



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Winter 2020

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

All club activities have been cancelled at least until the end of June. If government health advice allows for a resumption of activities after that time then the following events have been scheduled. Until such time as meetings are allowed, members should contact the leader directly via phone or email to sign up for a walk. There may still be restrictions on maximum numbers on a walk, and also arrangements for getting to the start of a walk. Further advice will be provided by eBulletin and the Twitter message on the front page of the club website.

Wed	1-Jul	D	Johns Hill Menzies Creek	EM 13km	50km E	Vanessa
Walking in the rural parts of the Dandenong Ranges NP includes sweeping views across farms and gardens, with the vantage point of Johns Hill providing views of Melbourne and the bays on a clear day. This walk also offers a short creek section, quiet roads, walking track and road reserve. Total climbing is 335m. Meeting details will be emailed to those on the list.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Thu	2-Jul	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk	E 7km	30km NE	Jan
A walk for primary school aged children and their grandparents. We will walk along the Yarra from Jumping Creek Reserve picnic ground. The track is a bit up and down with a few rough patches and some scrambling. 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

Sun	5-Jul	D	Mt Donna Buang	M 12km	84km E	Kim
Another opportunity to visit this beautiful walking area. The walk is not a long distance and is not difficult, but does include 1-2 hours of walking off track. During the walk we will visit Mt Victoria, the ruins of some old ski huts, the summit of Mt Donna Buang and a hidden hut that 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. Snow is always a possibility.						
12	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Sun	5-Jul	D	Birdsland	E 10km	40km E	Lyn
A pleasant walk in the foothills of the Dandenongs. An easy stroll around two lakes in the Birdsland Reserve before we enter the northern section of Lysterfield Park. Here there are granite outcrops and eucalypt forest. Enjoy views across pastoral land to the city. A total of about 200m climbing in a few short sections. We will have a picnic afternoon tea by the creek in the Birdsland Reserve after the walk.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Wed	8-Jul	D	Royal Park	E 7km	City	Lyn
A very gentle return to walking for those who do not want to start with hills! A surprising amount of trees, ponds and native grassland close to the city. Meet at 10am near the level crossing on Poplar Rd behind the zoo. Take the Upfield train to Royal Park station, the number 55 West Coburg tram to stop 25, or use the free parking at the zoo.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Sun	12-Jul	D	Lerderderg Heritage River Walk	E 9km	86km NW	Sandra
A gentle walk along the Lerderderg River near Blackwood. There are many historic reminders of the gold rush days, including water races, ruins and mines. The walk starts and finishes at the Garden of St.Erth, an 1860s sandstone cottage that was once part of the gold mining township of Simmons Reef. There may be no need to carry lunch as I will book the cafe in the Garden of St Erth if restrictions allow.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sun	12-Jul	D	Masons Falls Circuit	M 14km	61km N	Joslin
Walk starts and finishes at Mt Sugarloaf. There is one steep descent of about 250m from Mt Sugarloaf to The Tryst. We then make up most of this height to reach Masons Falls and the picnic ground where we will lunch. After lunch there is a generally gentle ascent over 6km back to Mt Sugarloaf.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Tues	14-Jul	D	Braeside Park	E 12km	25km SE	Julia
This walk begins and ends at Mordialloc Station. It follows the Mordialloc Creek path to the new and very upmarket suburb of Waterways. From there we cross over Governor Rd to complete a near circuit of Braeside Park, land once used for all manner of utilitarian purposes, but now beautifully replanted with native vegetation. We return to Mordialloc Station via an industrial park and back streets. There are no hills. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Frankston train that leaves Flinders St Station at 9.12am and go to the back carriage.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Wed	15-Jul	CLUB MEETING				
Sun	19-Jul	D	Patterson River & Kananook Creek	EM 15km	33km SE	Ian
Starting at Chelsea Bicentennial Park, this walk heads across to the Patterson River. Then it follows the path on the river bank and the path that heads across to Kananook Creek. After following the creek downstream for a while, we will cut across to the beach and head for the mouth of the Patterson River, before returning to Chelsea.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Wed	22-Jul	D	Murrindindi Boroondara Track	M 12km	NE 96km	Jan
A walk along the river, then climb 300m over 3km passing Wilhelmina falls to the Boroondara track. We then descend through forest of peppermint and messmate to join the Murrindindi River walk and follow the old tramway track through the forest and the riverside path back to our walk start. Steep and rocky in places. Walking poles may be helpful. Gang gangs and yellowtailed black cockatoos may be seen through the forest. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet carpark Melway 60J2 at 7.45am for 8am departure. NB not Victoria Park						
16	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Sat	26-Jul	D	Churchill Park	EM 14km	40km SE	Lyn
Starting at the Churchill Park picnic ground we combine a loop in Churchill Park with tracks in Lysterfield Park, including great views from the trig point lookout. Some moderately steep climbs, but we will do them slowly. See lots of birds and kangaroos, and perhaps an echidna.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	
Wed	29-Jul	D	Clonbinane/Wandong	M 13km	70m N	Fran
This walk is on the western side of Kinglake National Park. There are sections of dirt road as well as mountain bike tracks. Undulating country with total climbing of 375m. There is both older bush and some sections through regrowth from the 2009 Black Saturday fires.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers	Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO	

