



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Winter 2021

VISITOR INFORMATION

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 – on the third Wednesday monthly in the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for 8.00pm start (to meet Covid requirements, attendees must sign-on at the entrance via the Service Victoria QR Code App or record their name manually at the desk).

Meeting place for walks (unless otherwise listed or advised):

- **Sunday and Saturday** walks depart from the carpark at the rear of Kew Library, Cotham Road Kew (Melway 45 D6). Meet at 7.45 am for an 8.00 am departure.
- **Weekday** walks depart from Victoria Park, near Kew Cemetery, High Street Kew. Enter opposite Belford Road (Melway 45 G5). Meet at 8.45 am for a 9.00 am departure.

The leader may arrange carpooling at the above meeting places or prior to the walk via phone / email. Walkers may choose not to take part in carpooling - if so, please advise the leader prior to the walk.

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 to confirm meeting arrangements and any other requirements. **This contact should be made at least two days before the walk.**
- 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.

MAY - AUG 2021 WALKS PROGRAM

DAY WALKS, DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity Title</u>	<u>Grade & km</u>	<u>Dist & Dirn</u>	<u>Leader (Gvn Name)</u>
<u>Details</u>					
Wed	19-May	CLUB MEETING			
Sun	23-May	Lerderderg Heritage River Walk	E 9km	65km W	Sandra
<p>This walk starts and finishes at the Garden of St Erth. Most of this walk follows old water races with barely a hill to interrupt its continuity. The water race provides enjoyable walking through mostly dry forested hillsides. I may be able to book lunch at the restaurant at the Garden of St Erth, called the Fork to Fork Cafe.</p>					
Sun	23-May	Goldfields Track 2: Ballarat to Chapel Flat	M 16km	125km W	Suzanne (Mentor-Richard)
<p>This is a repeat of the Goldfields Track #2 walk that Kim Rosen ran, with a few variations off the main track. It is a one way walk that starts in Ballarat. The first 5 km follow the pretty Yarrowee River path through Black Hill (site of a large open cut mine), Brown Hill and bird wetlands, before moving through lovely native forest, passing landmarks including Nuggety Dam and the White Swan Reservoir. We will walk through old gold diggings, eroded gullies, a water race and numerous unprotected shafts, some with very large drops.</p>					
Thurs	27-May	Pound Bend Warrandyte	E 5km	17km NE	Alfred
<p>The walk is along the Yarra Loop with beautiful view of the Yarra and steep hillside on the opposite side. Then along some open grass area with plenty of kangaroos. The trail then goes through bush trees back to the Pound Bend tunnel cut last century by gold miners. The area is a traditional Wurundjeri land.</p>					
Sat	29-May	Tarilta Creek, Six Chimneys, Old ruins, Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	H 19km	128km NW	Robyn
<p>This walk will take place in the old gold mining areas north of Daylesford and should take about 6 hours walking time. It is mainly off track through dry, open forest and involves some creek crossings (dry). We will attempt to find the six chimneys, pass by some old mine shafts and the remains of an old building.</p>					
Sun	30-May	Lilydale Lake	E 10km	35km E	June
<p>Walk around Lilydale Lake and nearby Wetlands. Many waterbirds and bushland. Lunch / coffee at Melba museum/cafe. Circular walk - we finish at Lilydale Station.</p>					
Sun	30-May	Goldfields Track 4: Creswick - Crossroads	MH 19km	128km NW	Kim
<p>This walk starts at St Georges Lake and continues through the Creswick State Forest to Dean and on to the Mollonghip area. The last few kilometres are along quiet straight stretches of rural sealed and unsealed roads. This sets us up for lovely forest walking on the next section. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers).</p>					
Wed	2-Jun	Bendigo	Soc	160km NW	Fran
<p>This is a social/cultural trip where we will visit the Mary Quant exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery. We will have lunch at a cafe in Bendigo before returning by train. Please ensure you book your ticket to the exhibition online <i>before</i> you put your name on the list for this activity. The tickets are timed entry. Book for the 11.30 session.</p>					

