

オーストラリア タスマニア マイケル山・ポイメナ山 山旅報告書

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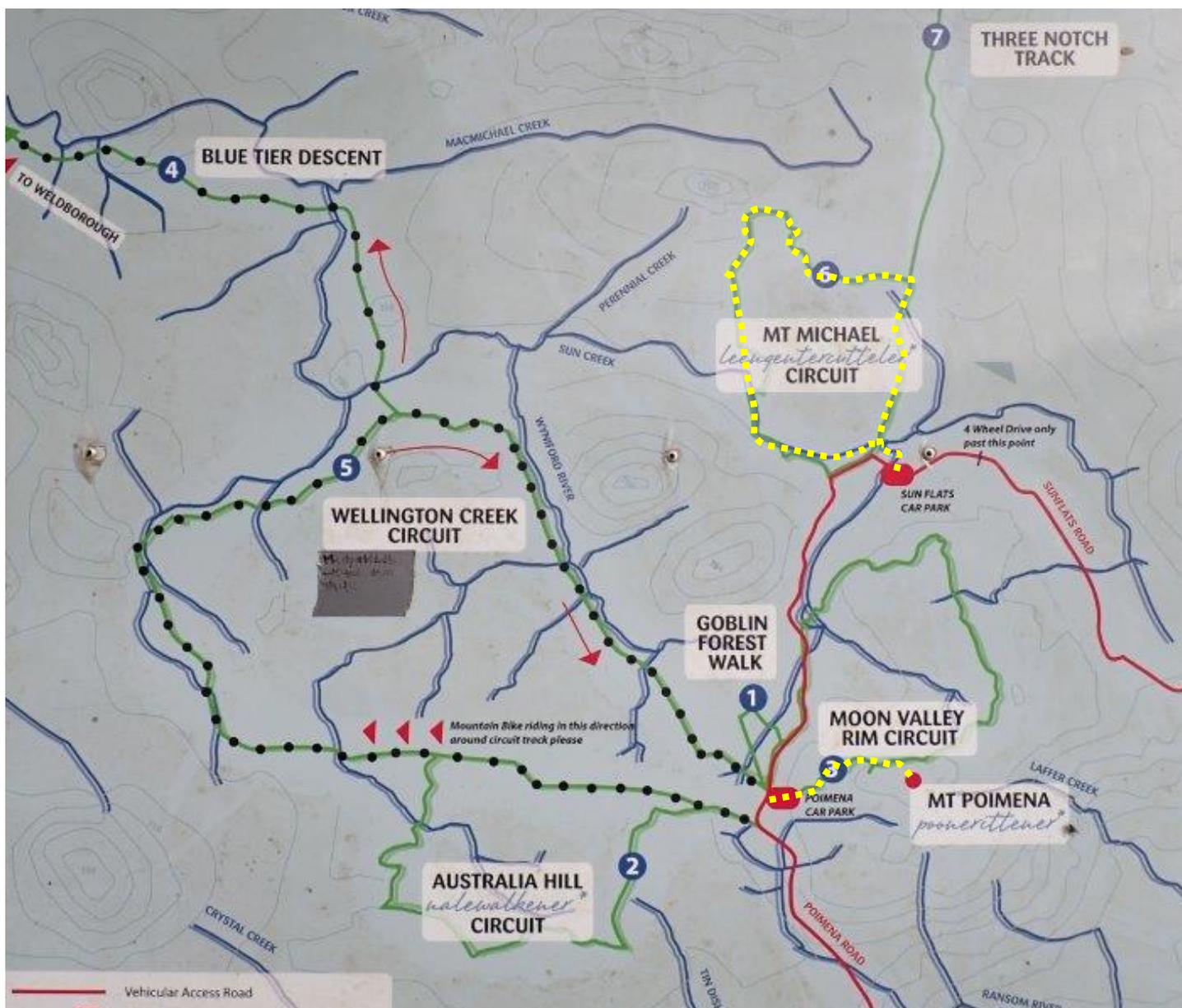
日程：2024年〔令和6年〕2月22日

