

VISITORS PLEASE NOTE

The walks program is subject to changes and additions as advised at monthly meetings, amendments to the walks program on the club webpage and in the update notices that may be issued from time to time.

Walks Grades

- E** Easy. Up to 4 hours. 12km maximum. Minimal climbing. All on tracks or in open country.
- EM** Easy Medium. Up to 5 hours. 15km maximum. A little climbing. May include some minor obstacles.
- M** Medium. Up to 6 hours. 20km maximum. Moderate climbing. Mostly on-track. May include some light off-track.
- MH** Medium Hard. Up to 7 hours. 20km maximum. Significant climbing. Can include medium off-track forest or scrub.
- H** Hard. Up to 8 hours. No distance limit. Hard climbing. Can include significant off-track.
- VH** Very Hard. Up to 12 hours. No distance limit. Hard, consistent walking in difficult terrain.

Walk/Activity Type

- D** Day walk
- PC** Pack carry. Minimum grading for pack carry is Medium.
- BC** Base camp
- Con** Conservation
- Cyc** Cycling
- Can** Canoeing
- Soc** Social
- Trn** Training
- Other** Other

Meeting point and time for walks (unless otherwise indicated or advised)

Sundays and Saturdays: Kew Library car park at **7.45am** for 8.00am (sharp) departure

Weekdays: The Oval, Victoria park, East Kew (enter via High St, Melways 45G5) at **8.45am**

Club meetings: Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for **8.00pm**

To join a walk

- **Book** (up to 8 weeks in advance) by adding your name and details on the appropriate walk sheet at Club meetings or by contacting the Leader.
- If you later wish to cancel, please advise the Leader promptly
- Be familiar with our Club's *Incident Management System* - refer to Members Handbook for full details.
- Be adequately fit and suitably clothed and equipped for your walks. If you are not, the Walk Leader has **the right to refuse** participation in the activity.
- Any **medical condition** that could affect you during the activity **must be advised** to the Leader (in confidence) **before leaving Melbourne**
- Keep to the spirit of our Club's Code of Ethics (refer to Section 15 of the Members Handbook)
- **Visitors** must pay the Walk Leader \$5 per day of walking, to a limit of \$15 for 3 or more days.

