



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Autumn 2019

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/s	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
Tues	19-Feb	D	Laverton to Altona	EM 13km	20km W	Julia
This walk starts at Laverton Station and finishes at Altona Station. We walk via streets and a footbridge across the M1 to 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 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)						
15	= 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. Meeting Arrangements: 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 19km	120km NW	Robyn
A walk through old gold mining areas, including along water races and tramways. Meet at Kew at 7.15am 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, a very old cemetery to visit, bush paths past old mine sites, dinner at the Radio Springs Hotel in Lyonville, followed by 5km walk with head torch in the last dusk along the Domino Rail Trail to the cars at Trentham. This walk has it all, inspired by early club walks. 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
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 Peninsula. Lowland forest, grassy woodland and shoreline provide valuable waterbird habitat, that comprises 1% of the global population of the threatened blue-billed duck. Walk can be shortened to 11.5km if the weather is warm.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers				Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?	NO
Sun	3-Mar	D	Cape Woolamai & Churchill Island	EM 12km	120km SE	John

A walk in this stunning Phillip Island nature reserve, home of the mutton birds and other wild life. We start on the ocean beach and then along coastal tracks with spectacular scenery. Lunch will be on the beach in the historic Red Granite Quarry. We continue our walk along the back beach past huge sand dunes to the car park. Following a short drive, we explore the historic Churchill Island and conclude with coffee tea and cakes at the island's café. You should be back home by 5.30.

24 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Sun 3-Mar D Two Bays Walking Track, Greens Bush M 98km Michael
17km S

From Rogers Rd we head downhill on the Lightwood Creek Track to join the Two Bays Walking Track in Greens Bush and head towards Bushrangers Bay for lunch. Return. Mix of open, eucalypt, and banksia coastal bush. Likely to see kangaroos. Great scenery as we get nearer to the coast.

24 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Wed 6-Mar D Portsea circuit on artist trail, Sorrento, EM 100km Vanessa
14km S

A circuit walk based around Portsea & Sorrento, walking above bay and ocean beaches to make the circuit. A great mix of scenery & walking environments. In the middle, we pass the Sorrento bakery where we will stop briefly. **Meeting place and time will be advised** (NOT Victoria Park Kew, please note). Bathers may be needed also.

20 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Wed - 6 - 15 PC Tarkine Coast Track H NW Richard
Fri Mar 70km TAS

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

Sun 10-Mar D Bell's Beach and Ironbark Basin EM 114km Peter
13km SW

A circuit walk including Bell's Beach and the Ironbark Basin with the beach walk commencing at low tide. This walk has lots of variety with beach, nature trails and great ocean views. Some rock scrambling may be necessary and there are various ups and downs so poles may be useful.

24 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Wed 13-Mar D Ballarat Begonias E 130km Lyn
7km NW

We will walk to Lake Wendouree, taking in part of the Steve Moneghetti path, the Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, the Botanical Gardens, the Prime Ministers walk, and of course the glasshouse with the famous begonias which should still be brilliant following the Begonia Festival the previous long weekend. **Meet at Southern Cross Station in the second last carriage of the 9.16am to Wendouree.** Return on either the 3.12pm or the 3.35pm train.

24 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Sun 17-Mar D Mount Evelyn Forest EM 40km Peter /
10km E Peter

The walk follows steep National Park trails across the west-facing slopes of the Dandenong ranges. After lunch at Sylvan Reservoir Park we return via the Olinda Creek walking trail. Approximately 200m climbing, all before lunch. Walking poles would be helpful.