コース：ポイメナ駐車場（POIMENA CAR PARK）→ サンフラッツ駐車場（SUN FLATS CAR PARK）

↳ マイケル山（MT MICHAEL）↳ サンフラッツ駐車場 → ポイメナ駐車場 ↳ ポイメナ山（MT POIMENA）
↳ ポイメナ カーパーク

セントヘレンズから1時間弱でポイメナ駐車場に到着。

駐車場の掲示板で、事前に調べた資料では確認できなかったマイケル山の登山口に駐車場（SUN FLATS CAR PARK）があるのを確認できたので、まずマイケル山に行くことにした。



現地の掲示板より

今回のハイキングルート



1 GOBLIN FOREST WALK

Length: 400m

Approx walking time: 20 minutes

This walk is wheelchair friendly and is a short circuit which shows how the forest is regrowing after the tin mining.

2 AUSTRALIA HILL CIRCUIT

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Length: 4.4 km

Approx walking time: 2 hours

This is an undulating walk through the regenerating rainforest. The Summit Mine is the first stop. A short detour to the Bull wheel that was at the top of the aerial haulage way is worth a look. The next point of interest is the top of Australia Hill which provides excellent all round views. After leaving Australia Hill the track leads to the Compere Mine with a pleasant walk back along one of the old pack tracks to the car park.

3 MOON VALLEY RIM CIRCUIT

Length: 3.4 km

Approx walking time: 2 hours

The summit of Mt. Poimena is the first stop on this walk. Mt Poimena is the highest mountain on the Blue Tier at 816 metres and gives excellent all round views of the Blue Tier and the coast. From Mt Poimena - *poimenerittener** - the walk follows the rim of Moon Valley. There is a short diversion to the Gough Battery while the main trail returns to the Sun Flats Road for the walk back to the Poimena car park.

4 BLUE TIER DESCENT

Length: 10.5 km one way from the Wellington Creek Circuit to Weldborough

Approx walking time: 4 hours one way

This track has been designated as suitable for mountain bikes but will also provide a challenge for more experienced walkers. On this track you will pass through regenerating rainforest, clearings kept open by the grazing of native marsupials, sphagnum bogs in the old mine workings and the remains of numerous water races. A point of interest is the still working water race that until recently supplied water to the Moorina Power Station. A short side track will take you to the Wyniford Weir that was built in 1910 to divert the water into the race to turn the turbines at the old power station.

5 WELLINGTON CREEK CIRCUIT

Length: 7.8 km

Approx walking time: 3 hours

The Wellington Creek Circuit is suitable for mountain biking with boardwalk over the wetter areas and small bridges across the deeper creeks. It is requested that the mountain bikes ride the circuit in a clockwise direction. On this circuit the multi purpose track takes you past the Nicholls sawmill site, through mature rainforest and also the Wellington Creek Mine workings. When you reach the junction of the Blue Tier Descent turn right and return to the car park along the old road.

6 MT MICHAEL CIRCUIT

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Length: 3.1 km

Approx walking time: 2 hours

To reach the start of this walk drive along the Sun Flats Road from Poimena to the Sun Flats car park. Strong shoes or boots should be worn on this track. The descent from the summit of Mt Michael requires sure footing and a good sense of balance to negotiate an area of large granite boulders. From Sun Flats the walk takes you through mature rainforest followed by a climb to the summit of Mt Michael, which is just over 800 metres high. There are stunning views of the plateau and the coast from the summit. Care must be taken as you approach the Michael Mine as there are mining excavations close to the track. From the Michael Mine the track follows the old road until it turns west across Sun Creek. Care must be taken at the Sun Creek crossing as it can be extremely slippery. Look for the man-made diversion of Sun Creek to allow the natural creek bed to be mined. The track then joins onto Sun Flats Road for a short walk back to the Sun Flats car park.

