

# Mount Chowan - Red Cord Hike – V1.1

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**MAP:** Burringbar 9541-2S  
**Grid Ref Zone:** MGRS 56JNP  
**Walking Grade:** Grade 3

## Summary

A pleasant, shady hike with minimal navigation challenges.

Requires car shuttle. Park cars at:

- The junction of Smiths Creek Road and Mount Chowan Road (3903 5543).
- The locked gate on South Chowan road (3893 5056)

## Hike – Mount Chowan

Approximately 7km with 450m ascent and 250m descent.

- Start at the junction of Smiths Creek Road and Mount Chowan Road (3903 5543).
- Head SE to the junction of Mount Chowan Road and Barrata Road (3986 5427)
- Head S and then SW along Mount Chowan Road, to its end point at (3843 5247).
- Follow the narrow, steep track that heads off in an easterly direction towards Mount Chowan summit.
- At (3810 5238) a smaller track heads off to Mount Chowan summit. The main track bypasses the summit. They rejoin at (3803 5226).
- Continue S along the main track until it joins South Chowan Road at (3824 5185).
- Follow South Chowan Road SSE to the locked gate at (3893 5056)

After the locked gate South Chowan Road is open to public traffic. However, there is limited traffic so it is safe for scouts to continue the hike along this road. Alternative pick up points are:

- The junction with Pearsons Road (3776 5073) – additional 1.8km hike
- Unicorn Waterfall carpark (3730 5039) – additional 3.2km hike

The Unicorn Waterfall is well worth visiting on the way home. A lesser known swimming hole, but access requires a bit of scrambling.

## **Alternatives**

The hike can also be done in the opposite direction.

## **Escape routes**

Possible to escape to Upper Burringbar by following the (private) track that heads off in a southerly direction at (3923 5309),

## **Mobile phone reception**

Good