Sun	2-Aug	D	Plenty Gorge; South Morang	EM 13km	25km N	Graeme
<p>Although Plenty Gorge Park is mainly regenerating farmland (lots of kangaroos!) and is surrounded by suburbia, the gorge itself is quite well preserved and presents a variety of interesting natural scenery. This is a circuit walk in the northern section of the park. It starts at the old Le Page Homestead, proceeds northwards along the west bank, crosses the river at a new footbridge at the northern end, then returns southwards mainly along the east bank, but re-crosses the river on another footbridge before returning to the start. There are numerous small inclines, some of which are quite slippery when wet</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	5-Aug	D	Wilson Park Berwick	E 9km	40km E	June
<p>We will follow tracks around a lake and through bush land. We should see both waterbirds and bush birds. There is a lookout, an information centre and a covered picnic area. Climbing the lookout is optional as there are good views from other locations. Meet at 8.45 at Victoria Park Kew.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Fri-Sun	7 - 9 Aug	PC	Snow Walk - West Ridge Mt Buller or Feathertop via one of the classic routes	MH 20km+	Vic. tbc	Jim
<p>If we can get away for a snow walk this year, let's try one of these classic destinations. Will involve use of snow shoes, crampons and ropes. As usual we will be self-reliant and snow camping.</p>						
6	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		YES PLB
Sun	9-Aug	D	Brisbane Ranges - Boar Gully Northwards	EM 15km	92km W	Ian
<p>This relatively flat walk will take us north from Boar Gully to Loop Track. Here we will walk a number of loops off Loop Track to the edge of Spring Creek Gorge, and return via Pea Track and Old Thompsons Track.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Tues	11-Aug	D	Maribyrnong River	EM 15km	10km W	Julia
<p>The walk starts at Canning Reserve and finishes at Kensington Station. We walk downriver to the stock bridge, through Kensington Banks along the stock route, then via streets to Kensington Station. Highlights of this walk include the spectacular Lily St lookout and the many varied parks along the river. Meet at the Elizabeth St tram terminus, cnr Flinders St, to catch the 9.15am no 57, West Maribyrnong, tram to the end of the line in Cordite Ave.</p>						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Wed	12-Aug	D	Bridgewater Bay to Sorrento Ocean Beach	M 14km	100km S	Jan
<p>A return walk mostly on good sandy tracks. Will include some coastal sand dunes and beach walking. Depending on tidal conditions we will explore the rock pools and platforms of Blairgowrie. Lunch at Sorrento ocean beach before return walk to Bridgewater Bay. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet carpark Melway 60J2 at 7.45am for 8am departure. NB not Victoria Park</p>						
15	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO

