## SHORT WARREN

## WESTMORLAND FALLS

A two hour walk along a well-defined track, Westmorland Falls is suitable for the whole family. The walk gives visitors a taste of the tall eucalypt forest growing across the Tiers, along with its varied understory of ferns, including the iconic tree fern. The walk culminates at an attractive secluded waterfall located within the Mole Creek Karst National Park.



Time: 2 hour return

Distance: 3 km return



From either Mole Creek or Chudleigh, take Caveside Rd (C169) and turn into Wet Caves Road (6km from Mole Creek or 9km from Chudleigh). Turn left when you reach the Honeycomb Cave. Continue until you reach a small car park with a "Mole Creek Karst Conservation Area" and "Westmorland Falls" sign. Road is rough gravel.

Ref: -41.615317, 146.404476 (type this grid reference or "Westmorland Falls" into Google Maps)

Retail Map: 4439 Mole Creek



There are no amenities at the walk location. However, there are toilet, cafe and accommodation options at nearby Chudleigh, Mole Creek and surrounds.



**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 children, the track crosses a creek with potentially fast flowing water and the rocks at the falls can be slippery. There are a few extremely muddy sections to navigate along the track.

National Parks Pass required. Available from the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre and PWS.

The walk heads generally southwest with a few short steep sections and sections of stone steps. About 300m from the car park, avoid a track off to the right leading onto private property.

From here the track passes beneath tall eucalypt and vibrant rainforest species, and the moss-covered forest floor is often decorated with a variety of colourful fungi.

About two thirds of the way along the track you will cross a tributary stream on a modern bridge. Beyond here it can be very muddy, especially after rain, but the extra 150m to the falls viewing platform is well worth it! Steps allow easy access to the river bed, where if you look closely, you will see fossilised shells in the rock formations. The falls are located in the Mole Creek Karst National Park, so please leave any fossils you find and take all rubbish out with you.

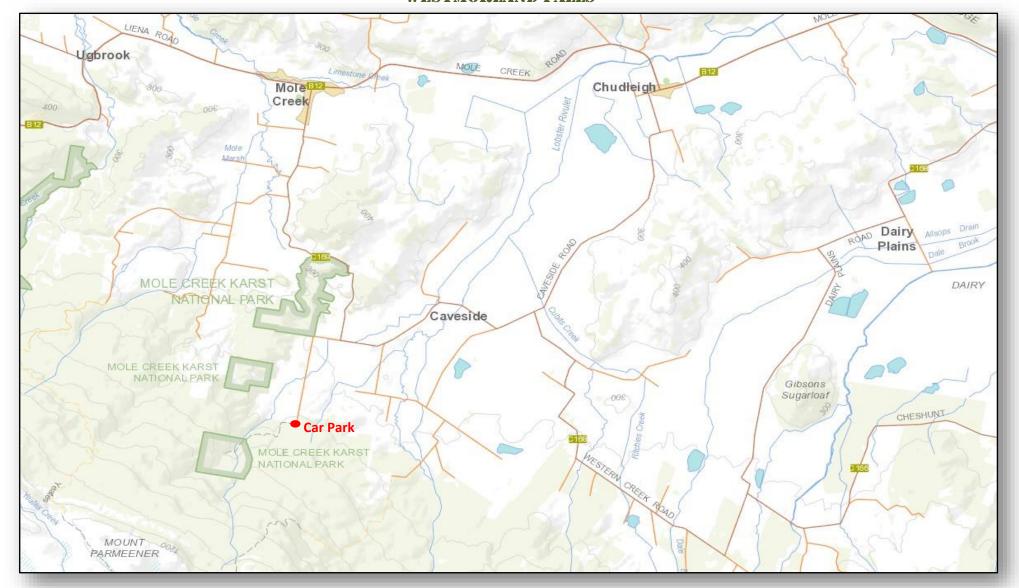
Good shoes (and a change of footwear in the car) are advisable if the weather has been at all wet.

<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-alerts</u> Weather: <u>www.bom.gov.au/tas</u>

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