



Cradle Mountain

Fagus Trails

Crater Lake

The dramatic Crater Lake, half-way point of the 5.7km loop track, is a classic cirque lake, created when glacial snow and ice gouged out a crater-like hollow, that's now filled with water.

The deep lake is surrounded by 200 meter cliffs, covered in fagus trees that are ablaze with gold, red and yellow leaves in Autumn. A photographer's delight with stunning reflections on a still lake.

Other highlights of this beautiful walk include Crater Falls, hidden in a magical forest of Pandani, Myrtle and Fagus. The smaller alpine lakes, Lake Lilla and Wombat Pool, have their own beauty with ancient Pencil Pines.

Allow 2-3 hours to complete the circuit. Parts of the track are steep. Be prepared for alpine weather conditions.





Crater Lake Walk

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Time: 2-3 Hour Circuit

Starting from Ronny Creek bus stop, follow the Overland Track to the bridge. Cross the bridge and take the track straight ahead towards Crater Lake.

About halfway to Crater Lake the terrain changes and the track becomes slightly steeper. You have entered a dense section of rainforest where you will see some fine examples of Fagus.

Follow the boardwalk and spend some time at Crater falls to enjoy the moss-covered rocks and peaceful rainforest surrounds.

Leaving the rainforest there is a short climb to Crater Lake, here you will see the old boat shed at the lakes edge and encounter the true magnificence of the Autumn Fagus.

Continue alongside the lake while you climb to the saddle between Marions Lookout and Wombat Peak. At the intersection turn left down the Wombat Pool track which will take you past Wombat Pool and Lake Lilla. When you reach the Lake Lilla Track you can turn right and continue to the Dove Lake bus stop.

