








CHASM FALLS

There are three sets of falls on Smoko Creek which are accessed via Ironstone Track in the Meander Forest Reserve. The first two waterfalls are picturesque, fringed by ferns and moss covered boulders. Chasm Falls proper was once visible from a log bridge that straddled the sandstone ledges on either side of the creek. Now the track has been rerouted as the bridge no longer exists.

	Time: 2 hours return Distance: 4 km return
	Take the A5 from Deloraine then the C167 through to Meander and continue along Huntsman Rd, then turn on to Meander Falls Rd. Turn right onto Smoko Rd and follow it to the end. Ref: -41.698473, 146.543505 (type this grid reference or "Smoko Road" into Google Maps). Retail Map: TL06 Jerusalem & TL07 Breton
	No facilities. There are public toilets in nearby Meander and Meander Bridge Café offers postal services, supplies, petrol and coffee as well as tasty take-away and eat in options.
	Grade 3: Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.
	Limited directional markers. Narrow rocky track with some fallen debris to navigate.

Meander Forest Reserve is 30 minutes' drive from Deloraine.

To start this walk, cross Mother Cummings Rivulet via the footbridge. The walk from here continues along an old Forestry track. The track has a gentle uphill climb, and about 25 minutes into your walk, you will reach a clearing which has a wooden sign advising you of different tracks to take in the region. Head west along Ironstone Track, which narrows considerably as it winds through the forest. It can be rocky underfoot so watch your step.

Further on, the track narrows again as it descends to the first set of falls (Lower Chasm Falls). This part of the track can get muddy in wetter months. The falls here are small but very pretty. Continue upstream along the track a further 20 minutes, navigating over fallen branches and logs to reach Middle Chasm Falls, marked by yellow triangles off to the left of the main track. Taller than Lower Chasm Falls, with a deep emerald pool at the bottom and massive rock overhang above, Middle Chasm Falls is a good place to stop for lunch.

The main track from here continues to ascend until it reaches the original site of the log bridge and Chasm Falls proper. For those wanting to walk further, a rough path has been rerouted to a point where it is possible to cross Smoko Creek. Directional markers are sporadic from here on and navigational aids are recommended past this point. Not far from the creek crossing, there is a track junction that invites the well-prepared walker upwards to Mt Ironstone or cross-country to The Dell at the foot of Bastion Bluff.

SAFE WALKING: Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania (Launceston & Devonport) to prepare for emergency events. Make a personal determination as to your fitness and ability to undertake specific walks.

LEAVE NO TRACE: walk on formed tracks, observe all restrictions, dispose of waste properly and leave what you find.

FURTHER INFO: National Parks: www.parks.tas.gov.au Restrictions & Alerts: www.fire.tas.gov.au & www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts Weather: www.bom.gov.au/tas

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