



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Summer 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 Types

Day walks (D) and other day activities are listed first in the program.

Pack Carries (PC; minimum grading Medium) and Base Camps (BC) then follow.

The following activities may also appear in the program:

Conservation (**Con**), Cycling (**Cyc**), Canoeing (**Can**), Social (**Soc**), Training (**Trn**)

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

To join a walk

- Note the walk grade given for each walk, and decide which grade suits your fitness level. For beginners this should be either Easy or Easy-Medium.
- Book onto the walk by first contacting a Walks Coordinator (by email). Details for this are on our [Contact Us](#) page. Alternatively, talk to a Walks Coordinator at a Club meeting.
- The Walks Coordinator will send you further information by return email or phone.
- This information will include the contact details of the Walk Leader, who you will need to contact to book onto the walk and obtain meeting arrangements. **This contact should be made at least two days before the walk.**
- **During the COVID restrictions**, walkers must provide their own transport (no carpooling).
- If you later wish to cancel, please advise the Leader promptly.
- 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. Details on what to wear and take on a walk are available [here](#).
- Any **medical condition** that could affect you during the activity **must be advised** to the Leader (in confidence) **before leaving Melbourne.**
- The Club has an Incident Management System. Ask the Leader about it.
- The Club also has a Code of Ethics. Ask the Leader about this, too.

Visitors will be required to sign an indemnity and pay the Walk Leader \$5 per day of walking, to a limit of \$15 for 3 or more days.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (as applying at the date of the walk):

Wearing of masks in cafés, etc or where close contact is necessary.
 Maintaining a separation of at least 1.5m, both walking and stationary.
 Using own transport (no carpooling).
 Post-walk refreshments being self-provided.

DAY WALKS AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

Day	Date	Time	Walk Title	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader (Gvn Name)
Walk description						
Wed	25-Nov	9.30	Mount Evelyn Circuit	EM 14km	35km E	Peter
This walk starts and finishes at Lilydale Railway Station. We walk the Warburton Rail Trail as far as Mount Evelyn, a steady gradual ascent. After lunch there, we return to Lilydale via the Mount Evelyn Aqueduct, which includes one steep descent, and Lilydale Lake.						
Sat	28-Nov	To be advised	Tarilta Creek - Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	H 14km	128km NW	Robyn
This walk will take place in the old gold mining areas north of Daylesford and should take about 6 hours. It is mainly off track through dry, open forest and involves several creek crossings (dry). We will attempt to find the six chimneys, pass by some old mine shafts and the remains of an old building. Max walkers = 8						
Sun	29-Nov	9.30	Arthurs Seat	EM <10km	70km SE	Sandra
Arthurs Seat is the highest point on the Mornington Peninsula. The walk winds through attractive forest high above rural farmland. The vegetation varies from messmate and sheoaks on the northern slopes to manna and swamp gums in the valleys to the south.						
Sun	29-Nov	9.30	Dandenong Ranges	M 15.6km	43km E	Roger
This anti-clockwise circuit walk of the summit of Mt Dandenong links two large sections of the National Park, visits Olinda Falls, Mt Dandenong Arboretum and a great viewpoint overlooking Melbourne.						
Wed	2-Dec	9.00	Lake Wendouree Ballarat	E 8km	120km NW	Lyn
Use up your seniors free train tickets for a walk around Lake Wendouree and through the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.						
Sun	6-Dec	9.30	Mill Park	EM 14km	25km N	Fran
Another section of the Plenty Gorge Park. This is some great bushland walking close to the city. Total climbing of 290m. This is mostly on trail bike tracks so lots of little ups and downs rather than a single big hill. Poles would be helpful. Lots of wildlife and flowers						
Sun	6-Dec	10.00	Cobaw Range Circuit	M 12km	80km N	ChrisB
The Cobaw Range is a large, preserved region of protected native bushland located near Lancefield. This is a relatively easy 12km circuit that explores the protected native bushland of the Cobaw Range. There are nice views from Ridge Track towards Mt William, across the valley to the east as well as across Hanging Rock and the Macedon Ranges to the south.						