Wed 16-May CLUB MEETING						
Sun	20-May	D	Tipperary Springs, Bald Hill	M 19km	119 km	Roger NW
This walk circuit encompasses hill country west of Daylesford, taking in historic mining sites, farming settlements and views of extinct volcanoes. The forests along the walk consist of regrowth peppermint, box, candlebark and various stringybarks. There are a few hills but nothing very strenuous (~100m up and down).						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	20-May	D	Heidi Gallery and Parks	E 8km	Metro	Dorothy
An easy stroll beside the river at Heide and a chance to explore the gallery and gardens. Catch the 9.58 Hurstbridge train to Heidelberg from Flinders St Platform 1. Note: trains are infrequent on Sundays on this line. Otherwise contact the leader re meeting arrangements if you wish to drive direct.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	20-May	D	Torquay to Bells Beach	EM 12km	100km	Lyn SE
Starting from the Esplanade in Torquay we do a couple of kilometres of beach walking at low tide in the morning, then continue on the cliff top path to lunch with a scenic view of Bells Beach. The return trip is all on the high path.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Thur	24-May	D	City Gardens	E 12km	City	Fran
A walk through Melbourne's gardens - Carlton, Parliament, Treasury, Fitzroy, Birrarung Marr, Alexandra and Botanic Gardens. After lunch in the Botanic Gardens, I have arranged a personal tour of LaTrobe's cottage with an expert from the La Trobe Society. This is a National Trust Property; entry \$12.00 payable on the day. It would help to have firm numbers a week before the walk so I can let our guide know what is happening. Meet at the Spring St/Lonsdale St intersection exit from Parliament station at 9.15 am. As I will be overseas from 18 April to 18 May, please sign up via email, not phone						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	27-May	D	Winter Warmer: Whipstick Loop	E 9km	63km	Sandra NW
This is a circuit walk in the Wombat State Forest. We explore the mines and gullies of historic Blackwood and Simmon's Reef. The walk starts and ends in Blackwood and follows Whipstick and Back Creeks. We will finish with lunch at the Garden of St Erth restaurant.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	27-May	D	Spargo Creek/Werribee River Circuit	M 16km	100km	Chris W
This Spargo Werribee River Circuit explores the historic Spargo Creek Mineral Springs Reserve and upper reaches of the Werribee River. This circuit follows a combination of dirt roads/4wd tracks, creeks and off-trail sections. Not too long and with only around 300mtrs of climb overall it should be a pleasant walk in the Wombat forest.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sat	2-Jun	D	Short and Steep: Chandlers Hill	EM 8km	45 km	Lyn E
Explore a lesser known part of the Fern Tree Gully park area, including Chandlers Hill and One Tree Hill. Lots of great views back to the city. A quick morning's exercise that allows you to be home for lunch.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Sun	3-Jun	D	Grass Tree Walk - Brisbane Ranges	M 14km	83km	Bernie
<p>This walk was on the program when our Club hosted the 2013 VicWalk. Part of this interesting walk is a section of the 3-day Burchell Trail. Most of the walk is on quiet vehicle tracks through undulating woodland, with an understory of grass trees. Of interest are old slate quarries, good views and a little gorge. There is a short steep descent into the gorge and then a climb out. 100m change of elevation over a series of small ascents and descents toward the end of the walk. We will keep the pace at a moderate level.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	3-Jun	D	Alphington	E 8km	Metro	Dorothy
<p>A pleasant stroll through the little known backstreets of Alphington and Fairfield. Meet under the clocks at Flinders St station at 9.30am.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	6-Jun	D	Balnarring to Flinders	M 18km	80km	Vanessa
<p>Coastal walking in reserves with views across Westernport Bay. Peaceful and remote beach walking. This does need a car shuffle to enable the one-way walk. A good distance but no hills. Graded M because of length. If the wind is strong and from the south we will walk it in reverse.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Thurs	7-Jun	D	Mornington	E 5km	80 km	Fran
<p>After coffee in the rotunda of the rose garden at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, visit the exhibition "Propaganda" - posters from all the major world conflicts of the 20th century. Afterwards we drive to "The Briars" for lunch. There is a 5 km walk around the bushland circuit there.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	10-Jun	D	Poverty Gully, Castlemaine	EM	126km	Cathy
<p>An attractive circuit walk along the Poverty Gully and Campbell's Creek water races to the Eureka Reef Heritage area with the chance to explore this interesting industrial archaeological site. Very little climbing, but poles could be useful as the clay on the water races is slippery when wet.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Fri	15-Jun	Soc	Lunch at William Angliss College			Lisa
<p>Meet at the College at 12 noon, 555 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne. Cost \$30.00 per head plus drinks. Final numbers to be advised by Friday 1st June.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
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Sun	17-Jun	D	Westerfolds Park	E 10km	15km	June
<p>Walk beside the river and through grassy woodlands. See river red gums, manna gums, and eastern grey kangaroos.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	17-Jun	D	Monda Track	MH	80km	Roger
<p>Starting at Dom Dom Saddle, this walk follows a series of management roads, walking tracks and firebreaks, initially passing through dry open forest then tall ash forest on the crest of the Great Dividing Range. Easy walking but approximately 650m of climbing.</p>						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Wed	20-Jun	M	CLUB MEETING			
Sun	24-Jun	D	Red Hill Rail Trail	EM 13km	90km SE	Sandra
This walk begins and ends at the Merricks Station Ground Reserve. We follow the old rail trail to Red Hill and have lunch at the Red Hill Bakery. The walk is in an area with wineries and galleries and peaceful rural views and sea views. We walk past giant pine trees and sometimes see red fungi under these trees.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	24-Jun	D	Graytown - Melville Lookout Circuit	H 20km	145km N	Chris
This circuit walk is in an area of box-ironbark forest around the abandoned township of Graytown, between Heathcote and Nagambie. We will explore the remains of the town, the cemetery and a former WW2 prisoner of war camp. The Hard rating is due to the length of the walk and that it contains a few off-track sections through open forest. We will be navigating the landforms to find some high points including Melville's Lookout (Bob's Bluff) and we will also traverse the Spring Creek Nature Conservation Reserve.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sat	30-Jun	D	Short and Steep: Sherbrooke Falls	EM 8km	45km E	Lyn
Starting near the bottom of the hill, we go up via Hillclimb track, do a loop above the falls and then back down again via Ridge track. View the falls from both sides of Sherbrooke Creek. See mountain ash, tree ferns and perhaps a lyrebird. A quick morning's exercise that allows you to be home by lunch.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	1-Jul	D	Lysterfield Park and Churchill Park	M 14km	44km S	Carmel
A variation on the walk at Lysterfield to also include Churchill Park. A pretty circuit walk among the kangaroos close to Melbourne. A few ups and downs with total climbing 200m. The lookout gives a spectacular view of Melbourne suburbs.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Tues	3-Jul	D	Grandparents and Grandkids Walk: Plenty Gorge	E 7 km	25 km N	Fran
For primary school aged children and their grandparents. Plenty Gorge Parklands offers lots of bush experience close to the city. We will do a circuit of the Blue Lake, up and down a few hills (not too steep or too long) and keep our eyes peeled for a lot of bird life and kangaroos. Bring lunch, snacks, drinks and rain gear as well as a change of clothes and shoes for this winter walk. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Meet at the first car park in Yellow Gum Park at 9.30 am. Melway 10F5. Maximum 10 families						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	8-Jul	D	Four Brothers Rocks Gembrook	M 14km	60km E	Michael
Starting from Mortimer Picnic Ground in the Bunyip State Park east of Gembrook, the walk follows a combination of nature trails, old roads and walking trails through woodlands, fern tree gullies and forests up to impressive granite monoliths on the ridge. On a clear day great views from the lunch spot. Some 520m climbing including some very steep and strenuous sections. Walking poles recommended. Wet weather gear essential!						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	

