



WELCOME TO THE WATER WALK

LOOK, LISTEN AND LEARN...

This walk is one of a series of 'Water Walks' developed by Rous County Council, the organisation that manages our regional water supply. The educational material has been created by Rous County Council, Sustainable Futures Australia, and local Aboriginal custodians. There is another Water Walk at Emigrant Creek Dam, near Tintenbar.

The Water Walk at Rocky Creek Dam introduces you to some basic facts about water. In just 60 metres, you will discover new things about:

- **the natural water cycle**
- **water management**
- **our water supply**
- **how water is treated**
- **how catchments work**
- **the catchment of Rocky Creek Dam**
- **what you can do to care for water and the land.**

You can learn about these things by reading the signs, but more detailed information is contained in this booklet of 'info sheets'. Every sign has an 'info sheet' that goes with it, so when you get to each sign, just look it up in the booklet.

At the end of each fact sheet, there is a set of exercises that you can do.

They are exercises for you:



head (thinking)



heart (feeling)



hands (doing)

Try doing at least one exercise at the end of each topic. They're fun! Some adults may think that these exercises are too simple for them, but the exercises are designed to give important learning experiences for everyone.

If you're walking with someone else, you might like to take turns speaking your answers to each other. The head exercises are good to write down.

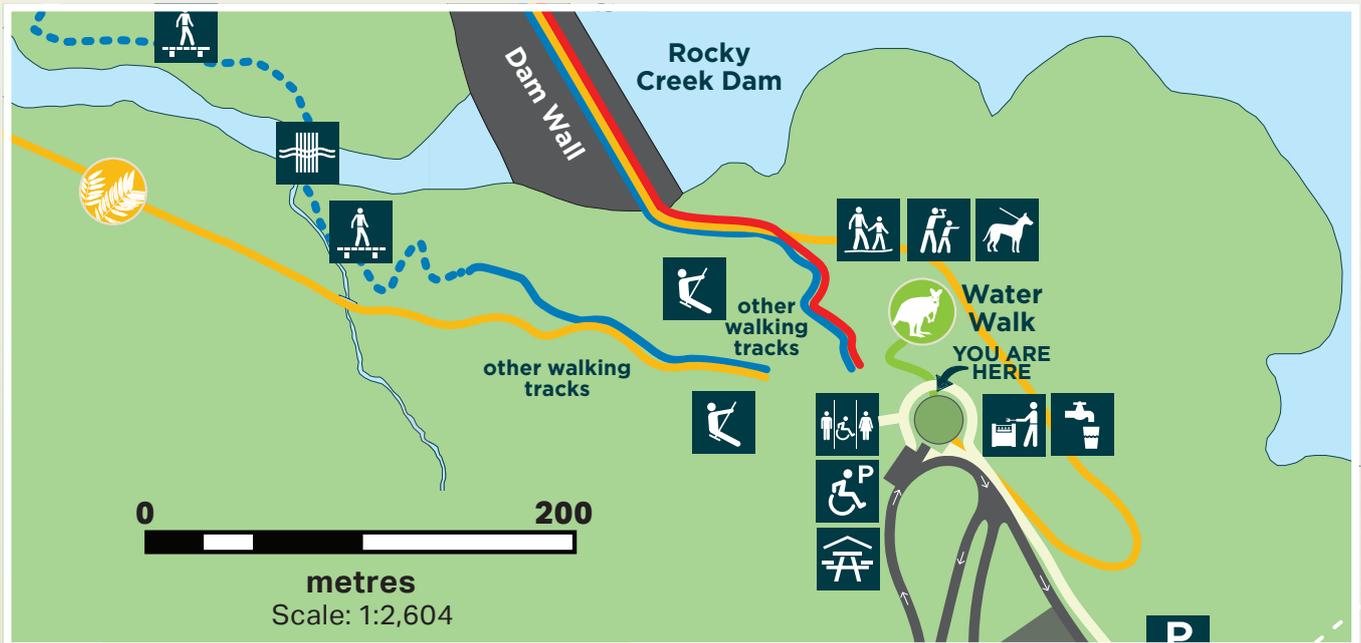
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Prepare yourself for an interesting journey.
Open your eyes, your hearts and your minds!



TRY THIS!

Learn with your...



"Where has your journey already taken you today? Think about how you got here. Begin where you started your day at your home, school, motel, camp ground or wherever. What different types of country did you drive through to get here? What did you see?"



"How are you feeling right now as you are about to begin this new journey of the Water Walk?"



"Look around you and count how many human-made structures you can see. Write them down and what they're used for (if you're really keen!)"

Learning objective: To get people focused on the fact that they are beginning a journey, and on their present location.



This Water Walk will take you from the carpark and picnic area, a very modern and humanised area, landscaped with European grass, picnic tables, brick amenities blocks and barbecues ... to the edge of the rainforest ... and then to views across the dam.

At the edge of the rainforest, you can start four other walks that explore the Rainforest and Water Reserve.

These walks take us along the edge of the dam and across the dam wall (The Water Dragon Walk); across the pontoon bridge over Rocky Creek, along the elevated boardwalk beside the creek and through beautiful glades and parkland (The Platypus Walk); past areas of rainforest regeneration (The Cedar Walk); and into the Big Scrub rainforest of Nightcap National Park (The Scrub Turkey Walk).

enjoy the walk...

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