Wed	9-Dec	10.00	Red Hill Rail Trail	EM 13km	80km S	Bernie
This is a historic rail route, with natural bush, rural views, and some sea glimpses. The track, from Red Hill South to Merricks, is gravel and dirt. It is a gradual downhill and gradually uphill on return, but with one short steep section. Max walkers = 15						
Fri	11-Dec	9:30	Kallista - Sherbrooke Forest loop	M 13km	35km E	Michael
Kallista, Sherbrook Forest, Pole Plot Track, Grants Picnic Ground. Some 360m climbing/descending - some steep (it is the Dandenongs!) After a long absence it will be great to be back amongst the tree ferns and the mountain ash trees. Half day walk. Max walkers = 15						
Sun	13-Dec	6.00	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park	E 10km	5km NE	Lyn
Enjoy the peace of very early morning from both sides of the river downstream from Kanes Bridge. Hopefully, we will be able to breakfast outside at the Convent Bakery. Some short sections of track are steep with loose stones so the less steady may want boots and poles.						
Sun	13-Dec	4/5/6 pm	Lower Yarra; City	EM/E 15//8km	6km SW	Graeme
An evening, 'dinner', walk, downstream along the right bank of the river to Webb Bridge, returning on the left bank, with dinner [not included in price (-:) at Southgate on the way. Upstream point will be either MacRobertson Br, Chapel St Br or Morell Br depending on how hot the day is. Corresponding distances are 15/11/8.4 km, with starting times 4/5/6 pm (to be advised). Max walkers = 12. [Walk repeated on 7 Feb.]						
Wed	16-Dec	From 6.30 pm	PICNIC IN THE ALEXANDRA GARDENS, KEW (including usual December highlights) BYO chair, food and drink not to share			
Sun	20-Dec	9.30	Myrningong	M 16km	85km W	Fran
Starting at the base of Tower Track, walk up to the top of Mt Blackwood for extensive views. Then we go out and back along Chadwick Track, Ah Kow Track and the Brisbane Ranges Tracks before returning on Lohs Track to the cars.						
Thur	31-Dec	6.45 pm	Clifton Hill	E 7km	5km N	Fran
Starting and finishing at the Quarries Park, walk along the Merri Creek to finish at the Ramsden St Reserve in Clifton Hill in time to enjoy BYO Christmas leftovers while watching the 9.30pm New Year's Eve fireworks. Families and kids welcome.						
Sun	3-Jan	7.30	Sunrise Walk - Warrandyte Goldfields including Breakfast	E 8km	23km E	Peter
Walk through history in the footsteps of Warrandyte Gold miners. At conclusion of the walk we will have breakfast at a local café.						
Wed	6-Jan	9.00	Mordialloc to Frankston Beach	M 17km	28km S	Peter
This walk is along the beach with the option of a swim along the way. Bring plenty of water as well as your Miki Card to travel back from Frankston to Mordialloc by train.						
Sun	10-Jan	9.30	Point Lonsdale - Queenscliff	E 12km	111km SW	Kim
A walk for all seasons, this circuit walk will follow the bike path to Queenscliff via the beach front, Swan Bay and the historic Queenscliff station. The route back will follow the beach at low tide. There are many historic points of interest around Queenscliff and beautiful vistas across Swan Bay and Port Phillip Bay to the heads.						

