

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.

Day	Date	Type	Walk Title, Location	Grade & km	Dist Dirn	Leader Given-Name
<i>Walk Description.</i>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	21-Nov		CLUB MEETING			
Sun	25-Nov	D	Mt Macedon Loops	M 16km	74km NW	Michael
A walk on the top of the Macedon Range. Two loops starting from McGregors Picnic Ground near The Camels Hump. In the morning, a clockwise loop along Clyde Track and Francis Rd to the Memorial Cross and back along the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail through tall forest to McGregors. Approx 8km. In the afternoon through lush forest to the Sanatorium Lake and back via open grassland to McGregors Picnic Ground via the summit of The Camels Hump. Approx 8km. Some short steep climbs and descents. Approx 350m walking on the main tourist road. At elevation 900-1000m so cooler and wetter than Melbourne. You can bring a big lunch as we don't need to carry it! (carry a morning/afternoon tea snack).						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	25-Nov	D	Currawong Falls	EM 12km	120km SW	Sandra
This walk is part of the Angahook-Lorne State Park. There is a slow gentle climb up to a view of the Airey's Inlet Lighthouse. The track heads north into the forest to the trig point and there are no views here. We walk to the Currawong Falls for lunch. There are many types of gums and shady creeks with ferns. The track then descends back to the Distillery Creek picnic area.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Fri- Wed	23 -28 Nov	PC	Desert Discovery Walk	MH 75km	350km NW	Chris
This relatively easy pack-carry is a great introduction to the Little Desert near Horsham. Three of the four days will be around 20km on level, sandy tracks with Day 3 being a bit shorter. Overnight camping will be at designated campsites that have water tanks. One night is spent next to the Wimmera River, but water will be scarce through the day. We will need to register with the Rangers but there is no fee for the walk. Drive up on Friday and camp overnight at Kiata campgrounds where the walk begins the next day. We will complete the walk over 4 days from Saturday to Tuesday, spending the last night where we began at Kiata camp and driving back the next day. This is a fully self-sufficient pack-carry. On the first and last nights at Kiata we can cook at the campsite or have a meal at Dimboola which is 5km away.						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	2-Dec	D	Summer Sunrise: Lysterfield Lake	EM 10km	35km E	Carmel
A good morning's exercise close to the city. Some moderate hills. Meet at the beach carpark at Lysterfield park at 6.30am to walk the tramline track, followed by breakfast at the Squatting Frog Nursery cafe nearby. Driving instructions: Melways 108D3. Take Monash Freeway then left at Heatherton Rd turnoff. Left again after 6km into Belgrave Hallam Rd, then after 1.5km left again into Horswood Rd at the lake sign. After entering the park, turn left at the roundabout and park in the furthest carpark, near the dam wall.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	2-Dec	D	Cape Schanck to Gunnamatta and back	M 15km	100km S	Michael
A mix of clifftop with great views and beach walking. On the way there (or back depending on tides) we will have a closer look at Fingal Beach and the impressive rock cliffs. Also time for a bit of an explore at Cape Schanck and the tea tree vegetation around Fingal picnic area.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Tue	4-Dec	D	Merri Creek Path	EM 13km	10km N	Julia
This walk begins at Batman Station and finishes at Victoria Park Station. It mainly follows the Merri Creek Path which passes through many pleasant parks including Coburg Lake Park, and finishes at the confluence with the Yarra. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Upfield train that leaves Flinders St Station at 9.24am. Be in the back carriage.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Tue-Fri	4 - 7 Dec	BC	Cape Otway Base Camp	Var	234km SW	Jan
Stay in cabins or your own tent at Bimbi Park and participate in day walks on parts of the Great Ocean Walk. This event is fully booked.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES	
Sun	9-Dec	D	Lerderderg Gorge	MH 12km	85km W	David
This walk descends steeply into the Lerderderg Gorge and follows the riverbed downstream past many beautiful pools that are very healthy, being fed by water beneath the riverbed. On either side rugged sandstone outcrops rise sheer above in a profusion of colours. The ascent is up Ah Kow track on the return to cars. Bring trekking poles if you normally use them.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES	
Wed	12-Dec	D	Mt Little Joe & Tramways Track, Warburton	M 12km	67km E	Graeme
A bit of rail trail, through a park, up the Backstairs Track to the Mount (a steep climb; 350m), valley views, the Tramways Track, forest scenery – a walking potpourri. Meet at 7.45am at Victoria Park Kew.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Wed	12-Dec	D	Banksia Park	E 6km	12km NE	Glenys
Short walks through some loops at Banksia Park and in the grounds of Heide Museum of Modern Art. Suggest having morning tea at the café at Heide. Please bring a treat to share at lunch to celebrate Christmas. Meet at Victoria Park, Kew, at 8.45am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Thu	13-Dec	Soc	Bendigo	Soc	150km NW	Fran