Sat	5-Jun	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke Falls	EM 8km	45km SE	Lyn
Get those COVID legs back into climbing hills on this morning walk. Slow and steady on the steep tracks on both sides of Sherbrooke Creek.					
Sun	6-Jun	Glen Iris to Deepdene	EM 14km	8km SE	Ian
Walk from Glen Iris, along Gardiners Creek and then along the Anniversary Trail, following the route of the Outer Circle Line to Whitehorse Rd. Then we will catch a tram, returning along Burke Rd to Gardiners Creek and walk back to the start. Please remember to bring a Myki card and a mask for the tram trip.					
Sun	6-Jun	Goldfields Track 5: Crossroads - Sailors Creek Road	M 15km	116km NW	Kim
Continuing through the Mollongghip area the track enters the Wombat State Forest and follows the route of Anderson's Tramway. The walk continues along old tramways, passes Mullens Dam, and arrives at Wombat Station, a good spot for lunch. The forest walk continues until the end of this section at Sailors Creek Road. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers).					
Thu	10-Jun	Beaches and Canals	E 11km	12km S	Julia
The walk starts at Brighton Beach Station and finishes at Gardenvale Station. We walk up the Bayside path to Elwood then turn east and follow the Elwood and Elster Canals to Gardenvale. There are various interesting features, along the Elwood Canal in particular. Mostly on sealed paths and no hills to speak of. We will have morning coffee in a cafe at the Brighton Baths and lunch in a cafe at the end of the walk.					
Sat	12-Jun	Mid-Winter Day/Night Trentham Blue Mount Domino Trail + Social dinner	M 18km E 6km EM 12km	95km NW	Vanessa
Walk, dinner, night walk in the bleak midwinter! Quirky hotel with delicious food for dinner, choose your walk section or distance. Climb Blue Mount & explore the old cemetery, wander the bush tracks, finish with the rail trail in the dark. Or simply join in for dinner. Many options on offer for all interests & abilities. Beanies, gloves, etc for sure!					
Sun	13-Jun	Plenty Gorge; South Morang	EM 14km	25km N	Graeme
Although Plenty Gorge Park is mainly regenerating farmland and is surrounded by suburbia, the gorge itself is quite well preserved, and presents a variety of interesting natural scenery. This is an elongated circuit walk, in the northern section of the Park. It starts at the old Le Page Homestead and, if the water is not too deep, crosses the river at a ford at the southern end; otherwise at a footbridge halfway up. At the northern end there is another small footbridge to re-cross. There are no hills, but several of the undulations can be quite slippery when wet.					
Wed	16-Jun	CLUB MEETING			
Thu	17-Jun	Wandong/Clonbinane	M 14km	65km N	Fran
On the western side of Kinglake National Park, this walk uses four-wheel drive and trail bike tracks - very busy at the weekend but unlikely to see vehicles on a weekday. Part of the walk is through areas burned in the Black Saturday fires. There has been significant regeneration, but fire damage is still evident.					
Sun	20-Jun	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East	EM 7km	45km SE	Lyn
Another quick fitness boost. A scenic loop from Grants Picnic Ground with a few steep climbs including Paddy's Track. Finish before lunch.					
Sun	20-Jun	Emerald to Gembrook and back	MH 26km	50km E	Michael
Following Puffing Billy along the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. An undulating walk on made gravel trails through farmland, historic rail/industrial areas, forests and the Emerald Lake picnic area. Fabulous vistas. Get a coffee at Gembrook over lunch (don't normally get that on a bushwalk). A long full day winter walk on the day before the solstice - you will definitely need warm clothing including beanies and gloves. Some 500+m climbing. Maximum of 15 walkers.					