Sun	10-Jan	9.30	Mount Dom Dom Hermitage Walk	M 13.5km	85km NE	ChrisB
This is one of the circuit walks from Dom Dom Saddle that offers a side-trip to the summit of Mt Dom Dom. Although not a difficult walk overall, there is a total of 600 mtrs of climbing, mostly on the side trip to the summit.						
Wed	13-Jan	6.30	Summer Sunrise: St Kilda and Albert Park Lake	E 12km	10km SW	Lyn
We walk around the bay from St Kilda towards Station Pier and then return around Albert Park Lake. Hopefully, we can have breakfast outdoors at the Gasworks Park café.						
Thur	14-Jan	10.00	Warburton Rail Trail	E 9km	35km E	June
Walk along disused rail line Wandin North to Seville East and return. Coffee and/or lunch at Carriage Cafe.						
Sun	17-Jan	9.30	Coolart to Merricks Beach	EM 13km	80km SE	Sandra
The walk first explores coastal woodlands, wetlands, tranquil lagoons and bird hides in the grounds of Coolart, a late Victorian Mansion and historic farming property. After crossing the bridge over Merricks Creek, the route is then on sand to Merricks Beach, before returning to Coolart along the shore again.						
Tue	19-Jan	10.00	Brisbane Ranges National Park	M 14km	83km W	Bernie
The Grass Tree walk is mostly 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.						
Wed	20-Jan	From 6.30 pm	PICNIC / BBQ IN THE ALEXANDRA GARDENS, KEW BYO chair, food and drink not to share			
Sun	24-Jan	4.30 pm	Station Pier, Webb Dock and Westgate Park	E 10km	8km SE	Lyn
Enjoy a pleasant early evening walk around the bay and through Westgate Park. Finish with fish and chips at Station Pier. Walk can be shortened if the weather is hot. In case of extreme heat, we may cancel, so be sure to include a contact number when you book.						
Sun	31-Jan	10.00	Inverleigh	E 10km or M 16km	110km SW	Fran
Mostly flat walking along the Inverleigh River to its confluence with the Barwon River. Lunch at the historic Inverleigh Hotel if it is possible by then. If we are not allowed to eat at the pub, we will walk some of the trails and have a picnic lunch in the Inverleigh Nature Park which has some rare remnant open woodlands, with possible sightings of koalas in the manna gums, echidna, black wallabies and lots of bird species. Longer walk is rated M because of distance, the terrain is quite easy. Which walk will be advised when arrangements can be confirmed.						
Sun	7-Feb	4/5/6 pm	Lower Yarra; City	EM/E 15//8km	6km SW	Graeme
An evening, 'dinner', walk, downstream along the right bank of the river to Webb Bridge, returning on the left bank, with dinner [not included in price (-:) at Southgate on the way. Upstream point will be either MacRobertson Br, Chapel St Br or Morell Br depending on how hot the day is. Corresponding distances are 15/11/8.4 km, with starting times 4/5/6 pm (to be advised). Max walkers = 12. [Repeated from 13 Dec.]						

Sun	7-Feb	9.30	Fryers Ridge Circuit	M 19km	110km NW	ChrisB
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This Fryers Ridge Circuit hike will take us through the scenic woodlands expanse of Fryers Ridge Nature Conservation Reserve. This is a quiet woodland area with several small streams. While this is a long-ish walk there are no significant climbs along the way.

Wed	10-Feb	10.00	Royal Park	E 7km	City	Lyn
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A gentle walk around Royal Park, with a surprising number of trees, ponds and native grassland close to the city.

Sun	14-Feb	7.00	Summer Sunrise: Sandringham to Ricketts Point	E 12km	15km SE	Lyn
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Follow the path around the bay from Sandringham to Ricketts Point. Hopefully, breakfast at the cafe and then return by same route.

Sun	14-Feb	9.30	Whisky Track to Ambler Lane	M 15.5km	95km NW	Roger
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An anticlockwise circuit, starting at the junction of O'Briens Road and Whisky Track, down to and across the Lerderderg River and returning via Byers Back Track and Ambler Lane.

Wed	17-Feb	7.30 pm	CLUB MEETING			
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BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES

Dates	Type	Walk Title, Location	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader (Gvn Name)
Activity description					

Thu 11 - Mon 15 Mar	BC	Bright	Var	320km NW	Cathy/ Lyn
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Stay at the Bright Alps Lodge for day walks on Mount Buffalo and surrounding Alpine areas.

Sat 17 Apr - Tue 4 May	PC	Grampians Peaks Trail	MH 160km	280km W	Jim
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From Mt Zero in the north to Dunkeld in the south, this new trail provides challenges for all levels. At 160km and 13 days it is a significant undertaking. However, to make it more relaxing I intend to have 1 or 2 rest days and options to have food and water drops in our cars at key locations.