

River Walk (Blue Lake)



1 hr 30 mins

Moderate track

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2.6 km Circuit

↑ 216m

This walk takes you from the Grand Arch along the surreal Blue Lake, following the hillside downstream to the old Jenolan Caves Hydroelectric Station. The track is dotted with magnificent views of Carlotta's Arch and the top of the Grand Arch. The circuit-style walk brings you underneath the bridge and back to the amazing Grand Arch.

689m

814m

Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Grand Arch East (gps: -33.8191, 150.0239). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/rwl>

0 | Grand Arch East

(110 m 5 mins) From the eastern side of the Grand Arch, the walk heads over the road to the right of the bridge and the lake behind. The walk then tends left around the lake for approximately 40m to an intersection marked by a 'No swimming fishing or throwing stones' sign.

0.11 | Blue Lake

Blue Lake, or Lake Jenolan, is a small lake on the eastern side of the Grand Arch. The lake is fed by the River Styx and the Jenolan River. Blue Lake's intense colour comes from the refraction of light through limestone sediments.

0.11 | Blue Lake Access

(1.1 km 27 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the railing around the hillside, with the water to the left. The path passes a large weir on the left and continues past some old piping (which is sign marked). The track continues around the hill for approximately 50m to the unsignposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk rounds the hillside and down a suspended bridge. The walk winds to the bottom of a waterfall and continues above the creek (on the left) for a short time. The track then turns right, following the hillside around to comes to a bridge. The walk passes over the bridge then winds further around the hillside and banks of the creek to the old Jenolan Hydroelectric Power Station and picnic area.

1.26 | Jenolan Caves Hydroelectric Power Station

Jenolan Cave Hydroelectric Power Station was originally a

Leffel Wheel, built in 1889 on the Jenolan River. The building has a glass front with a light switch to show the large machinery which was once used to power Jenolan. Near the hydroelectric building, there is a nice picnic area by the weir.

1.26 | Jenolan Hydroelectric Station

(1 km 25 mins) Turn around: From Jenolan Caves Hydroelectric Power Station, this walk heads through the picnic area, with the creek below on the left. The track winds around the hillside and banks of the creek, then passes over a bridge. The track winds along the creek a little more before turning left around the hillside, following the left bank of the creek for approximately 300m to the bottom of a waterfall. The track then zigzags up the suspended bridge to round the hillside to an intersection above a bridge.

2.31 | Int. above bridge

(260 m 11 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down to the creek bed and over the bridge to the other side of the creek. The walk then heads around and up the hillside for a little while, passing old pipes, the weir and some seats on the left. The track leads to the right, under a bridge, and heads up some stairs, then follows the railed track to the road before the Grand Arch.

2.57 | De Burghs Bridge

The bridge spanning out from the Grand Arch was designed by Mr Ernest M. De Burgh, and built by the Public Works Department in 1896. The bridge allowed greater access to the caves and was built from locally cut limestone.

