



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Spring 2021

VISITOR INFORMATION

The walks program is subject to any Covid-19 restrictions applying, 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).

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. 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.

AUG - NOV 2021 WALKS PROGRAM

DAY WALKS, OTHER DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

| Day | Date | Walk Title & Location | Grade & km | Dist & Dirn | Leader (Gvn Name) |
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| Detailed description | | | | | |
| Wed | 18-Aug | CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us | | | |
| Thu | 19-Aug | Yarra Trail - Petty's Orchard, Templestowe | E ~5km | Metro | Alfred |
| The walk starts at Petty's Orchard and then along the Yarra Trail to the Mullum Mullum Creek Intersection. Then back through gum forest higher up the hill back to the pond at Petty's Orchard. The walk takes you then around the wetland pond with a Bird-watch shelter and then back to the start at Petty's Orchard. The walk is relatively flat and mostly shaded by river gums. Meeting arrangements: At the carpark at Petty's Orchard Coffee Shop. Off Porter/Newmans to Moncktons Road with Private Road to Petty's Orchard. Melway Map 22 A11 | | | | | |
| Sun | 22-Aug | Balcombe Estuary and The Briars; Mt Martha | E 10km | 70km S | Lyn |
| 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 |
| 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. CLOSED | | | | | |
| Thu | 26-Aug | Two Trails Walk: Ringwood to Bayswater | M 16km | Metro | Julia |
| This walk starts at Ringwood Station and follows the picturesque Mullum Mullum Creek Path to Croydon with a few street links. It then follows the Tarralla Creek Path and finishes with a short street walk to Bayswater Station. We'll have lunch in a cafe in Croydon. Meeting arrangements: Catch the Belgrave train that leaves Flinders Street at 9.16am. Feel free to board at other stations along the line, but check the timetable. Go to the back carriage. | | | | | |
| Sat | 28-Aug | Whitehorse Artists' Trail and Gardeners Creek | E 12km | Metro | June |
| Walk along creeklands and bushland viewing some interpretative panels which acknowledge the Box Hill Artists camp. Meeting arrangements: Start at Box Hill Golf Club carpark Mel 61D3. | | | | | |
| Sun | 29-Aug | Punchbowl to Kilcunda; Bass Coast | M 15km | 120km SE | Sandra |
| 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 |
| 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. CLOSED | | | | | |
| Fri | 3-Sep | Goldfields Track 12 : Specimen Gully Rd to Harcourt-Sutton Grange Rd | MH 16km | 137km NW | Kim |
| This walk heads off in an easterly direction, passing through a tunnel under the Calder Highway and on and up the western side of Mt Alexander. The climb to the top is rewarded with great views (if it's not foggy!) and amazing granite rock formations. The track descends the eastern side of the mountain, meeting up with the Coliban Channel for the first time. CLOSED | | | | | |
| Sat | 4-Sep | Goldfields Track 13: Sutton Grange Rd to Hunts Gap Rd | M 15km | 137km NW | Kim |
| This section of the Track follows the amazing open Coliban Channel most of the way as it heads towards Bendigo. There are tunnels, water dissipators and other impressive engineering features. CLOSED | | | | | |

