



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Spring 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/s	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
Leader Surname		Email		Phone		
Wed	21-Aug	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	25-Aug	D	Bellarine Peninsula Rail Trail	M 17km	75km SW	Sandra
The walk starts at the Drysdale railway station where the tourist railway terminates. We walk along a fine gravel path towards the seaside town of Queenscliff. The Queenscliff line was opened in 1879 and closed in 1976. It reopened in 1981 for tourist trains. We will follow the path which is an important wildlife corridor. We will stop at a restored station halfway along for lunch. Return on the Tourist Railway from Queenscliff to Drysdale. Walk is graded M only because of distance. It is relatively flat on a good path.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	1-Sep	D	Mt Donna Buang	M 12km	84km E	Kim
This walk is not a long distance, but it includes 1-2 hours of walking off track. During the walk we will visit Mt Victoria, the ruins of several old ski huts, the summit of Mt Donna Buang and a hidden hut which is privately owned. Lunch will be in the hut in front of an open fire. Numbers are strictly limited due to the capacity and privacy of the hut. Poles and gaiters are strongly recommended.						
12	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	1-Sep	D	Father's Day Walk, O'Shannassy Aqueduct, Warburton	EM 12km	70km E	Peter
This walk begins just above the township of Millgrove and follows the O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Warburton (8km) where we will have lunch/coffee before returning to Millgrove via the Warburton Rail Trail (4km, or if you prefer catch a bus back to Millgrove (need Myki card) There are no hills as both trails are flat.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed -				EM 9km		
Thu	4-5 Sep	BC	Mid-week break: Bendigo	& M 16km	160km NW	Lyn
Spend a night in the Shamrock Hotel in Bendigo between the two days of walking. Day 1: Mclvor Range, EM 9km on rough path and dirt road, with 2 climbs of 250m and 90m respectively. Day 2: Mandurang, M 16km, easy gradients on vehicle tracks and part of the Goldfields Track along the Bendigo end of the Coliban Channel. Wait list only for the Shamrock or find your own accommodation in Bendigo.						
12	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	8-Sep	D	Reids Tramline Poweltown & Noojee Trestle Bridge	EM 12km	108km E	Peter
First Walk - Reids tramline - from the Powelltown picnic area we walk through the town and pick up the Reids Tramline trail following Blackwood Creek to the old mill site before circling back to the picnic area. Walk 6km. Second walk - Noojee Trestle Bridge after driving from Powelltown to Noojee we have lunch at Noojee picnic area before doing 6.5 km walk crossing the Noojee trestle bridge, continue on the trail and then circling back to Noojee. Coffee at the Red Duck cafe at Noojee.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	11-Sep	D	Kyneton	E 12km	90km NW	Fran
From the Kyneton station we walk to the Kyneton Botanic Gardens, then follow the Campaspe River to the Kyneton Racecourse. After lunch, return through the town past some of the lovely old houses, finishing with a coffee in one of the cafes in Piper St. The Kyneton Daffodil Festival is on the weekend of 7/8 September so there should still be lots of flowers along our route. Meet in the second last carriage of the 9.14 am train to Bendigo. We will return on either the 2.16 or 3.22 train.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Sat -	14-22			VH	250km	
Sun+1	Sep	PC	Serra Range Traverse, Grampians NP	81km	W	Jim
We aim to complete the last 7 of a total 8 days of this walk. Previously postponed due to hot weather, lack of water and planned fire reduction burns. This walk is mostly off track in potentially thick Grampians scrub. Start at Borough Huts and walk to Mt Sturgeon. There is significant climbing each day and we expect to mostly camp down low with access to cars, although on any day there is potential to be caught out for the night.						
