



Fungi-tastic Walk in the Otways

Walk from Sheoak picnic ground to Henderson Falls and the Kalimnas, Sunday, 1st June, 2016.

Walkers: Lynda Murray (leader), Andrew Hackett, Alan Dow, Geoff Boehm and Jack Antinas.

We had all driven through the rain as we made our way to Sheok picnic ground. Heading out we crossed Garvey Track and made our way to Henderson Falls, the first of 3 falls to visit. The track was festooned with fungi, as it was throughout the whole day. Visually stimulating by the variation, size, colour, texture & shape. A photographers delight that saw a certain camera battery die before the day was over. 'Wow!' was often heard as we marveled over the beautiful display along the way.

Henderson Falls was a delight to behold with water cascading down sheer rock walls dotted with water ferns.

Retracing our steps, briefly pausing at a big old tree for a group photo, then veering off onto an old tram track once used during the logging era. Crossing 'slippery' bridges over cool verdant rainforest draped flowing streams, arriving at Lower Kalimna Falls for our lunch. It's not that often one can dine in such a relaxing setting, sitting behind a waterfall watching the flow into the pool below, a highlight of the day. Interesting to note the different layers of sediment in the rock overhang.

Our last Falls for the day was the Upper Kalimna. This also cascaded down a rockface yet from a greater height. Our return walk still had us mesmerized by the never ending display of fungi, arriving at our cars with our rain coats unused. Weather wise it was a perfect day for walking which ended in refreshments at the Arab Café in Lorne. **(Lynda Murray)**

