

# Book Review

## REVIEW OF 'ON TRACK : SEARCHING OUT THE BUNDIAN WAY'.

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The Bundian Way is the route by which Aboriginal groups of the far south coast of NSW travelled to the high country in early summer. There they feasted on the protein rich bogong moths, and met other groups for ceremony, trade, sport, conflict resolution and marriage.

*On Track* is the account of the authors search for this pathway, from Bilgalera (part of Twofold Bay) to the high plains of the Monaro and onwards to Targangal (Mt. Kosciuszko).

Sometimes rambling, at times beautifully written, the book nevertheless is an honest and engaging tale of searching for the physical location and the reason for the existence of the Bundian Way.

Along the way are insightful descriptions of the wildlife, landscape and vegetation of the area that he walks through. The route crosses rugged and beautiful country, frequently

revealing evidence of traditional land management and the presence of the elders.

Descriptions of early white settlement, contact, and the destructive impact of the Europeans flesh out the story.

A good read for all those interested in interaction between early white settlement and Aboriginal culture, or for those interested in the geography and natural history of the far south coast.

[www.bundianway.com.au](http://www.bundianway.com.au) is a site developed by the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council which gives further information on the development of the historic path into a learning walk.

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