This interesting trek takes you from the small mountain town of Dargo first along the valley of the Wonnangatta and then up the steep and spectacular Billy Goat Bluff track to the Pinnacles and the impressive view from the fire lookout tower. From there the route follows the Moroka Road past some of the well known names of the Victorian High Country such as McFarlane’s Saddle and Arbuckle Junction. From this major road junction the route heads south descending from the surrounding snow plains country of the Lost Plain and Holmes Plain finally crossing the Wellington River, where the blacktop begins. The bitumen road snakes beside the Wellington for a few kilometres giving access to many popular camping sites on the river’s bank before arriving at the small hamlet of Licola.

There are a number of places where you have the opportunity to dangle a line and there’s no doubt there’s a good chance to catch a good size trout in any of the rivers you cross or pass on this trek. Apart from the fishing, the area is also...
The route passes through idyllic pastoral country along the Wonnangatta River.

Licola, at one end of the trek, is a handy resupply point.

There’s some delightful scenery to admire along the route.

popular with horse riders, while the area north of Dargo is a popular area for those who want to explore some of our recent past.

**Standard**

The standard of the trip is moderate. For the most part the route is on good dirt roads but the long climb from the Wonnangatta Valley to the high bluffs around The Pinnacles is steep, and in places very narrow and exposed. In
October 2000 the Billy Goat Bluff track was well maintained with few hard steps or seriously eroded areas, but this could change over time.

**Camping, Accommodation and Supplies**

The trek starts at the Dargo Hotel, Ph:(03) 5140 1231 which is just opposite the Dargo General Store, Ph:(03) 5140 1219. There is accommodation and meals available at the pub while the general store can supply fuel, maps, reference books and a good range of supplies and take away food. A camp ground caters for those wanting a few extra facilities.

Licola was once a logging town that is now run by the Lions Club who have a camp there where accommodation is available. A small store, Ph:(03) 5148 8786 can supply fuel, limited supplies and take away food while the adjoining camping ground caters for those wanting normal park facilities.

Camping is possible at a number of spots along the route, including sites near the Kingwell Bridge across the Wonnangatta River, Horseyard Flat and Moroka Hut on the upper reaches of the Moroka River, McFarlane Saddle, the plains just south of Arbuckle Junction and along the Wellington River before Licola.

**Permits and Restrictions**

No permits are required for this trek. The route north of Licola can be closed...
because of snow during winter, but generally the route remains open for most of the year.

**Maps and Further Information**

Hema’s, The High Country – Victoria, offers a good general overview to the High Country region. More detailed maps are available. See your favourite map shop for details.

There are a number of books that detail the interesting history of the surrounding area. These are available locally or from good map shops.

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**Legend**

TL    Turn Left
KL    Keep Left
TR    Turn Right
KR    Keep Right
TOL   Track on Left
LAF   Leave as Found
TOR   Track on Right
PSA   Proceed Straight Ahead
VL    Veer Left
RS    Retrace Steps
VR    Veer Right
SP    Sign Posted
XR    Cross road

For more treks and four wheel drive information check out the Nissan website nissan.com.au/Patrol