



# Mount Painter Circuit from Coulter Drive

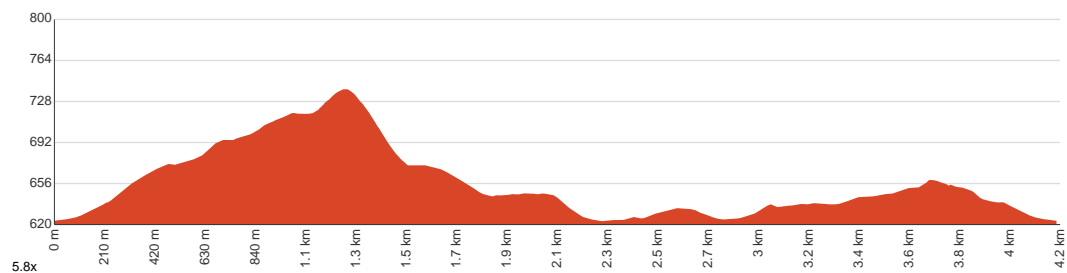
 1 h 15 min to 2 h

  
4.2 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 173 m  
↓ 173 m

  
Moderate track

Starting from Colter Drive, Belconnen, this circuit walk explores the hills and grassland of Mount Painter Nature Reserve, visiting the summit of the mount along the way. The summit provides you with one of the most picturesque sunset views in Canberra, and is well worth the climb. And don't worry about that huge alien-tech looking tower in the distance, it's human-made and is called Telstra Tower. Take the scenery in as your heart rate goes down, and maybe have a little bird spotting competition amongst your friends/family. In fact, a small portion of the woodland contains the endangered Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy trees, which you can spot more bird species on. Keep in mind that dogs are allowed but have to be on lead. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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| Class 3 of 6<br>Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles |   |
| Quality of track   | Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)                          |
| Gradient   | Short steep hills (3/6)   |
| Signage  | Clearly signposted (2/6)  |
| Infrastructure   | Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6) |
| Experience Required  | No experience required (2/6)  |
| Weather  | Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)                 |

**Getting to the start:** From Parkes Way

- Turn on to William Hovell Drive Onramp then drive for 490 m
- Keep right onto William Hovell Drive Onramp and drive for another 45 m
- Turn left onto William Hovell Drive and drive for another 3 km
- Keep right and drive for another 1 km

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

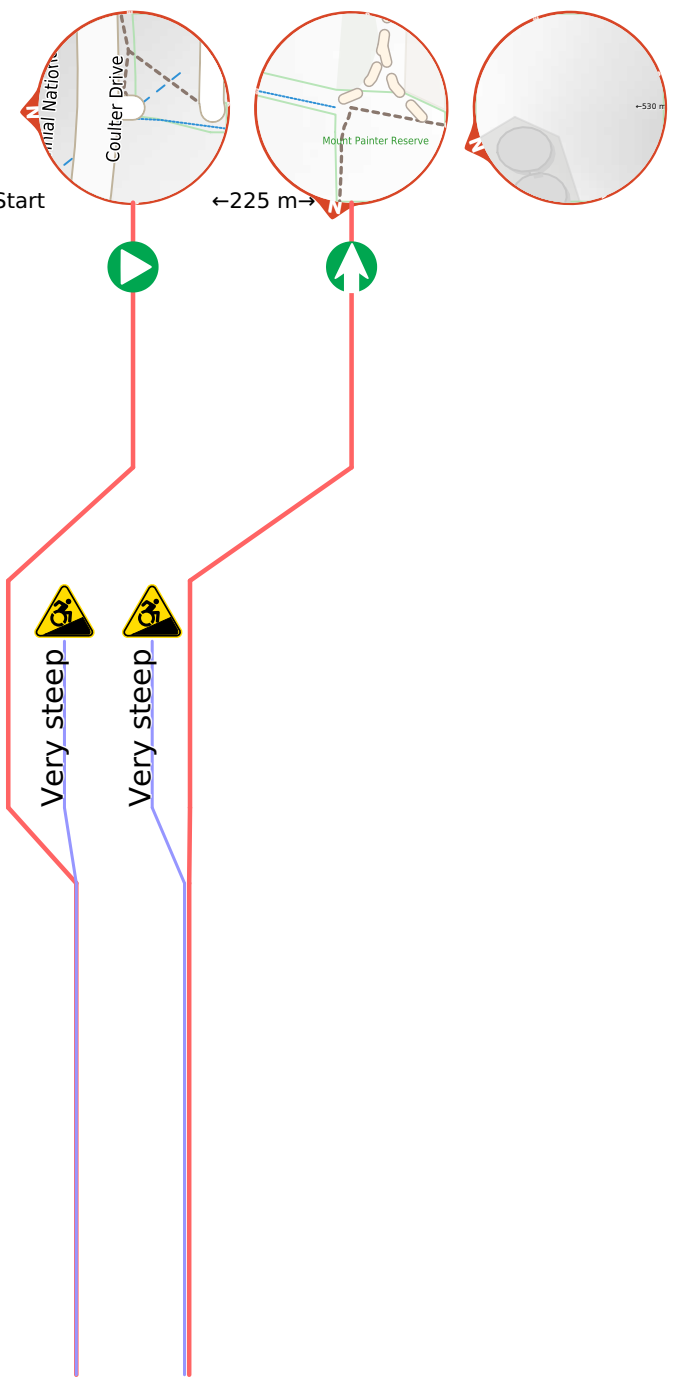
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.


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**Getting started:** From Coulter Drive(800 metres north of intersection with William Hovell Drive), head towards the creek crossing with wooden railing along the paved way, moving directly away from the road. Pass over the crossing and follow the dirt fire trail(BNT) as it skirts the fenceline to your left. After about 210 metres continue straight through the intersection to continue along Mount Painter Circuit from Coulter Drive Track.




From the Bicentennial National Trail **Start** heading along *Bicentennial National Trail* (a highway|bridleway).



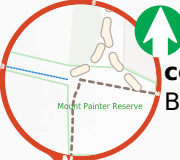
Then head up the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline (about 750 m long)




From the Bicentennial National Trail **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.



After another 165 m head up the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline (about 540 m long)



From the Bicentennial National Trail **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.

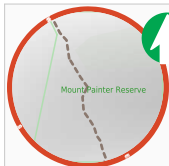


After another 155 m (from the Bicentennial National Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.





After another 255 m cross the ford.



After another 80 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (on your left).



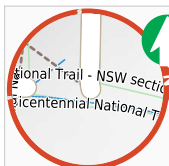
After another 340 m head down the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline



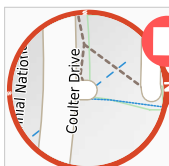
After another 9 m (from the Bicentennial National Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.



Then head down the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline



After another 165 m (from the Bicentennial National Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.



After another 50 m come to the end.