

Walk safely

The weather at Lake St Clair changes by the day sometimes by the hour. Rain and snow can fall in any month. Conditions along the tracks can be much colder, wetter and windier than at Cynthia Bay. Be prepared and seek advice from park staff about weather forecasts and track conditions.

Plan to walk safely – know your way and walk within your capabilities.

Be prepared – take clothing and equipment to suit changeable weather and track conditions.

Avoid walking alone – walk with friends.

Let a reliable person know your plans before you go – be sure to advise them of your safe return.

Record your trip intentions in the log books – this will help searchers to locate you if you are reported overdue or missing.

Be prepared to turn back, or change your plans, if the weather deteriorates or the walk is more difficult than expected.

What to bring

- drinking water: Note: we recommend treating water from streams and tarns within the park
- hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- sturdy walking shoes or boots
- warm jacket – mountains can be cool and windy
- waterproof coat – weather here is unpredictable.



This symbol indicates one of Tasmania's '60 Great Short Walks'. These walks are a selection of walks around Tasmania that include a variety of environments from seashore to mountain top. Walks vary from easy grade to difficult, and from 20 minutes to a full day.

Short walks

Lake and mountain views – A short stroll to the viewing deck, beach, jetty or boat ramp will give views across the lake, providing panoramas of Mounts Olympus (named after the legendary home of the Greek gods), Rufus, Ida, Hugel, Little Hugel and the Traveller Range. Cynthia Bay is named after the Greek goddess of the moon. The viewing deck, jetty and boat ramp are wheelchair accessible.

Watersmeet – This easy walk follows the crest of a glacial moraine for part of its route and takes you through eucalypt and then rainforest to the junction of the Cuvier and Hugel Rivers. In spring and summer many wildflowers, including acacia, waratah, hakea, orchid and leatherwood, are in flower. Many birds and other wildlife including wallabies, pademelons, echidnas and tiger snakes may be seen on the walk.



Larmairremener tabelti, Aboriginal cultural walk, and Platypus Bay circuit – Larmairremener tabelti, Aboriginal cultural walk, recognises the Larmairremener, the indigenous people of the region, and affirms the continuation of Aboriginal culture. A brochure for this walk is available from the visitor centre. The Platypus Bay Circuit offers views of the lake and the mouth of the Cuvier River and the chance to see platypuses. The buildings across the lake are a pump house and workshop from the 1940s. The wreck of an old barge lies on the beach at Platypus Bay. Walking only one of these tracks will take 1 hour return from the visitor centre. Both tracks combined take 90 minutes return.

Short walks	Approximate times
Watersmeet	45 mins return
Larmairremener tabelti, Aboriginal cultural walk	1 hour return from Visitor Centre
Platypus Bay circuit	1 hour return from Visitor Centre



For extended walks refer to the Lake St Clair Day Walk Map available at the visitor centre.