7 THREE NOTCH TRACK

Length: 10 km one way

Approx walking time: 4 hours one way

The Three Notch track was built around 1890 to carry the bags of tin by pack horse to the port at Boobyalla. The walk follows part of the Mt Michael Circuit through the mature rainforest, then down the western side of McGoughs Lookout, passing through wet eucalypt forest before coming out onto the Three Notch Road near the lower reaches of the Wyniford River.

* Tasmanian Aboriginal name

In the Spirit of Reconciliation

Forestry Tasmania recognises and acknowledges the custodians of this land, the Tasmanian Aboriginal People.

現地の掲示板より

マイケル山

複数のハイキングコースの説明が掲示板に記載されている。

事前にハイキングルートについて色々調べたが、なかなか情報が無かったため掲示板の説明文が参考になったため紹介する。



マイケル山登山口





この数日の降雨のためか 登山開始直後の水溜まり



登山者が少ないのだろうか 苔でおおわれた登山道





掲示板に表現されている成熟された熱帯雨林を通過







山頂にて

山頂は花崗岩の岩稜で、周辺のなだらかな山城が一望できた。

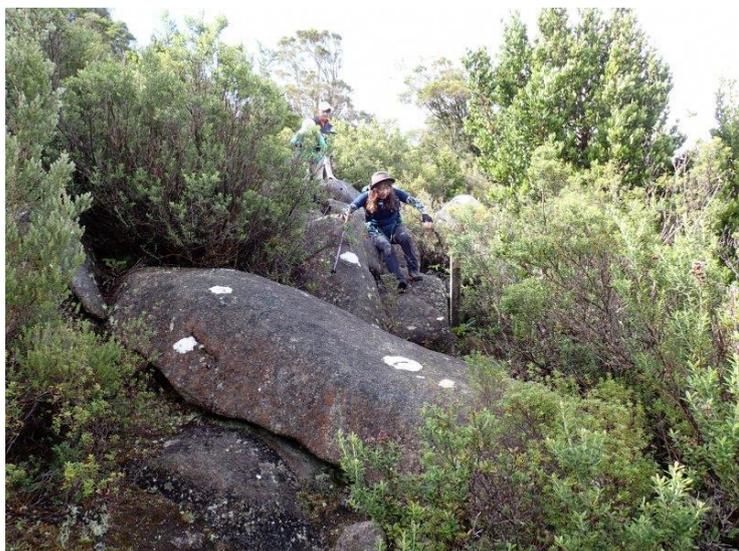


マイケル山 (MT MICHAEL)
山頂にて



マイケル山 山頂より 次の目標のポイメナ山を望む





山頂からから下山



古い道路に沿って下山道

昔のマイケル鉱山の採掘現場が近くにあり下山道は、その古い道路に沿って下山道を歩くことになる。



白くなっている登山道 白い苔？キノコ？



サンフラッツ駐車場 (SUN FLATS CAR PARK)
〔未舗装路を走るため車は、汚れまくっている〕

下山後、ポイメナ山麓の駐車場からポイナメ山のピークハンターへ

ポイナメ山



ポイメナ駐車場 (POIMENA CAR PARK)



ポイメナ駐車場出発 ワラビー? の糞が一杯



駐車場からポイナメ山 山頂までわずか 10 分で到着



ポイメナ山 山頂





ポイメナ山 山頂より 先ほど登ったマイケル山を望む



マイケル山より下山

60 グレート・ショート・ウォーク(60 Great Short Walks)には、この周辺地域に「ブルー ティア ヘリテージ トレイル(Blue Tier Heritage Trail)」・「ウェリントン クリーク サーキット」・「オーストラリア ヒル サーキット」・「ゴブリンフォレストウォーク」・「マウントマイケル」・「マウント・ポイメナ・サーキット」と複数のウォーキングコースが紹介されていて、今回は、明後日エイモス山を登ることを考慮して無理せずポイメナ山とマイケル山を選択して登ってみた。

北九州山岳同好会「嵐」

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