



Frequently asked questions

The Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service is beginning a three year project to improve facilities on the Overland Track. The first stage will see the replacement of the Waterfall Valley Hut and the construction of a new Ranger hut.

Construction of the walkers' hut is planned to occur from November 2019 through to May 2020, and as a result the Waterfall Valley Hut will be closed to walkers for the duration of the construction. The Scott Kilvert Hut node will be used to accommodate walkers for night one of the Overland Track while construction occurs.

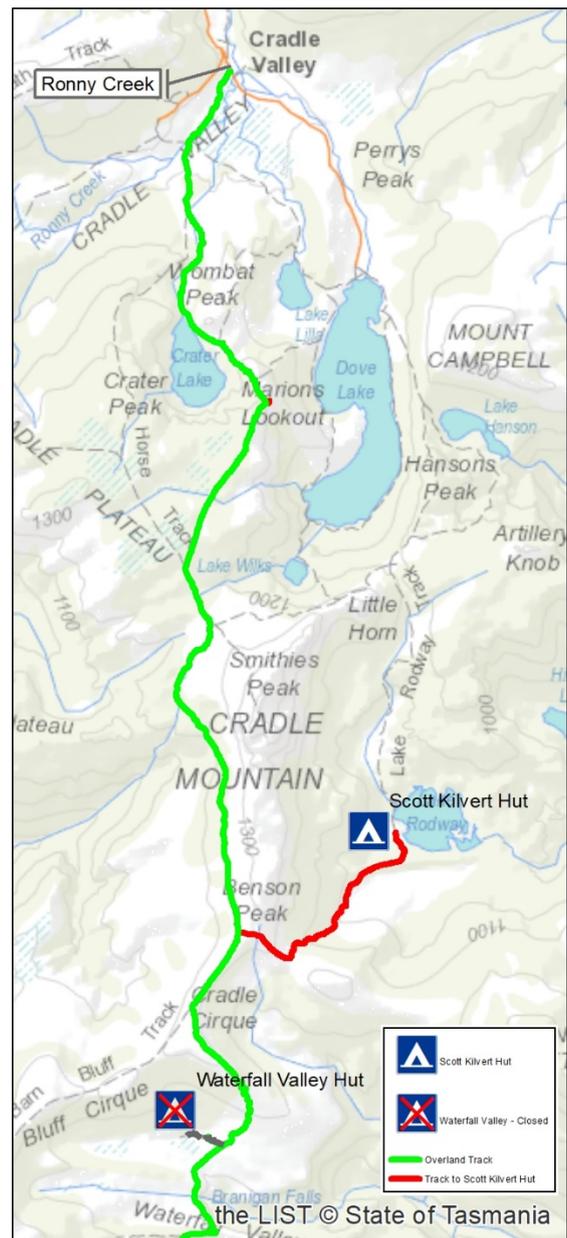
Where is Scott Kilvert Hut?

The Scott Kilvert hut is located on the banks of Lake Rodway with impressive views of the eastern face of Cradle Mountain.



Scott Kilvert Hut

The track to Scott Kilvert Hut turns off the Overland Track about 2km before (north of) Waterfall Valley.



New route to Scott Kilvert Hut

Will this change the route I walk?

You will depart Ronny Creek as normal and walk the Overland Track to Kitchen Hut. You will still be able to climb Cradle Mountain and then continue to the Overland Track. At the junction where you turn off to go to Scott Kilvert hut you will see additional signage to direct you to the hut via the Lake Rodway Track. The overall days walk is only a few hundred meters shorter (660m) than the normal route but you will descend an extra 120m to the hut.

The following day you will walk back out on the Lake Rodway track and rejoin the Overland Track. The usual second days walk from Waterfall Valley to Windermere is the shortest day of the Overland Track at approximately 8km. From Scott Kilvert Hut this becomes a 12km walk, which is a similar length to other days on the track.

Do I need any extra gear for Scott Kilvert Hut?

You will not need to carry any extra gear. Please check the walker safety checklist found at: <https://parks.tas.gov.au/file.aspx?id=36840>

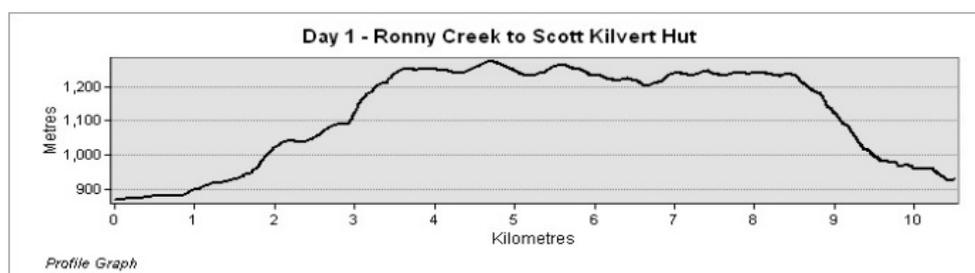
This is a list of absolute minimum equipment and clothing you need to have with you on the track to protect you from exposure to cold, wet and windy weather.

Is water available at Scott Kilvert Hut?

Yes, there are tanks at the hut and you can also get water at Lake Rodway which is only a short walk from the hut. However, the quality cannot be guaranteed, so you may prefer to boil the water for 3 minutes, or use iodine tablets or a water filter. PWS have also built a new toilet and tent platforms to help with accommodating more people.

Will the rangers walk via Scott Kilvert Hut for emergency purposes?

Hut warden or track rangers will be based at Scott Kilvert Hut, rather than Waterfall Valley for this walking season. They will be able to assist you with any question you may have about the track.



Will there be construction noise?

There will be general construction noise from small machinery and hand tools during daylight hours at the Waterfall Valley node. Noise levels will vary with different stages of the project. As independent walkers will be staying at Scott Kilvert Hut node, construction noise will not be heard in the evening and morning of the first night's accommodation. Construction noise will only be heard as walkers pass through Waterfall Valley on route to Windermere Hut on Day 2.



Artist rendering of the new Waterfall Valley Hut

Helicopters are required to fly in all materials for the project and to remove all waste materials. This means there will be isolated days throughout the construction works when walkers will hear frequent helicopter activity.

Can I use the toilet at Waterfall Valley?

Unfortunately not, as it is inside the construction zone.

Is there any accommodation for Non-Overland Track walkers?

People who are wishing to do an overnight walk and use Scott Kilvert hut as their overnight stop are still able to do so.