4	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES
Sun	15-Sep	D	Point Addis to Anglesea	EM	112km	
				11km	SE	Sandra
This walk starts in the forest with its ironbark trees and grasstrees. There are fine views of the sea and the red, orange and yellow cliffs. We have lunch on the beach at Black Bluff. We climb back to the cliff top and walk over the heathlands which should have wildflowers. There needs to be a car shuffle.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	18-Sep	D	St Leonards to Portarlington Ferry	E	45km	
				10km	SW	Julia
This walk begins at St Leonards and follows the track around the coast to Portarlington. Lots of sea views. We will catch the 3.45pm ferry back to Docklands, arriving there at 5.05pm. Southern Cross Station is a short walk from the ferry terminal. The cost of the ferry is \$14 for Seniors and it is advisable to book and pay online prior to the day of the walk. See https://www.portphillipferries.com.au . Meeting arrangements: Catch the Waurin Ponds train that leaves Southern Cross at 8.50am. Go to the second back carriage. The train arrives at Geelong Station at 9.49am and from there we'll catch the 10.02 bus to St Leonards						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	18-Sep	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	22-Sep	D	Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove	E	105km	
				12km	SW	Ian / Lyn
This walk will explore the area around Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove. We will walk on cliff tops, along the beach and beside the river. There are some wooden steps up and down from cliff to beach, and someone will mention "Sea Change".						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	25-Sep	D	Healesville	E	60km	
				6km	NE	Fran
Visit Tarrawarra Museum of Art for the 2019 Archibald Prize Exhibition. Then drive to Badger Weir for lunch and a short walk along the creek before returning to Melbourne. Prebook your ticket online for the timed entry at 11.00am. Prebooked tickets have priority entry. Meet at Victoria Park at 9.15 for 9.30 departure. We can try to have coffee at the cafe before the show but it may be very crowded, so if the weather is fine we may prefer BYO thermos outside in the grounds.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	25-Sep	D	Myrtle Gully Tanglefoot Loop	M	70km	
				17km	NE	Jan
This walk in Toolangi State Forest winds through mountain ash forest and ferny gullies. Steep in places and probably muddy. Walking poles will be helpful and, maybe, salt in case of leeches. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet car park (Melway 60J2) at 7.45am for 8am departure. NB. Not Victoria Park.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	29-Sep	D	Ferny Creek: two gardens walk	M	42km	
				17km	E	Michael
The Dandenongs in springtime. From Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve to Sassafras via back roads then along Sassafras Creek, up through the Alfred Nicholas Gardens to the George Tindale Memorial Gardens for lunch. After lunch, a loop through Sherbrook Forest back to the cars.						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Tue	1-Oct	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk: Churchill Park	E 7km	32km SE	Lyn
For primary school aged children and their grandparents. Forest to explore and lots of kangaroos to see. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Meeting details will be emailed before the event to those on the list.						
10	= Maximum-Number-of-Families		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	2-Oct	D	Flinders to Coolart along the coast	M 18km	100km SE	Vanessa
Coastal walking in reserves with views across Westernport Bay. Peaceful and remote beach walking, ending with wetlands at Coolart and a look at the outlet of Merrick's Creek. This needs a car shuffle to enable the one way walk. A good distance, but no hills. Meeting place and time to be advised						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun-Sat	6-12 Oct	BC	Canberra	VAR	680km NE	Fran
The walks will not have been previewed and the grading will depend on who is available to lead at different levels. Walking areas could include the northern end of the Australian Alps Walking Track in Namadgi National Park, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Brindabella National Park. There are many trails through the bush and along the Murrumbidgee River. There is also Canberra Nature Park which consists of 33 separate reserves in the hills around the city - grasslands, forests, lakes and creeks. There will be 4 days of walking and one culture day in Canberra itself visiting any of its many galleries and museums, the Botanic Gardens and the Arboretum. Floriade will also still be in full swing so accommodation may need to be booked and deposits paid a bit earlier than is usual for multi day base camps.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	6-Oct	D	Steiglitz: Sutherland Creek	M 14km	130km SW	Vanessa
This walk is set for prime orchid viewing time. We will walk down Sutherlands Creek, with plenty of history, to start with, through the old town of Steiglitz, further along the creek off track, then along tracks up out of the creek.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	9-Oct	D	Yarra River Walk	E 11km	6km E	Marlene
Rescheduled from the June walk which was curtailed due to bad weather. A pleasant flat walk along the river from the Burke Rd bridge to Heidi, returning on the south side of the river. Meet at Victoria Park Kew at 8.45am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	13-Oct	D	Schwerkolt Cottage to Beasley's Nursery	MH 20km	23km E	Peter
This walk starts at Schwerkolt Cottage on the Koonung Trail and follows the Mullum Mullum Creek Trail all the way to Beasley's Nursery, before returning along a parallel track (some of the way) back to our cars. It is basically a flat track most of the way and has been graded above medium purely because of the distance. We'll have our coffee break at the nursery.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	16-Oct	CLUB MEETING				
Sat - Sun	19-20 Oct		Federation Weekend: Lorne	VAR	150km SW	
The 2019 Bushwalking Victoria Federation event will be based at Lorne and hosted by the Geelong club. Walks program was posted on 1st May and bookings close 1 September.						
