

Kahlpahlim Rock and Turtle Rock May 2007



The designated national parks trail up to Turtle Rock from the campground needs some explanation. On a recent visit (August 06) the trail over the summit and down the southern side to form a circuit was non-existent. The triangular trail markers on the southern side petered out within a couple of hundred metres. They have now been re-instated so now there is another good circuit walk in the Davies Creek Valley. The trail over the southern side initially oddly and awkwardly contours to the west of the main ridge for a while and heads off in apparently the wrong direction. Eventually it picks up the ridge line and eventually makes a sharp 90 degree left-hander (watch out for this turn) and heads north back towards the road and campsite number 5 – further up the road from the starting point. Despite being downhill mostly, this trail will take you twice as long as the short, steep ascent up the northern side of Turtle from the signed commencement. If you are doing a circuit, tackling it counter-clockwise is the way to go as the long trail from campsite 5 is a bit harder to find and stay on if you are heading up this way.

“My” trail that I mentioned in the book is less of an option now that some roadworks have pretty much obliterated the track entrance.

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