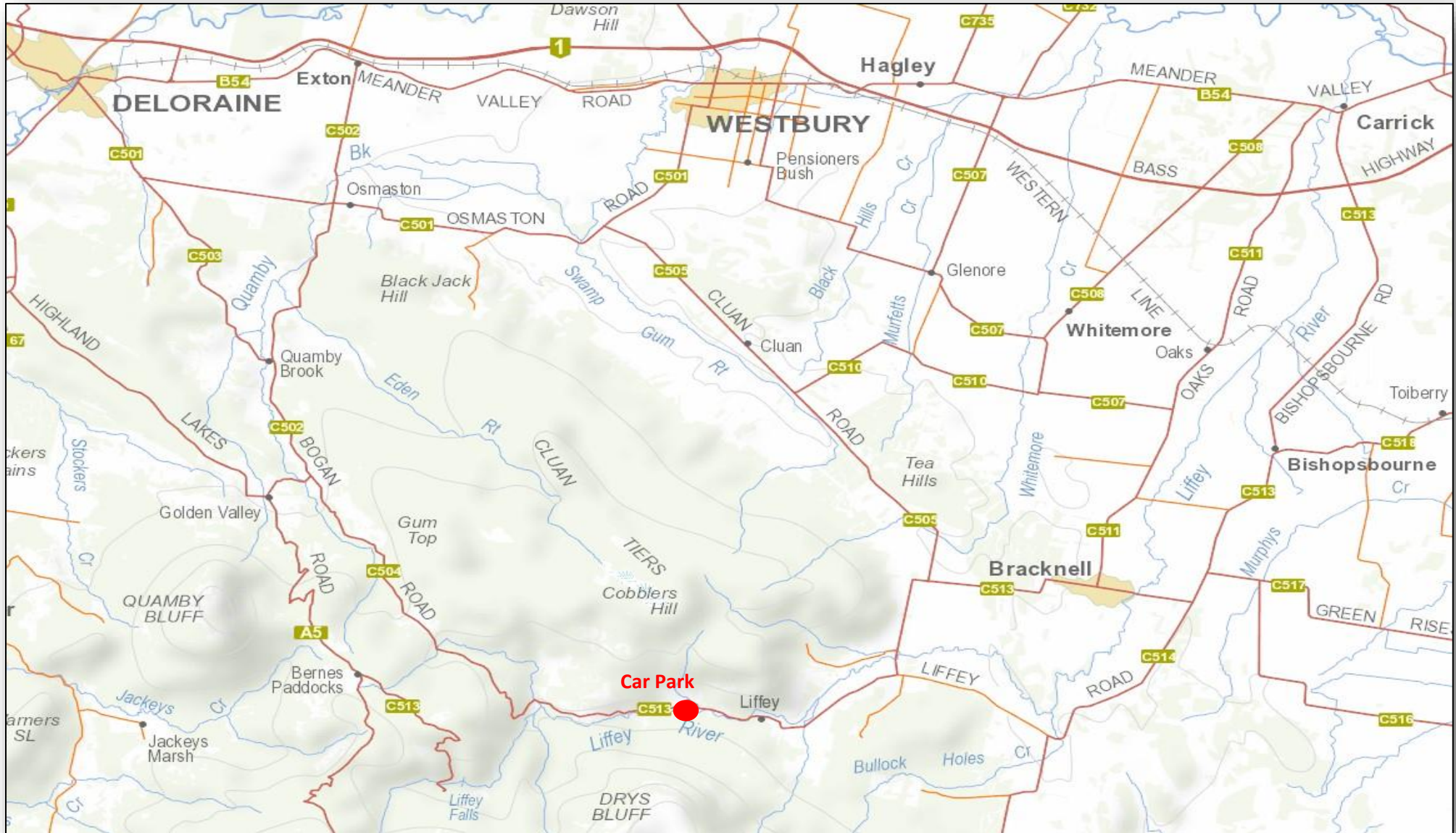
From the Reserve, the walk passes an old white cottage and ascends in a southerly direction into bushland dominated by Blackwood and Silver wattle, making way further up to towering eucalypts. About halfway up, the track enters temperate rainforest, and passes by many different types of ferns and moss-covered boulders. From this point the track veers to the east, along the base of a high rock wall. There are several sections where a knotted rope is in place to help you haul yourself to the next ledge. Once you reach the final ridgeline, large cairn and log book, it is less than 500m east toward the trig point. Return the way you came.

**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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