Wed	11-Jul	D	Kew and Ivanhoe	E or M 11/16km	Fran
<p>Thanks to dogged persistence by many members of the community, including club members Julia Blunden and Roger Thornton, the final section of the walk/bike path linking the Darebin Creek Trail to the Main Yarra Trail is now officially open. From Victoria Park, we follow green easements through Kew to Willsmere Chandler Park and the Kew Billabong before walking the \$18,000,000 and 25 years awaited 1.8km path. We then follow the Darebin Creek meandering through Ivanhoe. No need to bring lunch as we will finish the walk at the Ivanhoe Hotel. This can be a very easy 5 km walk from Kew to the end of the new trail and returning to Victoria Park via train and tram from Darebin Station. It will be an easy 11 km walk if you finish at the pub for lunch and return to Kew via train and tram. For a medium 16 km walk you can walk back to Kew after lunch at the pub. If there are some who do 11 km and some who do 16 km we will find out if it is quicker to walk from Ivanhoe to Kew or take public transport!</p>					
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	15-Jul	D	Winter Warmer: Upper Werribee River	E 6km	90 km Lyn NW
<p>Walk along both sides of the upper reaches of the Werribee River and visit Carroll Springs. While the walk is graded easy, there are some rough track sections, eroded steps and a river crossing. We will do these slowly. Note that in the unlikely event that the water in the ford is too deep to cross we will return via the outward path. Lunch after the walk at Mill Cottage Cafe in Ballan</p>					
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	15-Jul	D	Mont Albert to Ringwood along Koonung & Mullum Mullum Creeks	M 16km	8km E Peter
<p>The walk begins at Mont Albert Railway Station then through leafy Mont Albert streets and pathways to meet up with the Koonung Creek at Elgar Road. The walk then continues all the way to Ringwood along the Koonung and Mullum Creek trails Lunch/coffee will be at Eastland Shopping Centre before catching train back to Mont Albert Railway Station early afternoon. Either bring lunch or purchase at Eastland as well as a Miki Card for train trip home.</p>					
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Mon - Sun	16 - 29 Jul	Multi Day	Larapinta Trail	M /MH 135km	West of Alice Springs Roger
<p>Two weeks' walking including two rest days. Plan is to cherry pick the best bits of the walk (end to end total is 223km). Walk west to east, starting at Mt Sonder and ending at Telegraph Station. Vehicle supported, so most days walking will require a day pack only. Three overnight pack carries planned. There may be opportunity to participate for only part of the walk. Opportunity also for participants more interested in driving than walking.</p>					
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES
Wed	18-Jul	CLUB MEETING			
Sun	22-Jul	D	Latrobe Wild Life Sanctuary	E 8km	Metro Dorothy
<p>Walk postponed from previous program. We explore the Latrobe University wildlife sanctuary in the morning, and then walk in Bundoora Park in the afternoon. Meet at the corner of Bourke and Swanston St to catch the number 86 tram at 9.30am.</p>					
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	22-Jul	D	Enfield Forest	M15km	136 kms W Sandra
<p>South West of Ballarat, Enfield State Forest was the scene of gold rush starting in 1853. Miners worked here for over 20 years. Eroded sluicing areas and aqueducts and mine shafts are still visible. The park is said to contain 61 species of orchid, which flower from June to December. We need to keep to the walking tracks as there are open mine shafts hidden under heath and scrub. Due to long drive and short daylight hours we will meet at Kew at 7.15 for a 7.30am start</p>					
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Tues	24-Jul	D	Darebin-Yarra Link	E 10km	12km E	Julia
<p>The walk begins at Heidelberg Station and finishes at Harp Junction, Kew. We'll start by walking via streets to Donaldsons Creek. We'll then follow a path along the creek to the attractive Darebin Parklands, where we'll have a BYO morning coffee. From there we'll walk via the recently completed Darebin-Yarra link path to connect with Willsmere Park. We'll use the Kilby Rd underpass to access the link to the Outer Circle Trail which we'll follow up to Harp Junction, where we'll have a late lunch in a cafe. Meeting Arrangements: Catch the Hurstbridge train that leaves Flinders St at 9.21am and reaches Heidelberg at 9.55am. Go to the back carriage.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sat	28-Jul	D	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East	E 7km	45 km E	Lyn
<p>Saturday morning short and steep walk to get the blood flowing. Back home for lunch. A circuit walk from Grants Picnic Ground including Coles Ridge Road, Welch Track, and Paddy Track</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	29-Jul	D	Port Melbourne to Sandringham	EM/E 15	8km W	Peter
<p>This walk requires no driving but you need a Miki Card. We catch the 109 tram to Port Melbourne and walk along the beach tracks and Art Trail to Sandringham where we catch a train back to Flinders Street. Then we walk up to Collin Street and catch a 109 tram back to Kew. For those who may find the 15 km a little long there is an opt out at Brighton Beach Station which is just 12 km which would make this Flat walk an easy grading.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Thur	2-Aug	Soc	Ballarat	E	125km W	Fran
<p>Taking the 9.16 train from Southern Cross Station we will arrive in Ballarat at 10.39 for a coffee before visiting the Ballarat Art Gallery Exhibition "Into Light - 19th and 20th century paintings from the Musee de la Chartreuse". This is mostly Impressionist art from a regional gallery in France so probably things we have not seen before. Purchase a return train ticket to Wendouree as we will get the bus out to Lake Wendouree for lunch (BYO) and a short walk after the exhibition then take the return train from Wendouree Station. Trains return at 2.12 and 3.12. Meet in the second to rear carriage (non quiet) at Southern Cross Station.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	5-Aug	D	Pt Roadnight to Aireys Inlet	EM	125km SW	Lyn
<p>We start with 4.5km of beach walking at low tide, and then continue on the Surf Coast Walk Path through coastal scrub and along cliff tops to the lookouts and viewing platforms at the Split Point lighthouse at Fairhaven. Some steep steps up and down between beach level and cliffs. Car shuffle required.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	8-Aug	D	Melbourne Zoo and Surrounds	E 5km	5km E	Lyn
<p>Meet at Victoria Park at 8.45 to car pool to Melbourne Zoo. We will explore the zoo and some of the surrounding parklands.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	12-Aug	D	Woodlands Historic Park (Gellibrand Hill Park) Greenvale	E 12km	33km NW	Graeme
<p>An easy walk along Moonee Ponds Creek with its magnificent old river red gums, through the sugar gum plantation, gently up Gellibrand Hill (+50m), down to the Billabong, and back to the Homestead for refreshments.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