24 = Maximum-Number-of-Walkers Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required? NO

Wed 20-Mar CLUB MEETING

Sun	24-Mar	D	Eatons Cutting-OT Dam-Seawinds-Arthurs Seat State Park	EM 10 km	70km SE	Sandra
<p>This walk was in the Federation Day Walks booklet in 2011 on the Mornington Peninsula. You will view natural bushland with views over Westernport Bay, two quarries, a secluded dam in a hidden valley, vineyards and a rural primary school. Returning along the northern side of Arthurs Seat Rd, we go past a disused motor garage that used to be Original OT Cordial Factory that drew water from the dam below.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	24-Mar	D	Mt St Leonard and Tanglefoot	VH 33km	65km NE	Jim
<p>A challenging walk: significant climbing and distance makes this harder than most walks. Expect to climb over 1300m visiting 2 main peaks - Mt St Leonard at 1027m and Mt Tanglefoot at 1009m. Distance and climbing will be reduced if weather is hot. Starting from near Healsville we will walk up Mt St Leonard, then continue north to Mt Tanglefoot before returning to Mt St Leonard on a loop track. The decent will be direct to Healsville and not via Condons Track.</p>						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	31-Mar	D	Mt Donna Buang &The Knobs, Yarra Ranges NP (Warburton)	M 16km	86km E	Graeme
<p>The Parks Vic Yarra Ranges National Park Visitor Guide shows a track and lists a walk from Mt Donna Buang to Dom Dom Saddle, via Mt Boobyalla, The Knobs and Mt Vinegar, with <i>breathhtaking scenery and spectacular views</i>. Other websites indicate that the track is/has-been overgrown in the vicinity of The Knobs, 8 km (and 250+150m) from Mt Donna Buang. This is an EXPLORATORY walk along the main peaks, that will also attempt to ascertain whether the maybe-overgrown section is passable.</p>						
12	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) requ			NO
Sun	31-Mar	D	Herring Island and surrounds	E 10km	3km E	June
<p>Explore the bushy track through the permanent sculptures in the Herring Island Environmental Sculpture Park, as well as the exhibition "A4 Artworks" in the Information Centre. We will also walk along some of the paths along the river bank. Meet at Flinders St station at 9.30am to travel to South Yarra Station. Walk from the station to the free punt across to the island.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Tues	2-Apr	D	Diamond Creek and Yarra Trails	EM 15km	20km E	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Eltham Station and finishes at Heidelberg Station. It follows the Diamond Creek and Yarra Trails through many attractive parks including Westerfolds Park. There are quite a few ups and downs, but nothing slippery. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Hurstbridge train that leaves Flinders St at 9.00am. Be in the back carriage (eastern end of platform). You may prefer to get on at Parliament at 9.09am.</p>						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	3-Apr	D	Dom Dom Saddle via Morley's Track to Fernshaw	M 11km	75km NE	Vanessa
<p>Starting at Dom Dom Saddle, walk mainly downhill to Fernshaw picnic area though Mountain Ash Forest. Change of elevation 440m. Short steep climbs, total climbing 220m. Some steep descents in the first half. Car shuffle distance 7km. Leech alert for the area; precautions advised. Meeting place and time will be advised (NOT Victoria Park Kew, please note).</p>						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Thu	4-Apr	Soc	Victoria Market	Soc	City	Lyn & Anna
<p>A repeat of the "foodies" tour that was oversubscribed last year. Meeting arrangements: be at the Elizabeth St exit of Melbourne Central Station (cnr Elizabeth & La Trobe Sts) at 9.30am. Walk up to the markets where we can have a less crowded tour of the historical sections before meeting some of the specialist food providers. Anna is a former cheese stall owner who has been associated with the market for most of her life. Tour cost of \$10 includes a gourmet snack box which we will take to Flagstaff Gardens for a picnic lunch.</p>						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sat	6-Apr	D	Lorne	H	150km	Robyn
				25km	SW	
<p>A circuit walk that involves quite a lot of creek crossings. We will see some waterfalls and walk through fern-filled gullies. Be at Kew car park at 7.15am for a 7.30am departure and expect a late evening return due to the long travel distance. The walk will be altered if there is heavy rainfall during the preceding week.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	7-Apr	D	Westerfolds & Mullum-Mullum Creek Paths	M	8km	Rob / Peter
				17km	E	
<p>This walk begins at the canoe sheds in Westerfolds Park, and walks along sections of the Yarra River and Mullum Mullum Creek which you may have never walked. En route you will visit Pontville Homestead, the Templestowe Hill Climb, old and current farming sites and dams and see a range of wildlife including kangaroos and lots of birds. The route is mainly flat with a couple of medium hills and one creek crossing. (There is an optional side trip with one short but steep hill)</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Wed	10-Apr	D	Bellbird Dell	E	20km	June
				10km	E	
<p>Walk through shady native bushland with a variety of vegetation, many birds and wildlife. A mainly linear walk with some side tracks. The walk begins at the terminus of the number 75 tram at Vermont South. Meet there or at 8.45am at Victoria Park.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sat	13-Apr	D	Donna Buang summit from Warburton and return	H	86km	Jim
				23km	E	
<p>A big climb of around 1150m together with the distance makes this a challenging circuit walk. This will be good training for a number of long walks I'm planning later in the year. Along the way we will visit Mt Victoria and Mt Boobyalla as well as Mt Donna Buang.</p>						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	14-Apr	D	Coliban Main Channel Walking Trail	EM	115km	Sandra
				13km	N	
<p>First opened in 1877, the water supply system has been delivering water to Castlemaine and Bendigo in a system of open channels, flumes, syphons, tunnels for over 130 years. The Channel extends from Malmsbury Reservoir to Sandhurst and Spring Gully Reservoirs, Bendigo. The track follows mainly one side of the Channel and there are a couple of stiles to navigate. Afternoon tea will be at the Malmsbury Bakery. We will stop in Malmsbury for a comfort break and coffee before we drive to the start. Car shuffle required.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	

