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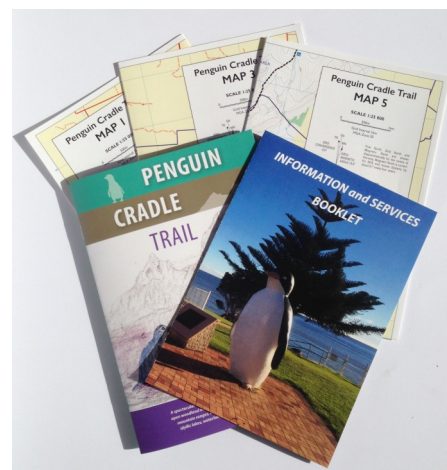
Newsletter

Penguin Cradle Trail Brochure and Maps

In this second issue of the Friends of the Penguin Cradle Trail (PCT) newsletter the committee are excited to announce the launch of the brochure and map set. The package consists of a 28 page colour brochure with history, fauna, flora, geology and extensive track notes, along with five A3 maps (covering from Penguin to Cradle Mountain) and a local information and services booklet, all enclosed in a clear plastic cover. The maps are 1:25000 scale, show camp sites and other useful information and complement the track notes.

Many evenings were spent working on a draft copy of the brochure and map. Some of the information was already available from North West Walking Club (NWWC) publications and were updated. The final track notes were derived by walking the PCT with GPS, tape recorder and note book. Details of distance and times were recorded and the route logged into Memory Maps. Details of direction and distance were then confirmed. TASMAR and DPIPWE graphic design department produced the final draft publications that were then printed by a local printer in Hobart. Copies of the brochure

and maps will be available from the WILDCARE online shop with money raised going back into an account for future expenditure on the PCT.



Available from the WILDCARE shop

PCT track works

The glorious weather experienced during summer and autumn allowed for several working bees to take place. These included upgrading the marker poles on the Speeler Plains and Mt Beecroft as well as track works involving power tools and the hard work of benching in some of the forested areas. There is still a lot of work to be done by volunteer and contracted labour but the PCT is still open.

We are concentrating on the areas north and south of the Leven Canyon that will provide some excellent walking for experienced bushwalkers as well as starting on the Leven Canyon section that received flood damage last year. Contrary to popular opinion working bees are fun...come join us for a day out and see.



Speeler Plains near Cradle Mountain

News and events:

- We have funding to allow for contract track workers to do some maintenance on the more remote sections of the PCT with works expected to start around October.
- Discussion around the Dial Range Recreational Area and PCT is continuing. PWS have a person dedicated to this area for a 12 month period.