Sun	20-Jun	Goldfields Track 6: Sailors Creek Road - Lake Daylesford	M 14km	112km NW	Kim
This section takes us to Sailors Falls as a side trip and through the Hepburn Regional Park to Lake Daylesford. Max. of 8 BBI Members (Preference to Full GT Track Walkers).					
Thu	24-Jun	Mullum Mullum Track - Currawong Bush Park	E 5km	Metro	Alfred
The walk starts at Crystal Brook Tourist Park along the Mullum Mullum Creek to the Currawong Bush Park. The walk covers a variety of scenery along the Mullum Mullum Creek with lots of bird life and the occasional kangaroo mob. The walk is generally flat with some short climbs.					
Sun	27-Jun	Anakie Gorge / Ted Errey Circuit	M 12km	90km W	Graeme
Part of this walk meanders through a unique dry gorge. Great views from Nelsons Lookout and also from an unnamed lookout. Area has diverse flora and fauna. TOTAL CLIMBING OF 300 METRES.					
Wed	30-Jun	Beleura House and Garden - Mornington	E 4km	40km SE	June
A theatre of the Past. Italianate villa erected in 1864. We can tour house and garden with morning tea and lunch included for \$40.00. 9.45 at golf club Mornington. See June re Deposit.					
Sun	4-Jul	Toolern Vale - Antimony Mine	EM 14km	60km NW	Fran
This walk was part of our Federation Walks programme in 2013. It is in the Pyrete Range. This Y shaped walk heads gently at first then steeply up to Mt Sugarloaf before returning to the junction with the Antimony Mine Track. We head out to the mine and back on a gentler hill track. Total climbing 320 m.					
Sun	4-Jul	Coimadai Creek	EM 10.4km	49km NW	Peter McM
"Walkers will delight in the quiet creek side trails which pass through stands of manna gum and blue box. The surrounding dry ridges are cloaked in box woodland and bull Mallee (which occurs nowhere else south of the Great Divide)."					
Wed	7-Jul	Grandparents & Grandkids walk: Warrandyte or Berwick	E 5km	Outer Metro	Di
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Max 10 families.					
Sun	11-Jul	Warneet to Blind Bight and Return	EM 13km	63km SE	Ian
This walk explores the area around Warneet and Blind Bight on Westernport Bay. From Warneet, we follow the Rutherford Creek upstream, with views over the mangroves and mudflats. The track passes through bushland in the Warneet Nature Reserve and a short suburban street section to more mangroves at Blind Bight.					
Sun	11-Jul	Goldfields Track 7: Lake Daylesford - Hepburn Springs	M 15km	125km NW	Kim
We walk from Lake Daylesford via Tipperary Springs, Bryces Flat & Breakneck Gorge to Hepburn Mineral Springs Reserve. Max. of 8 BBI Members (preference to Full GT Walkers).					
Wed	14-Jul	City Gardens	E 8km	City	Lyn
We will walk through Parliament Gardens, St Patrick's Cathedral grounds, Fitzroy Gardens, Yarra Park, Botanic Gardens, Kings Domain, Queen Victoria Gardens and Alexandra Gardens, finishing at Flinders St Station.					
Fri	16-Jul	Dinner: Truong Long Vietnamese restaurant	Soc	Metro	Peter
Whitehorse Road, Surrey Hills, just down from the corner of Union Road. The last time we went there we paid \$30 pp for a banquet, and we turned down the final course. Excellent value and lots of yummy food. Limit of 20 people. Time 6.30 pm.					
Sat	17-Jul	Short & Steep: Chandlers Hill	EM 8km	45km SE	Lyn
Explore a lesser known part of the Ferntree Gully park area, including Chandlers Hill and One Tree Hill. Lots of great views back to the city. A quick morning exercise that allows you to be home for lunch.					

Sun	18-Jul	Whisky Track to Ambler Lane Circuit	M 15.5km	84km NW	Roger
An anticlockwise route along the Whisky Track to the Kenworthy Track and down to the Lerderderg River. Up the other side, ultimately along Cowan Track to O'Briens Road. Down to O'Briens Crossing, along the Byers Back Track and up Ambler Lane. Maximum: 15 walkers.					
Sun	18-Jul	Darebin Creek & Main Yarra Trails	E 13km	Metro	Peter
Start at Victoria Park at 9am. We walk to Willsmere Park then along Darebin Creek Trail to Darebin Creek Park, cut across to Alphington, then follow the trainline to Fairfield for a coffee break at Nikos famous Greek Restaurant. We then make our way to Fairfield Boat shed for an early lunch, before returning to Willsmere Park following the Yarra River, and then Victoria Park.					
Wed	21-Jul	CLUB MEETING			
Thu	22-Jul	Outer Circle	EM 15km	Metro	Julia
This walk starts at Hughesdale Station and finishes at Harp Junction. It follows the route of the old Outer Circle Rail Line via Boyd Park, the Urban Forest and the Anniversary Trail. There are a few ups and downs but all gradual. We'll have lunch in a cafe along the way. There are plenty of bail outs on this walk.					
Sat	24-Jul	A Taste of the Otways	H 19km	153km SW	Robyn
This will be an interesting walk with a lot of variety including many waterfalls, going through a Canyon and coastal views. The walk will take about 7 hours of walking and involves some steep climbs and descents.					
Sun	25-Jul	Bushrangers Bay	EM 11.6km	89km SE	Fran
This popular coastal walk links Greens Bush with Bushrangers Bay and then follows dramatic cliff tops to Cape Schanck.					
Sun	25-Jul	Goldfields Track 8: Hepburn Springs - Porcupine Ridge Road	M 15km	125km NW	Kim
The track leaves Hepburn Springs Reserve, offers ascent of Jackson's Lookout and then on through Hepburn Regional Park with a few undulations and meets the Midland Highway at the Chocolate Mill. After crossing the bitumen, the track heads north-east with excellent views of Mt Franklin. This section ends where the track crosses Porcupine Ridge Rd. Max. 8 BBI Walkers (preference given to Full GT Walkers).					
Thur	29-Jul	Finns Reserve - Yarra Trail	E 5km	Metro	Alfred
The walk starts with a loop around Finns Reserve, then over the Yarra Bridge on to the Main Yarra trail. This will take us along the Yarra up to Rosanna Golf Course and back. The walk is relatively flat, mostly shaded by river gums. There is a variety of bird life.					
Sun	1-Aug	Kananook Creek at Seaford	EM 14km	37km SE	Ian
This walk continues our exploration of the Kananook Creek area. Starting in Seaford, we head north along the creek on the Kananook Creek Trail. Then we cross over the Nepean Highway and head south, walking either along the beach or on the path through the coastal vegetation, or a bit of both. Then we head back to the Kananook Creek Trail for a return to Seaford.					
Sun	1-Aug	Fingerpost circuit; Wombat SF	M 16km	73km NW	Graeme
The eastern end of Wombat State Forest (a bit west of Gisborne) is a maze of 4WD- BMX- and Walking-tracks. This walk, which is centred around Fingerpost Road, is predominantly on the latter – which will require some careful navigation (and an accurate map!). There is a 200m climb. This is an EXPLORATORY walk. There is a maximum of 12 walkers.					
Sun	8-Aug	Goldfields Track 9: Porcupine Ridge Road - Vaughan Springs	M 15km	127km NW	Kim
The track continues from Porcupine Ridge Rd following water races and past stone chimneys, Browns Gully ruin, Browns Gully Flats, Sebastopol Gully and various old gold mines. The walk finishes at the attractive Vaughan Springs Picnic area. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers).					

