



Gilwell Park Bushwalking

Kurth Kiln Walk – 4km-10km return

The starting point for this adventure is Forest Hut, located at D3 on the Gilwell map.

Forest Hut, also known as the Rover hut, came from the first Australia Jamboree held in Frankston in 1935. Crossing the Forest Path at the back of Forest Hut, you wander down a small path towards the creek, which is the start of the nature trail. You cross the creek via a small footbridge. Beware that the bridge can get slippery. You start to climb up an incline once you cross the creek. About halfway up on your left are the remains of the 13th Malvern hut, which was built in???. Continuing as you ascend, reaching the top of the rise. As you look to the Northeast, the area you are looking over was used in Where the Wild Things Are filming, featuring Tom Hanks.

To further your journey out to Kurth Kiln, follow the vague track off to your left downhill as you meander along in a Westerly direction toward Clark Track. The track can become muddy after rain. It has a slight kink to the right as you get closer to Clarks Track. At Clarks Track, you will come across what looks like an old fence with lots of trail marking tape. This is the start of Clark Track.

From here, there are several ways you can progress to Kurth Kiln by using the tracks within Kurth Kiln Regional Park. Once at the Kiln, walk around investigating the history of the Kiln and its surroundings. If you plan on camping, I suggest you camp in the Magazine Campgrounds. There is a fenced-off area behind the group of cottages there is a drop toilet and a Water tank. Remember to treat your water for drinking purposes.

For your return trip, make your way back to the end of Clarks Track. Here you can make three decisions about how to return to Gilwell Park.

1. Go straight ahead, following the track down into the creek and completing a small creek crossing.
2. Head right along the Nature Trail, which will take you to the Meeting of the Waters another creek crossing.
3. Head back the same way you came from Gilwell crossing the creek via the bridge and ending up at Forest Hut.