## SHORT WALLS

## LIFFEY RIVER RESERVE - BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

Gifted by Bob Brown to Bush Heritage Australia (BHA) in 1991, this reserve protects 105ha of myrtle beech rainforest, as well as dry and wet eucalypt forest. Among the native Australian species that can be found here are the spotted-tail quoll and the white goshawk.



Time: 1 - 1.5 hour circuit

Distance: 3.5km circuit



From Bracknell, take the C513 through Liffey heading west towards Deloraine and turn into the Liffey Camping Ground (for larger vehicles). From Deloraine take the C501, C503, C504 and C513 to Liffey Camping Ground. These gravel roads are narrow and windy and are thus unsuitable for larger vehicles. Park at the car park and take the track marked 'Liffey BHA Reserve'.

Ref: -41.683173, 146.781846 (type this grid reference or "Liffey Falls Camping" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL07 Breton



There is a bush campground with a toilet and picnic tables.



**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.



The ground and tracks can become slippery or unstable, so please take care. There are two creek crossings on this track (with stepping stones). Please do not disturb or remove plants, animals or cultural items. Remember to leave these areas as you found them and take all rubbish with you.

The Liffey River Reserve is an enjoyable walk for the whole family. You'll find interpretive signs along the way that tell the story of the Reserve and Bush Heritage Australia — a conservation organisation that grew from passionate beginnings in the Liffey Valley. In 1990 Bob Brown started the organisation, dedicating it to protect Australia's unique landscapes, plants and animals.

The track starts in a grove of moss-covered ancient myrtles and fragrant sassafras growing along the banks of Pages Creek, a tributary of the Liffey River. After crossing the creek, the track opens out to a grassed marshy area with duckboards and an old seat to watch for the resident native birds such as the pink robin, superb blue fairy wren and scarlet robin.

The track then takes you through wet and dry sclerophyll eucalypt forests dominated by stringybark and inhabited by sugar gliders, before skirting the Liffey River, home to platypus and freshwater crayfish. Toward the end of the track you will pass beneath the tall straight trees of the white gum forest where the spotted tail quoll and endangered white goshawk live. The walk finishes with a final creek crossing. During the wetter months it is advisable to take the right-hand fork (should be marked by a ribbon) which leads to a creek crossing with large stepping stones.

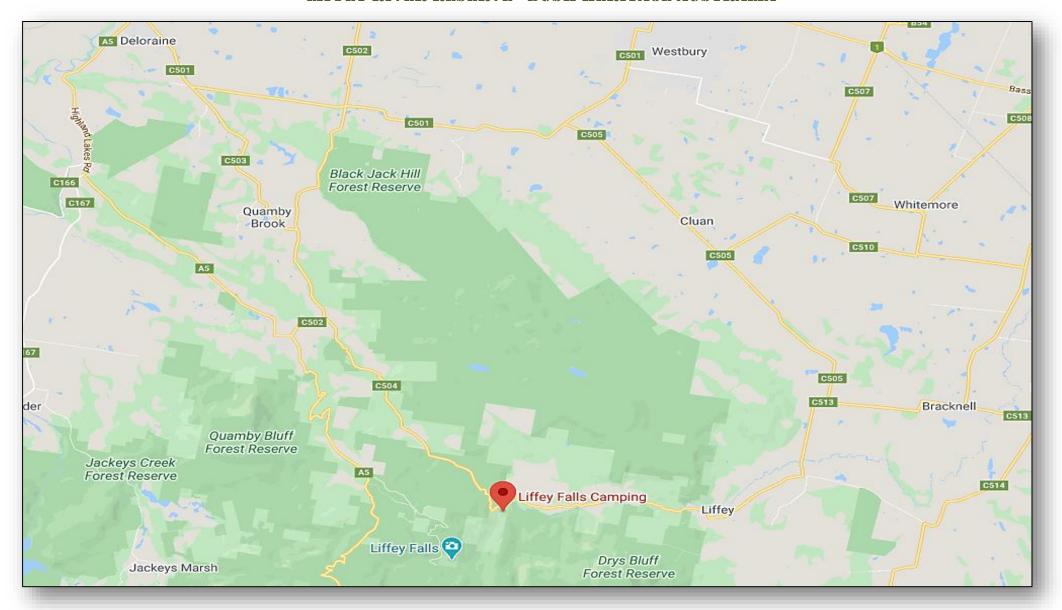
<u>SAFE WALKING:</u> Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania (Launceston & Devonport) to prepare for emergency events. Make a personal determination as to your fitness and ability to undertake specific walks.

**LEAVE NO TRACE:** walk on formed tracks, observe all restrictions, dispose of waste properly and leave what you find.

<u>FURTHER INFO:</u> National Parks: <u>www.parks.tas.gov.au</u> Restrictions & Alerts: <u>www.fire.tas.gov.au</u> & <u>www.police.tas.gov.au/community-</u>

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