Train trip to Bendigo to visit the exhibition “Gothic Beauty: Victorian notions of love, loss and spirituality” Meet in the second last carriage of the 9.14 train at Southern Cross station. No need to bring lunch as there are several café options.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Sun	16-Dec	D	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park	E 9km	4km E	Lyn
Meet at the end of Kanes Bridge near Studley Park Boathouse for a 6am start . We follow the river around Galatea Point and under Johnston St. Cross the footbridge, pass the Children’s Farm, and stop for breakfast at the Abbotsford Convent Bakery. It is the leader’s 70th birthday so there may be a cake! Then return via Dights Falls and Deep Rock back to Studley Park.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Sun	16-Dec	D	Monda Track	MH 16km	79km E	Roger
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.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	

Wed 19-Dec CLUB MEETING						
Sun	23-Dec	D	Darebin Creek	E 8km	10km NE	Dorothy
Walk from Alphington Station along the Darebin creek to afternoon tea at the leader's house. This will be Dorothy's last walk as a leader for our club so come along to thank her for her wonderful contribution to the club. Meet at Alphington station at 10.30am. You could catch the 9.58 Hurstbridge train from platform 1 at Flinders St, or drive to the start of the walk.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Mon	31-Dec	D	Clifton Hill	E 7km	5 km N	Fran
Starting and finishing at the Quarries Park, walk along the Merri Creek to finish at the Ramsden Street Reserve in Clifton Hill in time to enjoy BYO Christmas leftovers and champagne while watching the 9.30pm New Year's Eve fireworks. Park in the car park at the end of Ramsden Street (Melway 44 F2) at 6.45pm ready to start walking at 7.00pm. Families and kids welcome.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	6-Jan	D	Cumberland River Trail	MH 21km	150km SW	Chris
The Cumberland River Trail hike starts at the Cumberland River Holiday Park near Lorne and takes in three of The Otways most spectacular waterfalls: Cumberland Falls, Upper and Lower Kalimna falls. The walk involves some scrambling and a few river crossings - ideal for summer! Walking poles may be helpful for the river crossings.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	6-Jan	D	Clifton Springs	E 10km	95km SW	Fran
Another stage of the walk around Port Phillip Bay. This walk is along a narrow stretch of sand from Curlewis to Clifton Springs so quite flat. However, it is rocky and uneven underfoot in sections.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	9-Jan	D	Lysterfield Lake	E 8km	35km E	Fran
An easy circuit of Lysterfield Lake, this is a fairly flat walk with quite a lot of shade. Coffee and culture afterwards at Burringa Cultural Centre, Upwey, to see "Black Mist Burnt Country -Testing the Bomb: Maralinga and Australian Art". This is a touring exhibition from The National Gallery in Canberra. Meet 8.45am at Victoria Park, Kew.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	13-Jan	D	Summer Sunrise: Around the River to the City	E 12km	8km E	Lyn
Meet at the bridge over the Yarra where Riversdale Road joins Swan St (Melway 45A11) in time for a 6.30am start. Free all-day parking on Sundays at Leonda or over the bridge in Yarra Bvd. We follow the walking / bike path around the river and along the boardwalk under the freeway. Cross the river on the Morell Footbridge and wander through the Botanic Gardens. Breakfast at Jardin Tan at the Observatory and then walk down through the gardens to Flinders St. Take the number 70 tram back to the cars. (Don't forget to bring your Myki.)						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Tues	15-Jan	D	Laverton to Altona via 100 Steps of Federation	EM 13km	20km W	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Laverton Station and finishes at Altona Station. We walk via streets and a footbridge across the M1 to the Skeleton Creek. We follow this downstream, then turn east to skirt the Cheetham Wetlands and ascend the 100 Steps of Federation, which provides a 360 degree view of the flat surrounds. We then continue across the Laverton Creek and along the coast to Altona. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Werribee train that leaves Flinders St at 9.01am. Go to the back carriage (eastern end of platform). If preferred catch the train at Southern Cross at 9.04am (southern end of platform).</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Wed	16-Jan	CLUB MEETING				
Thur	17-Jan	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct: Diversion Weir to Redwood Forest	M 16km	75km E	Jan
<p>A wide grassy track gently climbing to the diversion weir, then level walking on the aqueduct track to Cement Creek Rd. We then leave the aqueduct and descend on dirt road to The Redwood Forest. A car shuffle required. Meeting place and time to be advised.</p>						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Sun	20-Jan	D	Mordialloc to Frankston Beachwalk	M 17km	28km S	Peter
<p>Due to it being mid summer and the likelihood of a hot day, this walk is along the beach with the option of a swim along the way. Bring plenty of water as well as your Myki Card to travel back from Frankston station to Mordialloc.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Fri - Mon	25 - 29 Jan	BC	Bogong High Plains	VAR	360km NE	Robyn
