



PORT DAVEY TRACK | 7 DAYS | 71 KM

THIS TREKKING ADVENTURE TAKES YOU THROUGH THE DEEP INTERIOR OF THE FABLED SOUTH WEST NATIONAL PARK, CULMINATING ON THE SHORES OF ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE MARINE RESERVES ON THE PLANET – PORT DAVEY. EXPERIENCE FORGOTTEN TIME, ANCIENT FLORA AND LANDSCAPES THAT EMBODY THE VALUES OF A TRUE WILDERNESS TREKKING EXPERIENCE.

The scenery in this part of Tasmania is truly ancient. Our 7 day trek enables us to travel through a land forgotten in time, passing imposing mountain ranges and crossing, following timeworn river courses that have moulded to the landscape shifting of this epic wilderness. A challenging adventure, this trek takes our small group on a journey towards one of earth's most pristine marine reserves located in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area - Port Davey. Ancient, forgotten pockets of cool temperate rain forest contrast the moorland steppe of the Lost World Plateau. Join us on this journey of discovery on a truly remarkable, life transforming trek, through a landscape also shaped by the first peoples of Tasmania. This trek can be combined with our 9 day South Coast Track Walking Tour to offer one of Australia's most remote and challenging trekking adventures.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 2 professional wilderness guides.
- 6 nights camping.
- 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners.
- All delicious snacks on the trail.
- Transport to and from Hobart including scenic flight from Melaleuca.
- Twin share tent and sleeping mat.
- National Park fees.
- Group camping equipment including all cooking & eating equipment.
- Emergency communications & group first aid kit.

TREK GRADING : EPIC TREK

See: www.trektasmania.com.au/faq/trek-gradings/ for more information about gradings

IMPORTANT NOTES

Our 7 day Port Davey adventure is a demanding walk, we advise you to do as much training as you can before your tour with us. The more you train for the walk the easier you will handle the terrain and the more you will enjoy this wonderful part of the world. It's also important to come along with an open mind ready for an awesome experience whatever the weather, whoever the group. It is very important that you bring the right gear for the conditions. The Tasmanian weather can be unpredictable, storms can arise very quickly and heavy rain and even snow can fall at any time of the year. Quality backpacks, sleeping bags, rain jackets, and over pants are also available for hire. If you are at all concerned about your ability to complete this walk, please contact us for more information/advice.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change with any change in community regulations as well as governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

WHAT YOU CARRY

On the Port Davey Track adventure you will need to carry all your personal equipment in a full trekking backpack that is 70-90 litres in capacity. This includes sleeping bag, inflatable sleeping mat, and a proportion of the shared tent, a proportion of the group's food and all personal items as specified in our gear list. Depending on the quality and quantity of personal gear and toiletries, your pack may weigh up to 20kg.

A comprehensive gear list is available at the end of this itinerary detailing what equipment is included in the tour cost, what items are available for hire and what you will need to bring with you.

PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING

A pre-trip briefing and a full gear check with your guides the afternoon before your Port Davey trek departs will ensure you have the right mix of gear for your adventure.

Please make your way to the **Find Your Feet, 107 Elizabeth Street, Hobart at 3PM the day before your trip**, bringing your pack and what you intend to bring on your trek.

DAY 1: HUON CAMPGROUND TO JUNCTION CREEK

Pick up from your Hobart accommodation between 7:00am and 7:30am. Our morning drive takes us west into the centre of the extraordinary South West National Park. This is the largest (6,182 square kilometres) protected area forming part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. We will break up our approximately 3.5 hour transfer with a morning tea stop near Mt Field National Park, Australia's second oldest protected area. Coming over Frodsham's Pass, we have our first view of Lake Pedder and the vast mountain ranges encircling this lake. We continue until we reach the end of the line, so to speak – Scott's Peak Dam and our trailhead at the Huon campground. We commence our adventure, hiking through some strands of mixed forest and meandering button grass valleys, before descending to our campsite at Junction Creek. The evening is spent enjoying being surrounded by the imposing Western Arthurs and White Monolith Ranges .

8kms

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: CROSSING RIVER TO WATERSHED CAMP

After packing up our camp, we continue south west through a large flood plain, which is criss-crossed by many creeks. Clear weather provides us with a great reference point as we look behind us to see the jagged Western Arthurs rise up with each step we take further south. From this angle it's easy to see how the most heavily glaciated mountain range in Australia imposes itself on the landscape around us.

Pockets of old growth rainforest provide a nice contrast from the sedge plant dominated landscape we travel through. We are trekking parallel to the Crossing River, before reaching our rest spot for the night, huddled at a confluence of creeks and on the fringe of a large mixed forest - this is Watershed Camp.

14kms

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2: JUNCTION CREEK TO CROSSING RIVER

After breakfast, we continue trekking southwest with the gaze of the western rim of the Western Arthurs looming beside us. In fine weather, we may choose to tackle a worthwhile return side trip to the peak of Mount Hesperus (1,098m). This provides a taste of the Western Arthurs and a fantastic vantage point into the west of this region. The Port Davey Track now charts a large valley wedged between the Arthurs to our left, and to our right, the impressive Folded Range and the White Monoliths. We seem to follow the only gap in the landscape down towards our second night's camp on the banks of the Crossing River. This ancient wild river snakes its way from the heights of Lake Jupiter, deep in the Western Arthurs, finally flowing into the Davey River. This is the first major river crossing of the expedition but the reward is a peaceful forest on the southern bank, which makes a great camp as we prepare for the next day's adventures .

9kms (15kms with mountain side trip)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: WATERSHED CAMP TO SPRING RIVER

Today is the first day we rise out of the plains we have been trekking through for the past couple days. Underfoot, Precambrian quartzite rock forms part of our trail, as we undulate our way across the Lost World Plateau. The track takes us up along the edge of this plateau, as we sidle the impressive Spring River below. The track crosses the river via an impressive new bridge, before the width of its course becomes unfordable. We make camp for the day on the eastern banks of the river.

15kms

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5: SPRING RIVER TO THE NARROWS CROSSING

Today is an immensely impressive section of the track. We make our way up onto a slender ridge and over Border Hill. Our journey follows large undulations in and out of dense cool temperate rainforest growth, until culminating with a descent off the side of Lindsay Hill to the northern end of the infamous Narrows boat crossing, at Farrell Point. The walk is striking, as we trace the ridgelines with the Rugby Range on our left and the massive natural harbour of Port Davey, and the Bathurst Channel, opening up with each step taken south. Tide, time and weather depending, we make the Narrows Crossing, flanked by Mount Rugby to our east. We make camp at Joan Point for the night.

13kms

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6: NARROWS CROSSING TO MELALEUCA CAMP

Our last full days trekking takes us to Melaleuca Lagoon and our final destination of the trip. Melaleuca is famous for being a mini metropolis in the middle of the remote south west of Tasmania's wilds. One of Tasmania's shortest airstrips, constructed by compacted quartzite rock, is flanked by campsites, a historic walkers hut, a very unique bird hide to view the rare and endangered orange bellied parrot and the remnants of the Kings families' tin mining stronghold. The afternoon provides us with an opportunity to relax and soak up the achievement of walking through country that very view visit. We enjoy a specular sunset over the lagoon and a hearty last night's meal.

12kms

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7: MELALEUCA TO HOBART

After a well-deserved sleep in there are 2 options for the conclusion of this adventure. We either exit the wilderness via a spectacular 1 hour flight to Hobart. Or alternatively we continue our adventure along the challenging and equally rewarding South Coast Track for a further 9 days of trekking fun. Regardless, the morning offers the opportunity to further explore the surrounding area before bidding this unique spot on earth farewell.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

WHAT EQUIPMENT TO BRING ON YOUR PORT DAVEY TREK

The following list sets out all the clothing and equipment you are required to bring for you to participate in the Port Davey Trek. The gear check prior to your departure from Hobart will ensure that you have covered all aspects of the required gear without over packing.

E indicates essential item of equipment
H indicates available for hire

Clothing	Equipment	
Rain jacket with storm hood attached. Must be seam sealed waterproof breathable fabric (Gore-Tex, Millair or Hydronaute). We recommend mid thigh length with full front zip opening which must have a storm flap. E, H (\$40)	Back pack 70-90L with waterproof pack liner E, H (\$40)	
Waterproof over pants (Gore-Tex, Millair or PVC coated nylon) E, H (\$20)	Waterproof nylon pack cover E	
2 Woollen/polar fleece jumpers - must be wool or synthetic fibre E	Inflatable sleeping mat - light weight E, included	
2 Long sleeve thermal tops (polypropylene, wool, polyester power dry, Daymart) E	Sleeping bag - 3 seasons down E, H (\$50)	
1 Long thermal pants (polypropylene, wool, polyester power dry, Daymart) E	Twin share tent E, included	
2 T-shirts/Long sleeve shirts	Head torch with spare batteries E	
Warm trousers - must be wool or synthetic fibre	Sunglasses	
Walking trousers	Water bottles or water bladder - minimum 2 litres E	
Walking shorts	2 Heavy weight garbage bags or dry bags for waterproof storage E	
Walking socks - 3 pairs wool or thermal E	Small pack towel	
Warm gloves or mittens E	Gaiters - knee length essential for keeping mud from boots and leg protection E, included	
Sun hat E	We provide all catering equipment including cutlery, cups, plates, bowls E	
Balaclava or warm beanie E		
Underwear	Personal Toiletries and First Aid	
Swimmers	Personal toiletries (please do not bring soaps or shampoo)	
	Insect repellent cream (please do not bring spray repellent)	
Footwear	Sunscreen and lip balm E	
Boots must be lace up, ankle high, leather or leather/fabric construction with a sturdy rubber sole. Ideally boots will have a waterproof lining or for full-leather have been waterproofed. They must be well worn in but not worn out. E	Personal first aid kit with tape for treating and preventing blisters and any personal medication. All this should be carried in a waterproof and knock proof container. E	
Light weight sandals, thongs, or shoes for around camp		
	Optional Equipment	
Please contact us with any questions.	Camera	
	Walking Poles H (\$20)	
	Book	