## **Tesselated Pavements Walk**

Walk Signage Colour: Brown

Length: 6 km return Elevation Change: 300 m Time: 3 hours return Grade: Easy/Medium Starting point:

End of Mt Irvine Road, Mt Irvine.

## Walking conditions:

Generally well formed track.

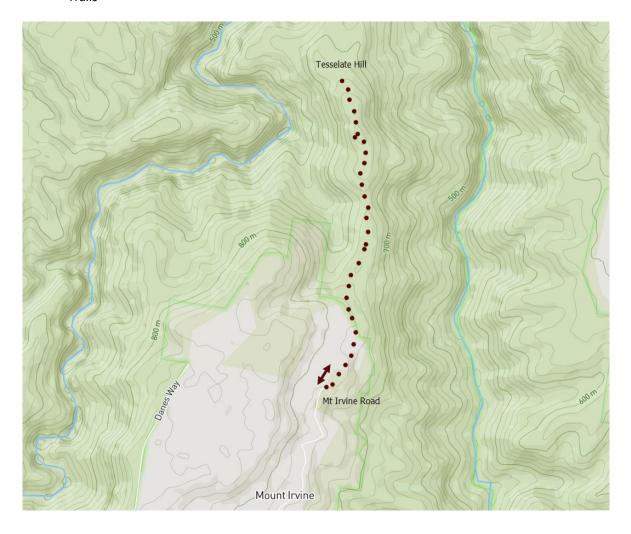
## Highlights:

- Lovely walk
- Great views from the Tessellated Pavements which provides the perfect picnic spot
- Superb canyon views

This path is very obscure at times. Follow the ridge line and you will pick it up again. It is recommended with walks that you always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Always carry sufficient water with reserves for an emergency. It is also recommended that you use a GPS tracker on your phone that maps your walk. This gives confidence when unsure about your return path.

Free GPS trackers from the App Store include:

- GPS Tracks
- Trails



At the end of Mt Irvine Road there is a gated service road (fire trail) on the right hand side. Drive through this gate (closing it behind you) and park your car at the water tank about 200m down the road. This is the start of the walk. Please make sure that your car does not block this track.





Follow the fire trail for about 500 metres until you get to a turning circle. The track is marked half way around this turning circle. The track wends its way in a northerly direction along the ridge line and is indistinct and overgrown at a number of points. But as long as you ensure that you are following the ridgeline then you should not stray too far from the track.

The track drops into a saddle and then rises up into a small cliff line/overhang. Traverse across to the left below this cliff line until you can easily get up a small gully. There are lovely views from this rock and it is worth a stop. The track then heads to the right and continues to follow the ridgeline.



Traverse to the left below this overhang.

The track continues through open forest and then heads down to the Tesselated pavements. The mosaic patterns on the sandstone platform are quite intriguing. There is also some Aboriginal rock art on the Pavements (picture below).





The pavements offer spectacular 270 degree views on a clear day. Bowens Creek to the East (right) and the Wollomgambe to the West (left). There are stunning views to the Bowens Creek Valley. It is worth spending some time at this lovely spot as you explore the full perimeter of the pavements.



Return along the same track back to the start. When you get back to the fire trail ensure that you take the main track heading to the right. Follow this track back to your car.

This is a stunning walk and a hidden gem. Make sure you take time to enjoy this walk. As always please help maintain the walks and pick up any branches that cover the track. Every little bit helps.