

## BBC Map Collection

BBC has a collection of topographic maps covering local areas as well as popular areas of NSW, Victoria and Tasmania that the club or individual members have visited. They are available for members to borrow. To borrow a map, contact the BBC Walks Officer.

These days it is possible to download and print just a section of a map for the area where you plan to walk – on the BBC website links page, there is a link to the NSW SIX Maps facility with instructions on how to do this for NSW maps. However, sometimes it is useful to have the whole map in front of you, so that you can see what features are nearby – eg mountains and valleys that will be useful navigation points.

Many of the maps in the collection are quite old. They may show tracks and fence lines that still exist but are not showing in the latest editions of the maps. There may be features of historical interest that you could find on a walk.

Currently we have two indexes to these maps. The first is for 1:25 000 scale maps for the ACT, NSW and Victoria. This is the scale usually used for bushwalking. The second is for 1:100 000 and 1:50 000 maps for the ACT, NSW and Victoria. In both these indexes, the Victorian ones are annotated as (Vic).

The indexes are sorted by the name of the map which is not always self-explanatory. To find the name of the 1:25 000 map for your area of interest in the ACT or NSW:

- Go to <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/etopo.html> and cancel the Welcome&Help pop-up.
- You will be in a map of NSW and can scroll around and zoom in/out. At a certain point of zooming out, you can see the topo map boundaries and the names of the maps. You can also do a search for towns or features (eg Nursery Hill) – searches will often give multiple results to select from.
- You may find that your area of interest crosses over 2 maps (or even 4 if you are unlucky).
- Then, when you have the map names, you can go to the index to see if the maps are in the BBC collection.

Map sites are fun but can be frustrating. It may take a while to get the hang of them, so be prepared to explore, get lost and start again.

### Links

[BBC Map Collection Index. ACT, NSW, Vic. Scale 1:25 000](#)

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