

Walks in the Blue Tier region

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Easy walks

Goblin Forest Walk (20 min)

Interpretation signs along the walk explore the history of the Blue Tier. This walk is great for those who do not have much time but want to stretch their legs and learn about the 'mountain of tin'. The walk is of wheelchair standard. (follow green markers).

If you do not have much time and want to get a good view of the area, try the 30 minute return walk to the top of Mt. Poimena. It is a short and steady climb to the summit. Walkers are rewarded with spectacular views over St. Helens and the coastline beyond so remember to bring your camera! (follow blue markers to the trig point).

Moderate walks

Moon Valley Rim Loop Walk (2 hours)

The walk takes you to the summit of Mt. Poimena then along Moon Valley Rim and Blue Tier Battery before returning via the Sun Flats Road. (follow blue markers).

Australia Hill Loop Walk (2 hours)

This walk passes through open country and stands of regenerating rainforest and is great for visitors who want to see some remnants of the mining era. Look for abandoned machinery at Summit Mine and Harry Moses' (the last Blue Tier miner) sluice box at the Compere Mine. (follow orange markers)

Wellington Loop Walk (3 hours)

Begins at the halfway mark on the Goblin Forest Walk. The walk is great for those interested in the history of the Blue Tier because it takes you past interesting remnants of the mining days. The walk passes through a diversity of vegetation types including regenerating rainforest, patches of remnant rainforest and sphagnum bogs. (follow red markers). NB in January 2008 Forestry Tasmania was upgrading this track which had developed some shortcomings over the years.

Mt. Michael Loop Track (2 hours)

Begins at the Sun Flats Road. The walk passes through rainforest before climbing up to the summit of Mt. Michael. Walkers are rewarded with fantastic views. On the way down stop and look at the Mt. Michael Mine which was one of the largest mines in the area. (follow yellow markers)

Hard walks

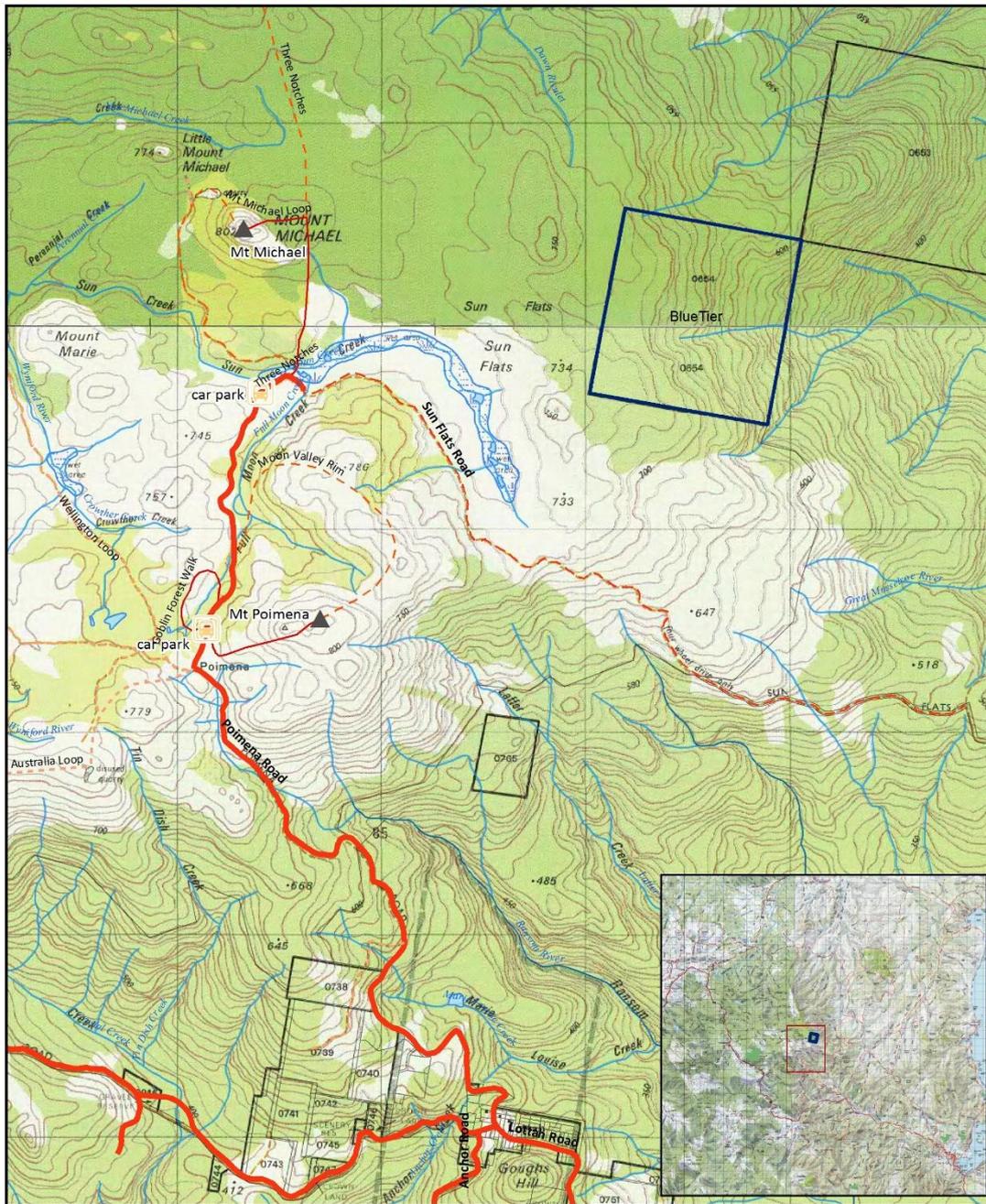
Three Notch Track - return (6 hours)

Follows an old pack trail to McGoughs Lookout and return. Walkers are rewarded with spectacular views of the coastline. The walk is long and difficult and should only be attempted by experienced walkers. (follow yellow and red markers)

Three Notch Track - complete (added 2008/07/12): This track has recently been upgraded by Forestry Tasmania and it is now possible to hike from Sun Flats to the bottom end near Pioneer. However this requires having a vehicle at the other end to pick up walkers. Please note that the approach from Pioneer is no longer possible as the bridge has been washed away. We expect to provide some details before long.

TLC Blue Tier Reserve

The Blue Tier Reserve itself is difficult to access as there is no marked track. It is not recommended that people try to access the Reserve without prior communication with the TLC



TLC Blue Tier Reserve - location and local walking tracks

-  TLC Blue Tier Reserve
-  Access Road (2WD)
-  Access Road, 4WD required
-  Vehicular Track
-  Indistinct walking track
-  Formed walking track



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