Sun	16-Aug	D	Kinglake National Park; St. Andrews Hill	M 10km	130km NE	Peter
The waterfalls and fern gullies of the Mason Falls and Jehosaphat Gully sections of King Lake NP are well known, but the forests and glades of the separate northern section are less frequented and well worth the visit. We follow quiet forest tracks to explore a little-known part of this popular national park. The route passes through a range of vegetation communities and animal habitats. There is a climb of 200m, which is quite steep in places, to the summit of Andrews Hill. The walk, although only 10km, will take approximately 4-4.5 hours - thus the reason for it being graded medium.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	16-Aug	D	Arthurs Seat & Kings Falls	E 9km	70km SE	Sandra
Arthurs Seat (314m) is the highest point on the Mornington Peninsula and offers unrivalled views of Port Phillip Bay. The walk is surprisingly quiet as it winds through attractive forest high above rural farmland. The walk incorporates a visit to Kings Falls and the historic Seawinds Gardens. The falls are not likely to contain any water at this time of the year. The vegetation varies from messmate and sheoak woodland on the northern slopes to manna gum and swamp gum forests in the valleys to the south.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Wed	19-Aug	CLUB MEETING				
Sat	22-Aug	D	Tarilta Creek, Six Chimneys, Old ruins	H 14km	128km NW	Robyn
This walk in the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park north of Daylesford should take about 6 hours. It is mainly off track through dry, open forest and involves a number of creek crossings (dry). We will attempt to find the six chimneys, pass by some old mine shafts and the remains of an old building.						
8	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	23-Aug	D	Tanglefoot Walking Track	M 17km	70km NE	Peter McM
This walk traverses the western side of Mt Tanglefoot passing through the damp gullies that form the headwaters of Sylvia Creek. There is a variety of forest types, including tall mountain ash and myrtle beech.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
Sun	23-Aug	D	Point Lonsdale - Queenscliff	E 12km	111km SW	Kim
A walk for all seasons, this is a circuit walk which starts at Point Lonsdale and follows the beach at a lowish tide to Queenscliff. The route back passes the historic Queenscliff Station, the old train line and then follows the bike path back to the beach front and on to Point Lonsdale. There are many historic points of interest around Queenscliff and beautiful vistas across Swan Bay and Port Phillip Bay to the heads.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO
ADVANCED NOTICES						
Sun	6-Sep	D	Two Bays Walking Track	M 17km	95km S	Michael
From Rogers Rd parking area through Greens Bush to the Two Bays Walking Track and down to the ocean. Lunch, paddle and explore at iconic Bushrangers Bay. Return, taking a different route back uphill for the last part. Some 300m total climbing. A great mix of vegetation types; super views as we near the ocean; often kangaroos. Re-run of walk cancelled in early March 2019 because of heat.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers		Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?			NO

Thu-Mon	24-28 Sep	BC	Wangaratta; for Warby-Ovens NP	Var EM	245km N	Graeme
Spend Grand Final weekend among the flowers (and especially orchids) in the Warby Ranges (and also the River Red Gums of the Ovens River floodplain). Walk Thu pm to Mon am (or just Fri-Sun). Expected to include a conducted walk by local plant experts. Stay in cabins at Painters Island Caravan Park. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PLEASE.						
20	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Fri-Sun	2-4 Oct	BC	Grampians	Var	270km W	Dorothy
As this is wildflower season, we will walk in areas best known for their flowers. However, this will be a camping weekend, sleeping in tents, cooking on camping stoves and enjoying being at one with nature. If this is not something you have experienced before it is a great chance to find out what camping is all about. We will use one of the National Park camp sites, precise location to be finalised after the summer. More details to come at a later date.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sun	11-Oct	D	Mirboo North-Boolarra Rail Trail	E 13km	160km E	Sandra
Because of the travel distance involved this walk will require a 7am start from Kew carpark. This walk is a very pleasant forest trail in the heart of Gippsland. The walk starts in Mirboo North, behind a boutique brewery. The trail follows the branch line from Morwell which was opened in 1885 and closed in 1974. The Darlimurla area used to have some of the tallest trees in the country. The regrowth vegetation is a mixture of wattles and eucalypts. There will be a car shuttle.						
24	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO
Sat-Sun	17-18 Oct	PC	Beginners Easier Overnight Walk – Mt St Gwinear / Mustering Flat	M 13km	190km E	Jim & Dorothy
This is one of a few planned easier overnight walks scheduled for in 2020. We will have a short walk in to a great camp site. If required, assistance will be provided as to equipment selection, food preparation and sharing.						
6	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		No
Fri-Tue	30 Oct - 3 Nov	BC	Bright	Var	320km NW	Lyn /Cathy
Return to Bright Alps Lodge for day walks on Mount Buffalo and surrounding alpine areas.						
30	= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers			Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?		NO