



# WALK in Cunningham's Footsteps

*"It is 11am and I am standing on a high narrow knoll 10km west of the Great Dividing Range in southern Queensland and my heart is beating faster than it should just from the climb.*

*I am standing in the exact position that explorer Allan Cunningham stood at 11am on the 11th June 1827 and took bearings on what I know as Flinders Peak. This peak is clearly visible through the southernmost of two "Gaps" in the range.*

*There can be no dispute - if I move more than a few metres from this spot I can no longer see that point and my whole view changes."*

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NPAQ Activities Convenor

**Join with the National Parks Association of Queensland and retrace Cunningham's historic journey to find the gap which bears his name!**

For many years there has been a debate among historians about the accuracy of Cunningham's observations on that day and whether he sighted the gap.

However, by following his footsteps we can clearly see that he correctly recorded both Cunningham's Gap and Spicers Gap from his position on the knoll at 11am, and Mt Warning from his position at 3pm that day.

**In June, NPAQ will take a group to this spot on the edge of Main Range National Park to experience what Cunningham experienced!**

**Sunday 7th June 2015**

Start at Freestone Creek.

Finish at Spicers Lodge (afternoon tea supplied).

Distance - 15km (mostly off-track) with a climb of 850m through grassy eucalypt forest.

Suitable for fit walkers with a sense of adventure!

To register, go to:  
[www.npaq.org.au/events](http://www.npaq.org.au/events)

Participants will be expected to raise funds for NPAQ by either making a personal donation or raising sponsorship via Everyday Hero. A minimum donation of \$50 per person or a sponsorship target of \$200 would be expected.

NPAQ is indebted to Prof Frank Bowling and staff at Spicers Peak Lodge who initially researched this route and confirmed Cunningham's observations in 2008. NPAQ's aim is to offer wonderful experiences to visitors to our National Parks and conservation areas, and to appreciate the need to preserve them intact for future generations.

