



## MEANDER FALLS

Nestled within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, this challenging day walk takes you through temperate rainforest and culminates at a waterfall that cascades 130m over the lip of the Great Western Tiers.



Time: 5-6 hour return  
Distance: 10km return



Take the A5 from Deloraine then the C167 through to Meander and continue along Huntsman Rd, then turn on to Meander Falls Rd. Follow the gravel road to the end.

Ref: -41.722877, 146.545534 (type this reference or "Meander Falls Carpark" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: TL06 Jerusalem & TL07 Breton



Toilet and information board at the car park. Meander Bridge Café in nearby Meander offers postal services, supplies, petrol and coffee as well as take away and eat in options.



**Grade 3:** Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.



Track is very steep in places and can be wet and snowy through winter. It can get quite cold at the falls because of the altitude so dress appropriately.

From the car park at 630m, the track runs along the eastern bank of the Meander River in a southerly direction. The generally flat and rocky track is quite obvious here and there are some red triangles to guide you. The track was repaired and diverted in recent years and there is still evidence of the old track in places. Keep to the markers and you'll be fine.

15 minutes in, the track begins to climb gently and the tree line on the western bank of the river is visible, the Meander quite a way below. Keep your ear out for the chorus of the various forest birds, just audible above the sound of the rushing water.

Parts of this track require you to climb over and around rocks and tree roots and as such the ground is quite uneven in places. Staircases fashioned out of local rock help the walker up the steeper sections and there are also some helpful wooden bridges that ease the walker over the numerous streams and creeks. The Wood-Maynard Memorial Bridge and Loop were constructed in memory of student Tim Maynard and teacher John Wood who were killed by tree fall during a school excursion. The Loop and Dixon's Track are not currently maintained however.

The further you walk the greater the reward as old growth World Heritage forest begins to replace the Dogwood and young Myrtles. The large moss covered trunks here really are a sight to behold! Sassafras, Waratah, Celery Top and King Billy pine begin to grow. Cascades and waterfalls have carved smooth pools in the bedrock of the river, clearly visible from several sections along the track.

The first peak you see as you near your destination approximately 2 hours in is Meander Crag (1265m) to the west with its scree field tumbling down to ancient forest and then the river. After some more uphill walking and a short diversion away from the river, you are afforded your first glimpse of the mighty Bastion Bluff (1370m) over which the Meander River falls in the distance. The two wise old King Billies that stand guard signify your destination is now within reach. Return the way you came.

**NOTE:** Towards the falls there is the option to link onto Split Rock Track. This requires navigation over a large section of scree and walkers must cross the Meander River on foot. Only those with solid bushwalking experience should attempt this route.

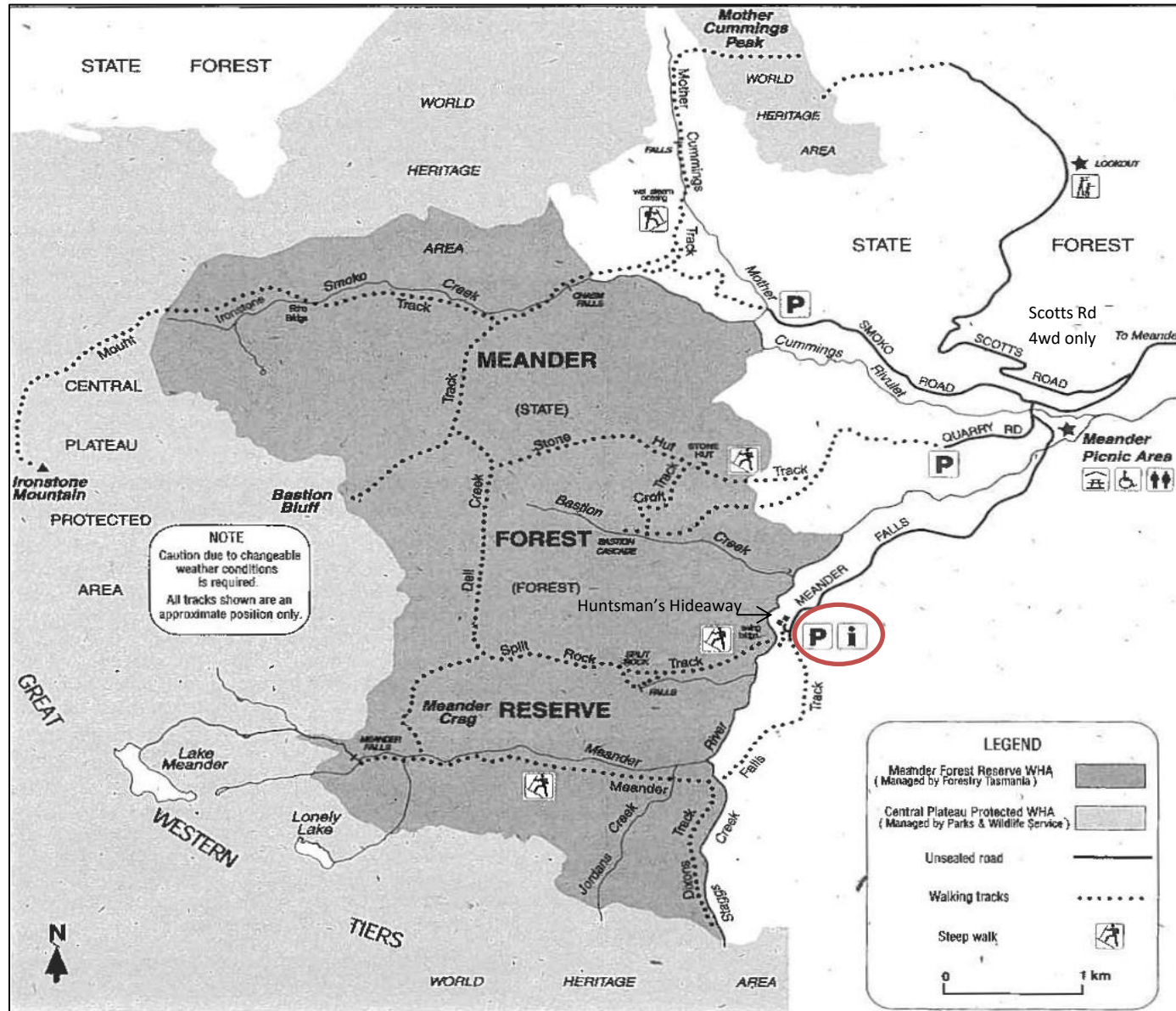
Please respect the fragile alpine environment as you take in the magnificent Meander Falls at 1100m. The falls are surrounded by twisted Pencil Pines, an ancient species that only grows in the Tasmanian highlands.

**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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