	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
www.fedwalks.org.au						
Sat	19-Oct	D	St Kilda Surrounds & Linden Gallery	E 10km	8km S	June
The Linden Gallery, housed in a Victorian mansion on Ackland St, features contemporary art by mid-career artists. We also walk through some interesting back streets, parkland and beach areas. This is a public transport walk. Meet at Flinders St Station 9.30am.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Fri - Sun	25-27 Oct	PC	Alpine National Park & The Razorback	H 30km	275km NE	Robyn
This three day circuit pack carry will take place in the Alpine National Park, starting at Mt Hotham. The walk will descend to Snake Valley and Red Robin Battery, continue along past Blair's hut and ascend to the Federation Hut via Diamantina Spur. The plan is to also investigate the track status of Bungalow Spur. The walk will conclude at the Mt Loch car park at Hotham via The Razorback. The walk involves ascents and descents of 700m. However, there will be wonderful views as we cross The Razorback. The walk will depend on the weather conditions and amount of snow at the time, so the circuit route may change. This walk will involve an early departure on the Friday to enable the walk to commence on the same day.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES
Sun	27-Oct	D	Mount Buninyong	EM 13km	100km NW	Lyn
Buninyong was first settled in 1841, and the Mt Buninyong reserve around the top of an extinct volcano was set aside as a public park in 1866. This circuit walk goes from the township to the top of the mountain (approx 250m climb) and back via the von Mueller designed botanical gardens. Look out for old mining sites, dry stone walls, eucalypts, a crater, koalas and 360 degree views over farmland from the top of a fire tower.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	27-Oct	D	Steiglitz Walk - Starting Deadman's loop	M 13km	105km SW	Peter
During the 1860s, Steiglitz was a booming gold town catering for approximately 1,500 residents. This walk starts at the Courthouse, and initially follows the Deadman's Loop walk. Poles are recommended as there are three crossings of Sutherland Creek and the paths out of the gullies are narrow and rocky. There is an impressive escarpment early on in the walk. The historic courthouse is advertised as being open from 2pm each Sunday. However, if it is closed, we will adjourn to an earlier afternoon tea.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	30-Oct	Soc	Bendigo	-	150km NW	Fran
Train trip to Bendigo to see the Balenciaga retrospective curated by the V&A in London. Did he design anything suitable for wearing on a bushwalk? This is your chance to find out. Meet in the second to last carriage of the 9.14 train to Bendigo. No need to bring lunch; we will eat at a local cafe.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Fri-Tue	1-5 Nov	BC	Base Camp Mt Hotham	Var	380km NE	Cathy
A repeat of last year's very popular Cup weekend base camp. This time even more accommodation has been booked.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	3-Nov	D	Gardiners Creek Track	E 10km	10km E	Peter
This walk has been designed as a morning walk as we hope to finish before lunch. Meet at 8am at the corner of Elgar Road and Begonia Street (Melway map 61A3) or take the 70 tram along Riversdale Road to the tram terminus and walk south down Elgar Road (just 2 streets) to meet those travelling by car. This is a flat walk along the Gardiners Creek through the suburbs of Burwood, Ashwood, Malvern East and Glen Iris, returning to our cars via the Burke Road tram and then the 70 tram along Riversdale Road. Please bring a thermos as there are no convenient places enroute to enjoy coffee except at Camberwell Junction, and bring a Miki Card						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	10-Nov	D	Victorian 3 Peaks Challenge	VH 74km	450km N	Jim
Challenge yourself. Walk from Mountain Creek near Mt Bogong to Harrietville. Visiting the 3 highest peaks in Victoria - Mt Bogong 1986m, Mt Nelse North 1884m, and Mt Feathertop 1922m. A total distance of 74km and 4100m up and down. The aim is to cover the distance in one continuous period. There is an option to end along the Bogong High Plains or Mt Loch. Need to be available the day before and after for travel & recovery. Comprehensive bushwalking experience and fitness required. More information on application.						
