

Blue Tier/Big Tree Giant Walk



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Region: North East Tasmania

Distance: Complete 3.2 km return walk

Experience: Open fern forest

Return distance to water race: 1.2km

Return distance to big tree: 3.2km

Suggested time: Walk to water race – 30 minutes return

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

This hand-built track weaves unobtrusively through the landscape and divides into the Big Tree trail and a longer circuit.

In addition to its stunning valley and fern-forest views, the loop track passes a number of striking tall trees, such as the 'Cradle Tree'. It also crosses a stone-arch bridge over an agricultural water race.

The Big Tree, commonly known in Tasmania as a swamp gum or giant ash, soars to around 60 metres. It is the widest living tree in Australia – with a startling chest-high girth of 19.4 metres. Remarkably, its hollow would not have begun forming until the tree was around 150 years



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of age. Hollows like these are important habitats for birds, possums, bats and invertebrates, which use them as day or night shelters, or for feeding or rearing young.

Giant ash are impressive natural carbon sequesterers, and the tallest flowering trees in the world. In the Blue Tier area, they are also vital nesting places for rare or endangered birds – such as the wedge-tailed eagle, white goshawk, and pink robin.




A number of interpretation panels are located along this track, describing flora and fauna, and the remarkable people who fought tirelessly to protect their beloved Big Tree and the Blue Tier area.

You will find a special literary quote from Australian writer Anna Krien at the head of this track.

Getting there

- The track is located on the northeast slope of Lehnerns Ridge in the Blue Tier region, approximately 3 km southwest of Lotta and 25 km northwest of St Helens.
- From St Helens follow the Tasman Highway towards Weldborough. Continue through Goshen and Pyengana. The turnoff (on the right) to Lottah Road and the Blue Tier Giant Walk is clearly signposted 38 km from St Helens. Approximately 1.2 km along Lottah Road, turn right at the unofficial signpost and follow the Lehnerns Ridge road approximately 1.7 km to the trailhead car park, which is clearly marked.
- From Weldborough follow the Tasman Highway towards St Helens. The turnoff (on the left) to Lottah Road and the Blue Tier Giant Walk is clearly signposted 7 km from Weldborough.

Further resources

-  [Tasmania Fire Service Alerts Map](#)
-  [Bureau of Meteorology weather warnings for Tasmania](#)
-  [Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania – Before You Walk](#)