Tues	16-Apr	D	Grandparents & Grandkids walk: Greenvale	E	35km	Fran
				7km	N	
Grandparents and grandkids will enjoy a walk around Woodlands Historic Park. Open woodlands, river red gums, lots of kangaroos and birds. Good viewing spots of planes at Tullamarine airport. Meeting arrangements: be in the car park of Woodlands Historic Homestead, off Oaklands Rd Greenvale (Melways 177 K9) at 9.45am for 10.00am departure.						
Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring.						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Families			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	17-Apr	CLUB MEETING				
Sat	20-Apr	D	Willimigongon Creek Mount Macedon	EM	71km	Kim
				12km	NW	
A perfect autumn walk which starts just north of the village and includes Sanatorium Lake, Mount Towrong and spectacular views of Mount Macedon village and beyond. There is a steep, rocky descent from Mount Towrong so poles may be useful. Be prepared for all weather conditions.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed-Sun	24-28 Apr	BC	Bright	Var	370km	Lyn & Cathy
					NE	
Drive to Bright on the day before Anzac Day to accommodation in Bright Alps Lodge. A variety of walks at different gradings on Mount Buffalo and Mount Hotham on the Thu, Fri and Sat. An Easy Medium walk along the river in Bright on Sunday morning before the drive home. Full; wait list only.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Thur	2-May	D	Mulgrave	E	25km	Fran
				10km	SE	
Starting at Mulgrave Reserve, walk along the Dandenong Creek to Tirhatuan Park for lunch and a walk round the lake, then return the same way to Mulgrave. Easy flat walking on a shared walk/bike path. There are well mown grass verges if you don't like walking on concrete. Coffee and culture at the Monash Gallery to see the exhibition "Dombrovskis: journeys into the wild". His images of the unique Tasmanian wilderness had a lasting impact by making remote nature accessible. His iconic photos were a huge part of the Gordon and Franklin River campaigns. This exhibition is part of the ART + CLIMATE = CHANGE 2019 series of exhibitions. Meet at Victoria Park Kew at 8.45am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	5-May	D	Werribee Gorge	M	58km	Barbara
				8km	W	
Walk starts and finishes at Meikles Point Picnic Area. There is a steep climb at the beginning of the walk through dry forest area to the top car park. A number of spectacular lookouts. The trail then descends steeply to the river. Lovely walk along the river with lots of rock scrambling. There is one section where a chain is used to sidle along the path above the river. It is then easy walking back to the cars.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	8-May	Soc	Bendigo	Soc	160km	Fran
					NW	
A train trip to Bendigo to see the exhibition "Tudors to Windsors: British Royal Portraits". It traces the history of the British monarchy, highlighting major events in British (and world) history from the sixteenth century to the present, examining the ways in which royal portraits were impacted by both the personalities of individual monarchs and wider historical change. Tickets are by timed entry in 30 min slots. Book for the 11.30am entry. Meet in the second to last carriage of the 9.14am train from Southern Cross to Bendigo. No need to bring lunch; we will eat at a cafe.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Sun	12-May	D	The Mill & Boroondara Tracks, Murrindindi Scenic Reserve	MH 16km	100km NE	Roger
<p>This walk encompasses two of the walks in the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve. Starting at the Suspension Bridge car park and then crossing the bridge and turning left onto the Mill Track, the walk will be a clockwise loop, finishing alongside the Murrindindi River. Some of the walk is very steep and involves many steps, but the Wilhelmina Falls and great views make the effort worthwhile. You can even bring your mother along!</p>						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	12-May	D	Queenscliff to Pt Lonsdale	E 10km	100km SW	Lyn
<p>Starting in Queenscliff near the ferry terminal we go through parkland and around the fort, then a couple of kilometres along the beach at low tide until we reach the sea wall. This is a shared bike / pedestrian path that follows the coast to Point Lonsdale. We continue around the point to take in the pier and lighthouse before circling through the dunes and back to the Pt Lonsdale front beach. Car shuffle required.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Tues	14-May	D	Djerring Trail	E 12km	12km E	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Caulfield Station and ends at Alamein Station. It follows the Djerring Trail alongside the Dandenong train line as far as Oakleigh. This section of the trail has been built underneath the new Sky Rail and is beautifully landscaped. From Oakleigh we head north to pick up the Scotchmans Creek Trail and we follow this west to East Malvern Station. From there we head north up the Anniversary Trail to Alamein Station. Lots of bail outs! Meeting arrangements: Meet at Caulfield Station, north side for a 9.30am start.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	15-May	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	19-May	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct: Diversion Weir to Redwood Forest	M 16km	17km E	Jan
<p>Starting our walk on 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 Rd to The Redwood Forest. Car shuffle required.</p>						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	26-May	D	Point Cook	EM 15km	40km SW	Fran
<p>Another section of the walk around Port Phillip Bay. Starting at Campbells Cove, where several locals assured me it <i>used</i> to be a nude beach, discover the boat houses of the western suburbs, rich market garden country, new housing estates, an extensive marina, and finish with a walk along the Werribee River. Car shuttle required. This is rated EM because of the distance. It is very easy flat terrain.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	26-May	D	Mt Hope	M 14km	100km NW	Bernie
<p>Involves extensive off-track walking as well as 4WD and bush tracks. This is walk number 9 in FedWalk 2015. Has 350m of total climbing in several short steep hills. Encounter the picturesque Werribee River's early stages, forest and gold mining history.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

ADVANCED NOTICES

Wed	12-Jun	D	Yarra River Walk	E 10km	6km E	Marlene
Sun	23-Jun	D	Mernda	M 16km	30km N	Fran
Sun	7-Jul	D	George Bass Coastal Walk	EM 15km	124km SE	Sandra
Sun	14-Jul	D	Dandenong Hills - Monbulk to Silvan rtn	H 26km	50km E	Jim
tbc 4- 6+ days	from 10 Aug	PC	Snow Walk - Proposed area The Bluff / Howitt / Speculation area	H 40- 90km	250km N	Jim
Wed	21-Aug	D	Cranbourne Gardens	E 10km	46km SE	Sandra
Sat - Sun+1	14-22 Sep	PC	Serra Range Traverse, Grampians NP	VH 81km	250km W	Jim
Mon- Sat	6-12 Oct	BC	Canberra	VAR	680 km NE	Fran
Sat - Sun	19-20 Oct		Federation Weekend: Lorne	VAR	150km SW	
Fri - Tue	1-5 Nov	BC	Base Camp Mt Hotham	Var	380km NE	Cathy
Sun	3-Nov	D	Victorian 3 Peaks Challenge	VH 74km	450km N	Jim
Fri - Sun	15-17 Nov	BC	Mystery Weekend lodge and camping	Varied	Within 150km	Vanessa