6	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Sun	10-Nov	D	Lancefield	M	90km	12km	N	Fran
This walk in the Cobaw State Forest starts with a steep climb then continues along a ridge following management trails and 4WD tracks - some quite badly eroded. There is another down and up, though not as steep as the first, before a gradual return downhill to the cars. Approx 350m climbing. Lovely bush and should be some wild flowers. Lots of birdlife.								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Wed	13-Nov	D	Conservation Hill & Rhyll Inlet	E	140km	11km	SE	Joan
An easy walk on Phillip Island on formed paths and boardwalks, passing mangroves and wetlands with plentiful birdlife. This area is listed under the Ramsar Convention. Walk into Rhyll for coffee before returning to cars. Note early start due to distance. Meet at Victoria Park Kew at 8.15 for an 8.30 start.								
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Fri - Sun	15-17 Nov	BC	Mystery Weekend lodge and camping	Var	Within 150km	Vanessa		
Mystery weekend suitable for all! Themed shared dinner Saturday night - awards & prizes for costumes & accoutrements! Walks on Saturday & Sunday of various levels. Lodge accommodation or you may camp nearby. Combine walking with social fun!								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Sun	17-Nov	D	Sardine & Clearwater Creeks	MH	87km	9km	W	Jan
A walk in Lerderderg State Park, mostly on good track, but there is an off track section along Clearwater Creek with several creek crossings. There are also 2 steep climbs. Walking poles would be useful.								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Tues	19-Nov	D	Craigieburn Creeks Circuit	EM	25km	15km	N	Julia
This walk starts and finishes at Craigieburn Station. We walk west along Aitken Creek to Highlands Lake, then north to Malcolm Creek, and east via this, to a path alongside the Hume Hwy which takes us back to the station. The walk provides a good overview of the rapidly developing suburb of Craigieburn and its many charming parks and waterways. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Craigieburn train that leaves Flinders St at 9.14am then goes through Southern Cross at 9.18. You can get on at either stop. Go to the back carriage of the train.								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Wed	20-Nov	CLUB MEETING						
Sun	24-Nov	D	Mount Beenak Circuit Walk	MH	77km	20km	E	Peter
This is a circuit walk in the Yarra and Tarago State Forests in the region of Mount Beenak where the bushfires raged last year. It will be an exploratory walk with walks both on minor roads and off road tracks. Lunch will be held at the summit of Mount Beenak - Fire Lookout Tower. Prior to lunch the track is gradually uphill and then steep downhill sections after lunch, so walking poles are recommended.								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
Sun	24-Nov	D	Brighton to Sandringham	E	20km	12km	S	Lyn
An out and return walk around the bay. Some on the sand, some along coastal path or boardwalk. We have done this previously as a dawn walk but have not yet found a good spot for breakfast. This time we will car pool from Kew at the usual time, but with the short drive will have most of the walk complete before any possible heat. Bring your lunch and we will have coffee towards the end in Brighton.								
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	
ADVANCED NOTICES								
~10 days	Feb/Mar 2020	BC/D/PC	Tasman & Freycinet NPs	M & EM	Tas	Graeme		
Three Capes walk followed by the Tasman Trail in Tasman NP, then Wineglass Bay and Hazards Beach walks in Freycinet.								
FULLY BOOKED. CONTACT GRAEME TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY VACANCIES.								
8 or 12	Number-Walkers (2 or 3 cars)		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?				NO	