

Flaggy Creek Gorge Walking Track (14km, 7 hours return)

This walk is a 7 hour trip with a number of testing climbs, but you will be rewarded with some great views and delighted by the beautiful Flaggy Creek Gorge. The track can be very exposed in summer and there is no water along the track, so be sure to carry adequate drinking water. If it is a short walk that you are interested in, the 3km return trip to Valley View should be considered.

The Kurrajongs to Valley View (1.5km) is a continuous climb through granite boulders. This section of the track is a demanding climb, with very few flat areas. At the beginning of the walk you pass through an old quarry and on to an open grassy area. The track continues on through a large cut log, heads south and begins to climb. On reaching Valley View, there are views in both directions along the Murray River and over the northern end of the park. Caution is needed here as there are unguarded cliff edges.

Valley View to the Oaks (3.5km) the track follows the ridge line for one kilometre before descending into a small saddle. Beyond this the views open up as the track contours the side of Mount Porcupine before descending into a very pronounced saddle. Walking gets a bit tougher from here on, as you climb for over a kilometre up to The Oaks. The Oaks gained its name from the Drooping she-oaks (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) that are found in the area. These, along with Blakely's Red Gum, the main eucalypt species, have adapted to this dry and rocky environment,

The Oaks to Flaggy Creek Gorge (2km) the track heads downhill through Drooping she-oaks and Fringe Myrtle towards the Gorge. After about a kilometre and a half of walking you reach the wall of the gorge, with great views of the rocky waterfalls that are found along Flaggy Creek. The track follows the gorge top passing by rocky boulders and many interesting plants including the rare Crimson Grevillea. Finally the head of Flaggy Creek Gorge is reached and the track leads down to the water, where a number of small pools and waterfalls can be found. This is a great place to cool off, explore and enjoy your lunch before heading back.