<p>Spend the Australia Day long weekend camping on the Bogong High Plains. Walks will be mixed to suit participants, but there will be at least one Hard walk.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Mon	28-Jan	D	Station Pier, Webb Dock & Westgate Park	E 10km	8km SW	Lyn
<p>Celebrate the Australia Day public holiday with a late afternoon walk by the bay, followed by fish and chips at Station Pier. Meet at Kew Library carpark at 3.20pm to catch 109 tram at 3.28, or meet at the Station Pier tram stop at 4.30. Don't forget to bring your Myki. The walk can be shortened if the weather is hot. In case of extreme weather we may cancel, so please ensure you leave a contact number when booking.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Sun	3-Feb	D	Olinda Valley - R J Hamer Arboretum	EM 12km	38km E	Peter
<p>This is a circuit walk beginning at Woolrich Lookout, passing through the Arboretum and then descending through native forests following quiet tracks and roads. Return via fire management tracks.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	
Wed	6-Feb	D	Lake Mountain Trails	M 15km	120km NE	Vanessa
<p>Time to reflect on the 10th anniversary of Black Saturday, one day before. Snow gums and late wildflowers, some pretty little tarns, myrtle beech and mountain ash forests - a delightful area to walk anytime. All on trails, out to Boundary Hut ruins, & various lookouts. See how the bush is regenerating 10 years after the fire and buy a coffee in Marysville to keep supporting the locals. A well loved area that is worth a visit in every season. Meeting place in eastern suburbs (NOT Kew) or pre-arranged car pooling.</p>						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO	

Sun	10-Feb	D	Mt Everard Circuit	MH 19km	57km NE	Roger
This walk follows a long anti-clockwise circuit based on three of the higher forested peaks in the Kinglake National Park. Most of the route is on fire trails and is easy walking but the total climb is 720m.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	13-Feb	D	Bushy Creek Parklands to Greythorn	E 10km	14km E	June
A linear walk on level ground through bushland and then following Koonung Creek and the Eastern Freeway. Return via outward route and partly on the other side of the creek. The path is well shaded. Walk can be shortened if very hot. Meet at Victoria park at 8.45am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	17-Feb	D	Summer Sunrise: Sandringham to Ricketts Point	E 12km	15km SE	Lyn
Meet on the foreshore near the rotunda at the end of Bay Road Sandringham (Melway 76G10) in time for a 7am start. Plenty of free all-day street parking, but do check the signs! We follow the path around the bay to just past Ricketts Point. Breakfast at Ricketts Point and then return via the same route.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	17-Feb	D	Airey's Inlet Circuit	M 20km	125km SW	Chris
This hike around Aireys Inlet is a great introduction to the natural attractions that surround the seaside village of Aireys Inlet. The coastal section provides a great contrast to the inland forest and heathland of the Great Otways National Park. Although a little lengthy, this walk is mostly in and around the Airey's Inlet township.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	20-Feb	CLUB MEETING				
Thur	21-Feb	D	Sherbrook Forest Walk	M 12km	45km E	Jan
A circuit walk starting at Grants Picnic Ground. Good forest tracks undulating but steep in sections. Some descents can be slippery after rain. Walking poles would be helpful. We will meet at Grants Picnic Ground, good car parking available, 7.45am for 8.00am start.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sat	23-Feb	D	Daylesford	H 21km	120km NW	Robyn
A walk through old gold mining areas including water races and tramways. Meet at Kew at 7.15 for 7.30am departure.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sat	23-Feb	D	Day-Night Pub walk. Blue Mount - Lyonville - pub meal -Trentham	M 17km	80km NW	Vanessa
Geological interest with a Newer Volcanic eruption to climb, history with a very old cemetery to visit, bush to walk through past old mine sites, dinner at the Radio Springs Hotel in Lyonville, followed by 5km with head torch along the Domino Rail Trail to the cars at Trentham. This walk has it all. Inspired by early club walks, we will do the simpler walk section in the last dusk by torchlight! Carpooling and departure time to be arranged by leader.						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Sun	24-Feb	D	Devilbend Reservoir	EM 14km	70km S	Lyn
<p>This is a new walk for our club, taken from the recent Fedwalks program. It is a flat walk on a compacted gravel foot track around the largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsular. Lowland forest, grassy woodland and shoreline provide valuable waterbird habitat, including 1% of the global population of the threatened blue-billed duck. Walk can be shortened to 11.5km if the weather is warm.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
ADVANCED NOTICES						
Wed - Fri	6 - 15 Mar	PC	Tarkine Coast Track	H 70km	NW TAS.	Richard
<p>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.</p>						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES
Thu- Sun	25-28 Apr	BC	Bright	Var	370km NE	Lyn & Cathy
<p>Drive to Bright on Anzac Day to accommodation in Bright Alps Lodge. A variety of walks at different gradings on Mount Buffalo on the Fri and Sat. An easy medium walk along the river in Bright on Sunday morning before the drive home.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO