

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The path is covered in dry leaves and twigs. The trees are tall and thin, with green foliage. The text "WALLABY BAY" is overlaid in a large, black, serif font at the top of the image.

# WALLABY BAY

## WALK TRACK





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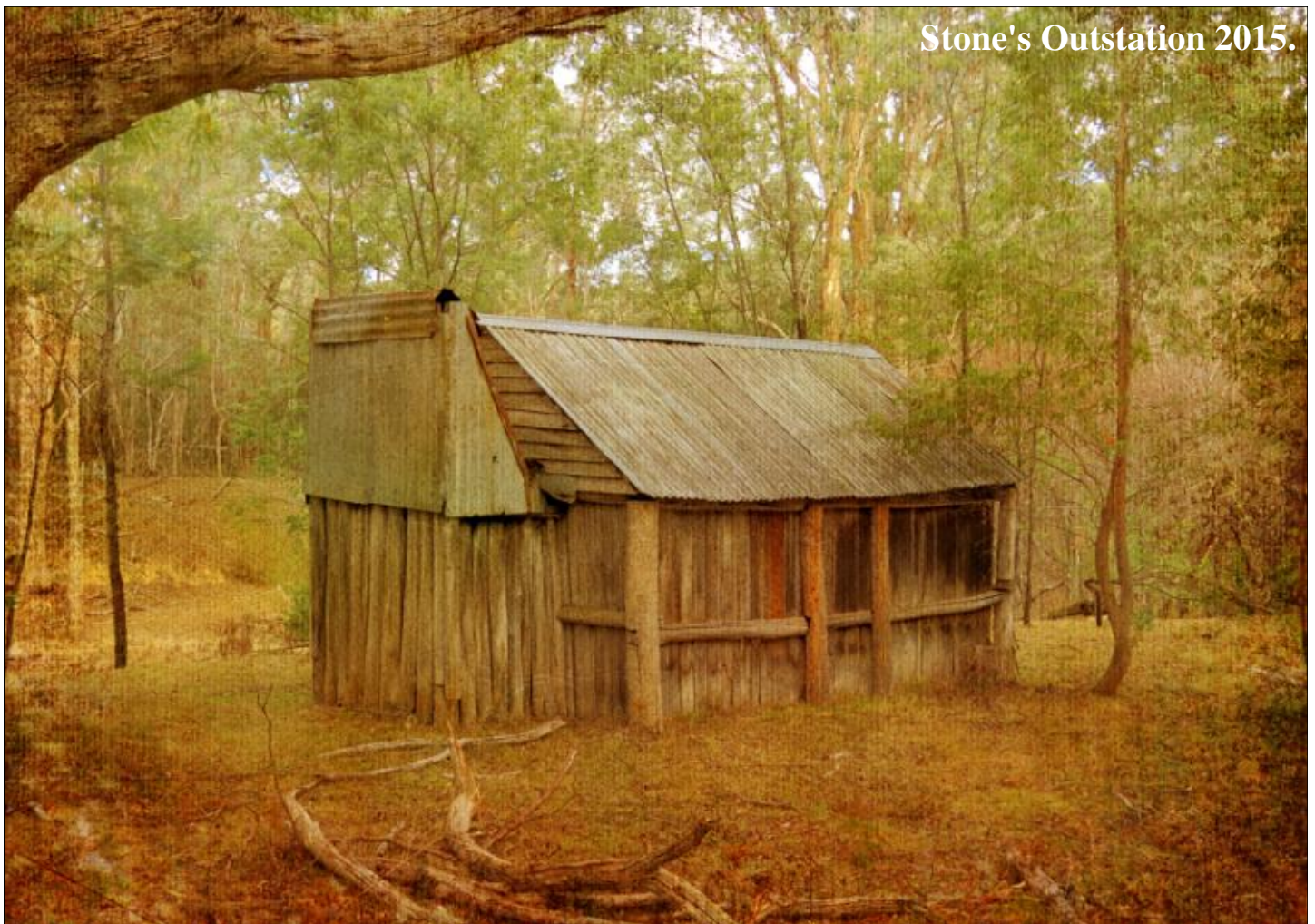


# HISTORIC FACTSHEET

## WALLABY BAY WALK TRACK

**Name:** Wallaby Bay Walk Track  
**Location:** Collier Bay to Stone Bay  
Lake Eildon National Park  
**Managed:** Parks Victoria

Wallaby Bay Walk Track runs from Wallaby Bay in the Fraser Block of Lake Eildon National Park into Stone Bay and beside the amazing Stone's Outstation and stockyards.