CLUB MEETING						
Wed	15-Aug					
Sun	19-Aug	D	Anakie Gorge Circuit	EM 13km	85km W	Kim
This walk commences at the Anakie Gorge Picnic ground and then follows the gorge upstream before joining the Ted Errey Nature Circuit. There are great views over-looking the gorge and some steepish ups and downs where poles may be useful. The Brisbane Ranges are at their best at this time of year with the flowering wattle, grasstrees and other flora to enjoy.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	19-Aug	D	Boots Gully & Charlesford Mine	15km H	127km W	Chris
The walk starts at the Blowhole on Sailors Creek in Hepburn Regional Park and follows an old water race descending to an old charcoal burning site and then climbing to the basalt plateau west of Daylesford. The walk visits Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt then descends to Bald Hill Creek. There is a steep climb out of the gully then a gradual ascent to Bald Hill before descending to Tipperary Springs and following the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start. 510m total climbing. Some off-track.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Mon - Thu	20-23 Aug	BC	Wilson's Promontory	EM	200km SE	Lyn
Stay in cabins at Yanakie Caravan Park near the entrance to the Prom. We will drive down on the Monday and do a short (5km) walk on the coast at Yanakie late afternoon. EM day walks in the Prom National Park on Tue and Wed, then another shortish walk somewhere on the way home on the Thurs.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
ADVANCED NOTICES						
Tues	4-Sept	D	Werribee River North	EM 13km	30km W	Julia
This walk starts and finishes at Werribee Station. We'll walk upriver on the east bank as far as the historic park, back to Heaths Rd, and across to Presidents Park, where we'll have a BYO lunch. We'll then walk downriver on the west bank to the town centre. The river is lined by attractive native vegetation and turtles have been spotted in it. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Werribee train that leaves Flinders St at 9.17am. Go to the back carriage (eastern end of platform). If preferred catch the train at Southern Cross at 9.20am (southern end of platform).						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Fri-Tue	2-6 Nov	BC	Mt Hotham	Var	380km NE	Cathy
Stay in ski lodges and participate in a variety of walks in the high country. Full details in August Vagabond.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed - Fri	6 - 15 March 2019	PC	Tarkine Coast Track	H 70km	NW TAS.	Richard
7 day pack carry walk along the northwest coast of Tasmania, the Tarkine, from the Pieman Heads to Temma. The walk is along one of the world's wildest and most spectacular coastlines. Immense sand dunes. The walk timing will be dependent on the weather as in wet conditions the rivers can become impassable.						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES