

## Rennix Trail

(Ngarigo Country)









4 h 30 min to 5 h

This enjoyable walk follows an old management trail from Rennix Gap to the panoramic views from a granite outcrop, which is also home to a Snowy Hydro radio repeater. On this walk, you will visit a variety of environments from open grassy plains, wooded forest, exposed granite outcrops and alpine fens. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.





| Class 4 of 6<br>Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely |   |
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| Quality of track   | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)  |
| Gradient   | Short steep hills (3/6)   |
| Signage  | Directional signs along the way (3/6)   |
| Infrastructure   | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)   |
| Experience Required  | Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)                                  |
| Weather  | Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6) |

Getting to the start: From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 7.6 km
- Turn right onto Rennix Walking Track Trailhead and drive for another 165 m



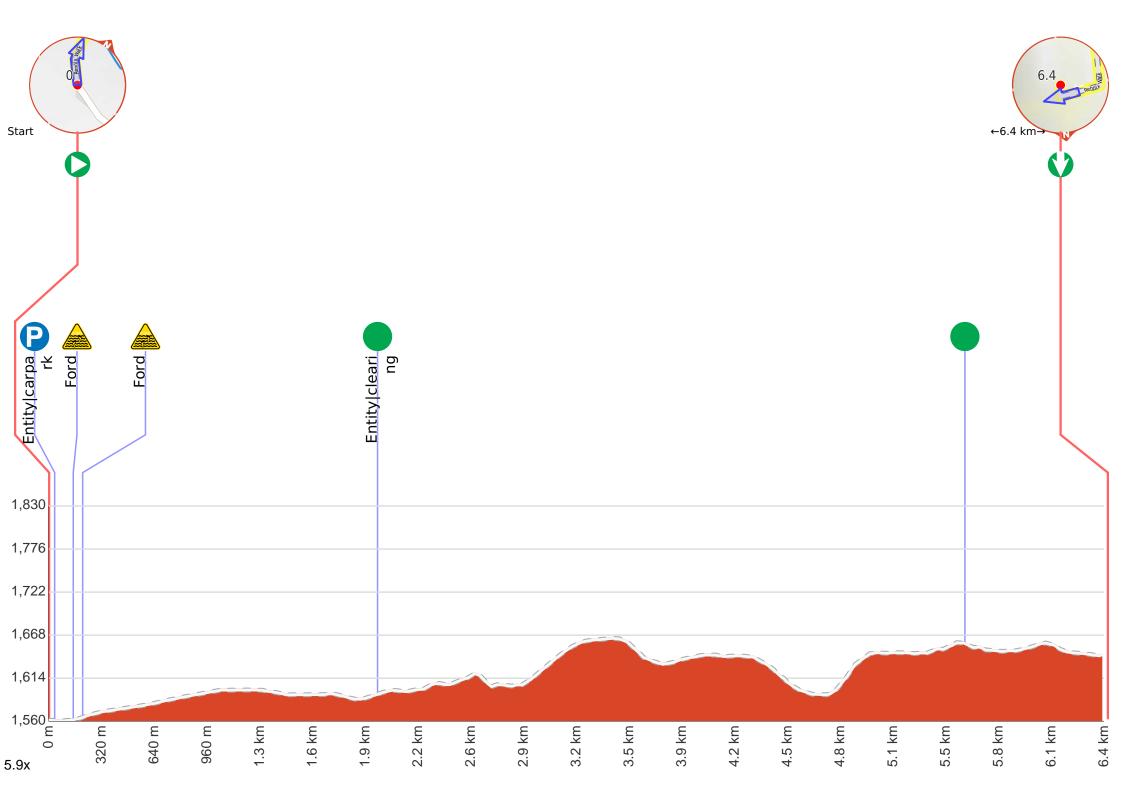
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- · Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- · Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- · Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.







**Getting started:** From the car park and picnic table, this walk heads around the timber posts and follows the arrow past the 'Rennix Walk' information sign, downhill along the old management trail. After about 100m, this walk crosses a creek, then a short time later turns right at a 'Y' intersection (following an arrow) up the gentle hill. Here the walk continues along the side of the hill, through a grove of trees then winds up the side of the grassy valley. After a while, the track bends left to cross the grassy flat and leads across a flat timber bridge. The old management trail then leads up the hill and through another grove of snow gums, and about 400m after the timber bridge, this walk comes to a large flat saddle with a small wetland and views towards the main range (on your left).



Rennix Gap (about 6 m back from the start).



Rennix Gap is a signposted saddle on the Kosciuszko Road and is home to a car park, picnic table and the Rennix Walk trackhead. The gap is named after W.E. Rennix, who was appointed the Shire Engineer (with a salary of £350 per year) and was the first to survey the road to Kosciuszko. The road was constructed between 1906-09. A sign at the trackhead reports that Rennix died from pneumonia after having been caught in a blizzard at the gap.



After another 115 m cross the ford.



After another 55 m cross the ford.



After another 1.8 km find the "Lakes Creek saddle" (70 m on your left).



This saddle (as with a few other saddles on the Rennix Walk) is home to a significant wetland. This 'Alpine fen' is fed mostly by ground water from the surrounding hills and is an important ecosystem. Please admire the wetlands from a distance, and remain on the main track.

After another 3.6 km find the "Giants Castle" (on your left).



Giants Castle is the informal name for the larger of the granite boulder outcrops and home to a couple of old trig stations. This is a pleasant spot to rest, about 1km south of the radio reflector.



Continue another 870 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 6.4 km to get back to the start.



About 25 m past the end is "Radio repeater".



This high point, topped with a large granite boulder, provides a great view of the surrounding area. The rock is home to a large radio reflector. This passive device acts like a mirror to bounce radio signals between two Snowy Hydro sites. The reflector looks like a billboard advertising green paint, but the simplicity of the design helps increase the reliability and reduce maintenance. There is also a small active, solar-powered repeater on site. The rock behind the repeater slopes down to the ground, providing access to the base of the repeater and the great views. Take care on the rock, as there are no fences but a significant drop.