Long before white settlement was established in the area once known as Devil's River, Aborigines occupied the surrounding hills and river flats in large numbers. However their numbers declined sharply within the first 30 years of white settlement. Early white settlers such as the Merlo and Stone families selected land in areas now submerged or near the bank of Lake Eildon. Stone's Outstation and Stone's stockyards are both located on land first selected by the Stone family and just above the lake's high water line.



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Stone's Outstation is located on Station Creek, around 100 metres above the high water mark of Lake Eildon. It is located in a flat clearing 50 metres from Station Creek. Stone's stockyards are located 100 metres further west from the Outstation.

The site is managed by Parks Victoria and is described in the Lake Eildon National Park Management Plan (2009 update):

**DESCRIPTION:** *"Stone's outstation and stockyards near Station Creek is a well preserved site of regional or State significance. The stone fences on Steep and Pinnacle Tracks are relatively difficult to access but are an interesting feature."*

**AIM:** *"Investigate the development of interpretive facilities at Stone's outstation and stockyards near Station Creek in conjunction with the development of an expanded day walk network in that block. "*





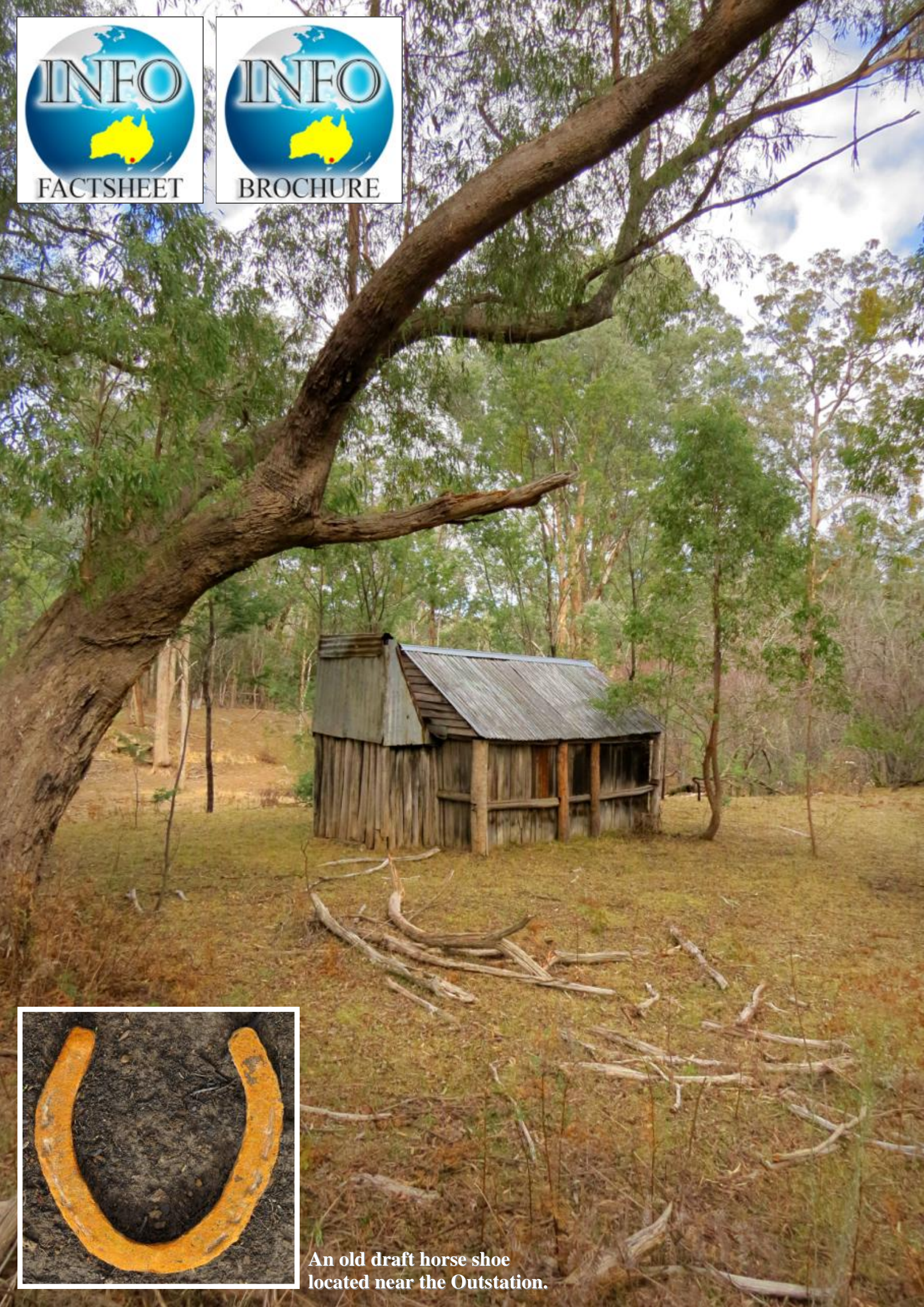
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**A wombat on the track in 2015.**





An old draft horse shoe located near the Outstation.





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## TIMELINE

**Mid to late 1800s**

The original Stone's Outstation was constructed by the Stone family. It is likely this hut is not the current hut.

**18 November 2007**

Stone's Outstation hut was upgraded by volunteers of the AURLO (Australian Land Rover Owners) huts team in partnership with Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Victorian High Country Huts Association. See first page of log book for members and comments from the team.

**1997 - 2009**

The Parks Victoria 'Lake Eildon National Park Management Plan (1997 and 2009) describes the site and site aim:

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**15 January 2011**

An unknown team of volunteers did basic work on the hut in association with the Victorian High Country Huts Association.

**22 April 2015**

Artworkz photoshoot of the Outstation and stockyards. Access was by boat - captained by Ian Faulks.

**7 May 2015**

Artworkz commenced work on this factsheet.

**29 April 2015**

A geocache went live at the site - making history as the first geocache ever located at the historic outstation.

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A well formed track.





Some erosion is evident, however the track is generally in good condition.









There are a number of beautiful bridges along Wallaby Bay Walk Track.





A vview of dead wood on the bank of the lake.





An historic sign harkens bnack to days past.





A picturesque section of track.





*The track is in good condition, however the number of trees fallen across the track is of concern. Someone has built rudimentary ramps over some of the fallen trees logs and these are hard to cross safely. We especially found them dangerous on the return walk when our angles and legs were very tired. Thankfully they were not wet.*





*There are signs of maintenance that has recently been carried out along the track. The bottom left image shows such maintenance while the bottom right image shows that a wombat has also tried to perform track maintenance, however his is unlikely to pass inspection .*









Signage and track marker.





A wombat blocking the path. He scampered off as we got closer.





Signage and track marker.





Erosion is evident in some sections near the track.





This is the only section that needs serious attention. A bridge would be welcomed here.









Signage and track marker.





Signage and track marker.





A steeper section of track.





A steeper section of track.





An interesting view.





*When at the Outstation, a group of eleven bushwalkers arrived. They had walked into the hut a different way, and were planning to have lunch at the hut. They told us that the hut was well known amongst bush walking clubs in Melbourne and that many of the group had walked into the hut before.*

*We left as they were settling in for a lunch break. Above you can see some of the group taking a well deserved break. They were planning on walking back along Wallaby Bay Walk Track - the same way we had walked in and were returning. Before we reached our car at Wallaby Bay, the fast moving team had passed us.*

*It is great to see the Outstation is known about and used by such groups. We hope to build upon this knowledge and establish it even more solidly in peoples memories, as this is a substantial tourism attraction for our district and one that is worthy of a visit.*





*In 2015 the first geocache to ever be located near the outstation was placed. Within two weeks this geocache was complimented by a series of caches along the Wallaby Bay Walk Track. These in turn complimented a number placed 2014. Having a series of geocaches along a walk track creates extra incentive for geocachers to walk those tracks.*