Sun	15-Aug	Brisbane Ranges - Boar Gully Northwards	EM 15km	92km W	Ian
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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.

Wed	18-Aug	Mulgrave	E 10km	Metro	Fran
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Walk around the Mulgrave Reserve Wetlands then continue along Dandenong Creek to Tirhatuan Park. A flat walk on the Dandenong Creek Trail. Afternoon tea at the Monash Gallery of Art and view the exhibition "Stages - Photography Through the Pandemic" if interested.

Wed	18-Aug	CLUB MEETING			
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Sun	22-Aug	Balcombe Estuary and The Briars	E 10km	70km S	Lyn
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From Mount Martha we follow track and boardwalk along the Balcombe Estuary to The Briars park. After a circuit of the park we return along the estuary. See manna and swamp gum woodland, wetlands and bird hides.

Sun	22-Aug	Goldfields Track 10: Vaughan Springs - Castlemaine	M 18km	129km NW	Kim
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On this section of the track we walk through the fascinating Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. There are many highlights including Fryerstown, the Spring Gully Mines, ascending The Monk and following Poverty Gully for over two kilometres. **Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers).**

Sun	29-Aug	Punchbowl to Kilcunda	M 15km	120km SE	Sandra
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The George Bass Coastal Walk offers Panoramic coastal views from a narrow winding path along cliff tops rising high above the pounding surf of Bass Strait. There are many native coastal plants along this walk and there are excellent opportunities for observing bird life along the coast. I will book Killies Pub for lunch at Kilcunda, so there is no need to bring lunch.

Sun	29-Aug	Goldfields Track 11: Castlemaine - Specimen Gully Road	M 15km	129km NW	Kim
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The track continues along Wheeler Street through Castlemaine and towards Chewton. We pass the foundations of the amazing Garfield Water Wheel and divert to the Welsh Village in this section of the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. The track continues through pine and native forests. **Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers).**

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES				
Dates	Type, Walk Title and Location	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader (Gvn Name)

Sun 8 - Sat 14 August	BASE CAMP - Mildura	E to EM Var	550km NW	Lyn
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Easy / Easy Medium walking and Silo Art. Four nights in Mildura and two nights in Horsham (motel or apartment). Includes Lake Tyrrell (Sea Lake), Murray River, Hattah Lakes, Murray Sunset National Park and Little Desert National Park. All day walks accessible by 2WD cars.

Thu 23 - Mon 27 September	BASE CAMP - Warby Ranges; Wangaratta	EM Var	245km N	Graeme
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Spend the weekend among the flowers (and especially orchids) in the Warby Ranges (and also the River Red Gums of the Ovens River flood plain). 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. Preference given to 2020 mooted participants. **CLOSED**

Thur 14 - Sun 17 October	BASE CAMP - Southern Grampians Walks in Wildflower Season	M to H Var	300km W	Jim & Dorothy
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This weekend offers some exciting mountain peaks in the southern Grampians plus lots of wildflowers. Your chance to walk to Signal Peak, Mt Abrupt and Mt Sturgeon over two days. Other challenges possible as more tracks open on the Grampians Peak Trail (GPT). The Piccaninny is renowned for its wildflowers, especially orchids, and can be included on any of these walks.

Maximum - 10. Arrange own accommodation or camping of your choice at Dunkeld.

Mon 18 - Fri 22 October	BASE CAMP - Swan Reach Gippsland	Var	300km E	Fran
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Based at Swan Reach Caravan Park, between Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance, both easy walks along the coast, rail trails and lakes and harder walks in the Colquhoun Forest and the Mitchell River and Nicholson River areas are possible depending on who signs on for this base camp. Planned last year as a bushfire recovery excursion - now bushfire and Covid recovery - plan to eat out and shop local as much as possible.