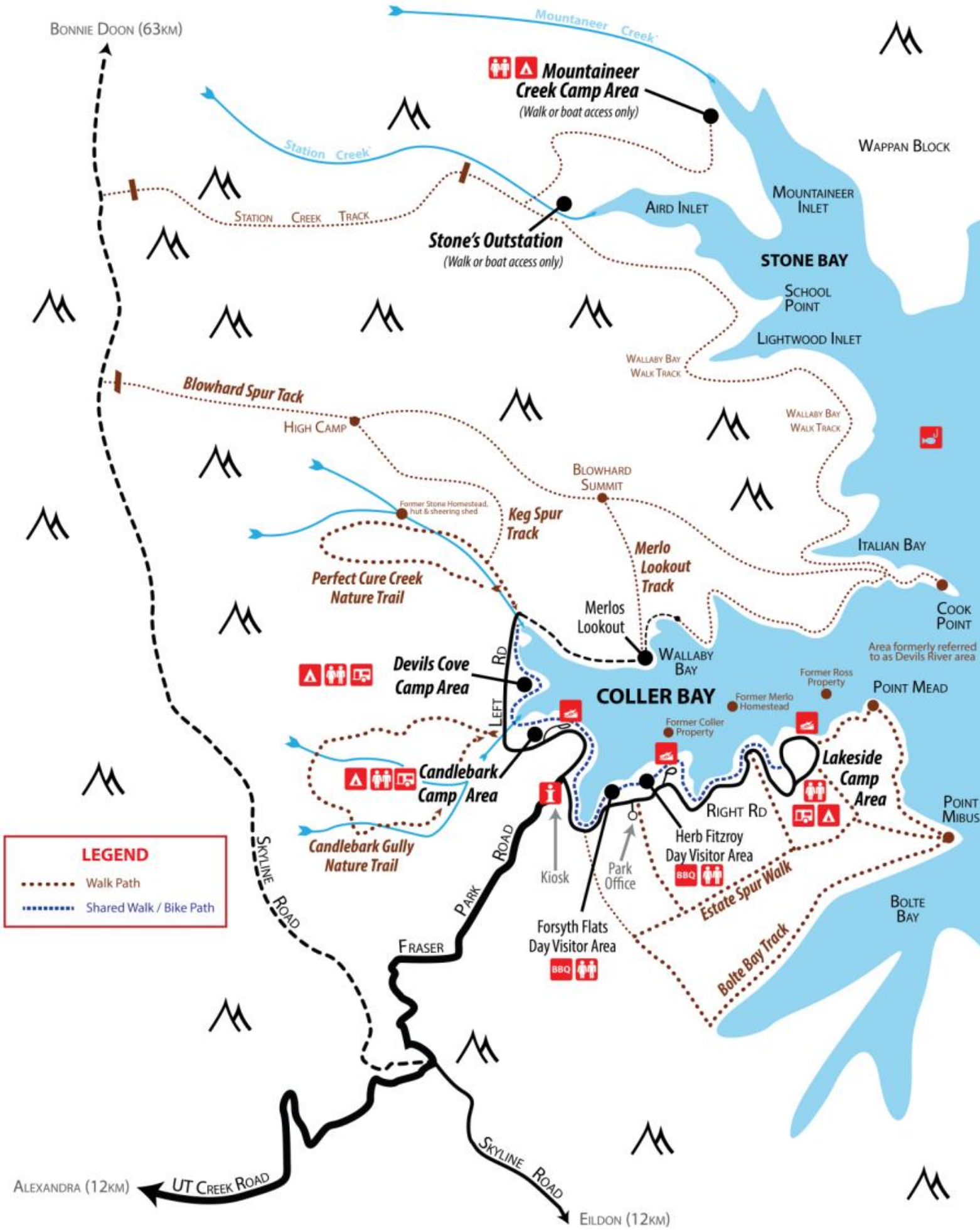
*The location is perfect for geocaches, as it is not an area that would normally fall strongly onto the tourism radar. However, with the advent of Geocaching in Australia, and Australia's first GeoTour being launched late last year around Lake Eildon, it was the perfect time to add to the GeoTour with a set of lakeside caches for those who have access to a boat or love walking into less visited areas. This series of six geocaches were all active by early May.*



# LAKE EILDON

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