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| Sun | 5-Sep | Goldfields Track 14: Hunts Gap Rd to Bendigo Railway Station | M 15km | 153km NW | Kim |
| This section continues to follow the Coliban Channel towards the Sandhurst Reservoir in Bendigo and then through the old mining area of Diamond Hill. The track also takes us through the Salomon Gully Flora reserve which should be at its Spring best. Our Goldfields Track adventure ends at the impressive Bendigo Station. CLOSED | | | | | |
| Sun | 5-Sep | Birdsland Reserve, Belgrave | EM 10km | 50km E | Lyn |
| Nestling in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, not far from Belgrave, is Birdsland. Birdsland abuts Lysterfield Park. The park is a refuge and supports a number of wallabies. This is a 10.3 km circuit with some small hills and great views. | | | | | |
| Sat | 11-Sep | Wilson Park; Berwick | EM 10km | 35km E | June |
| We walk around the lake where we will see water-birds, turtles and water lilies. Some spectacular views from the lookout tower and from the hill. Also a bird hide and pleasant walk through bushland. Mostly flat, with some gradual slopes. Meeting arrangements: At the Information Centre at Wilson Park, Melway 110, 668 Princes Hwy. Berwick | | | | | |
| Sun | 12-Sep | Darebin Creek - Yarra trail | EM 13km | Metro | PeterM |
| 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 Boatshed for an early lunch, before returning to Willsmere Park following the Yarra River, and then Victoria Park. | | | | | |
| Wed | 15-Sep | CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us | | | |
| Thu | 16-Sep | Toolern Creek/Botanic Gardens; Melton | E 12km | 30km NW | Julia |
| This walk starts and finishes at Melton Station. We head north along the picturesque Toolern Creek then deviate east to inspect the newish but very attractive Melton Botanic Gardens. We continue northwards to Centenary Crescent, head west along this to re-join the Toolern Creek, turn south and return via this path to the station. Meeting Arrangements: Catch the Wendouree train that leaves Southern Cross Station at 9.16am. Go to the second back carriage - not the Quiet Carriage. | | | | | |
| Sat | 18-Sep | A Taste of the Otways | MH 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 | 19-Sep | Mt Hope & Werribee Rvr; Wombat SF, West | M 15km | 100km NW | Graeme |
| "The walk covers an area rich in wildflowers (springtime), as well as forest timber. Old gold prospecting activity is in evidence in the area. The walk is significantly off-track over some steep hills and 4WD tracks. The final part of the walk along the early stages of the Werribee River is very picturesque." (Bushwalking Victoria) There is a 200m climb (in stages). Yet to be previewed. | | | | | |
| Sun | 19-Sep | Warburton: Riverside and Redwood Forest | E 12km | 80km E | Lyn |
| We will try to beat the crowds to explore the Redwood Forest and a loop along the Cement Creek east of Warburton. Then we drive back into Warburton and follow the riverside path on both sides of the Yarra. Minimal climbing, but could be muddy, so you might want boots and poles. | | | | | |
| Tue | 21-Sep | Grandparents & Grandkids Walk: location TBA | E 6km | | Lyn |
| A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparent must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Max 10 families. Probably Whipstick loop Blackwood but still to be previewed. | | | | | |
| Thu | 23 Sept | Mullum Mullum trail | E 6km | Metro | Alfred |
| The walk starts at Schwerkolt Cottage along the Mullum Mullum creek past all the way to Park Road. The return is back to Schwerkolt Cottage with some slight trail deviations. The walk covers a variety of scenery along the Mullum Mullum Creek with lots of bird life and majestic gum trees. The walk is generally flat and mostly shaded. Meeting arrangements: At the Schwerkolt Cottage car park off Deep Creek Road. Melway Map 49 D7 | | | | | |

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| Sun | 26-Sep | Shoreham to Coolart, Somers | EM 12km | 80km SE | Sandra |
| This walk begins in the carpark at Somers Beach by the toilets. We walk along the beach and have lunch at Merricks. We walk onto Coolart where the cars are parked. There needs to be a car shuffle for this walk. We will have afternoon tea at the famous Red Hill Bakery in Balnarring before we return home. | | | | | |
| Wed | 29-Sep | Bolin Bolin Trail; Bulleen to Heidelberg | E 12km | 8km N | Fran |
| Can't make it to Japan for Hanami (flower viewing)? Join this walk starting at Bulleen Park, walk along the east bank of the Yarra, around the Bolin Bolin Billabong and continue along the trail to Banksia Park for Hanami at the Japanese Cherry Tree Grove and lunch before returning along the same trail. | | | | | |
| Sun | 3-Oct | Emerald to Gembrook return; Dandenongs | MH 30km | 55km E | Michael |
| Walk deferred from June because of storm damage in the area. Follows Puffing Billy along the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. An undulating walk on made gravel trails through farmland, historic rail/industrial areas, villages, Wright Forest and the Emerald Lake picnic area. Fabulous vistas. Get a takeaway coffee at Gembrook over lunch (don't normally get that on a bushwalk). A long, full day of enjoyable walking. Bring some warm clothing including beanies and gloves. Some 500m climbing. Maximum of 15 walkers. | | | | | |
| Wed | 6-Oct | Blue Tongue Bend and Stane Brae Track; Warrandyte State Park | E ~7km | Metro | Bernie |
| This is a circuit walk with one section out and back. The trail is rocky in places, varies in width from wide in some sections to narrow in others, and features views across the surrounding green rolling Warrandyte hills and of the serene Yarra River. The Park has a large grey kangaroo population. 188 metres of ascent. | | | | | |
| Sun | 10-Oct | Coronet Bay to Corinella; Westernport Bay | E 12km | 110km SE | Ian |
| This walk will explore the area between Coronet Bay and Corinella on Westernport Bay, with beaches, cliffs, she-oaks and banksias, interesting geology, seabirds, tabletop "Bronze Yarns" sculptures and views to Phillip and French Islands. We may even see a barge. Part of the walk will be on the beach and part on a wide, well graded path. | | | | | |
| Sun | 10-Oct | Whisky Track to Ambler Lane (3rd time lucky) | 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. | | | | | |
| Thu | 14-Oct | Werribee River Walk | EM 13km | Metro | Julia |
| This walk starts and finishes at Werribee Station. We'll walk upriver on the east bank of the Werribee River as far as the historic park, back to Heaths Rd and across to President's Park, where we'll eat our packed lunches. We then head downriver on the west bank to the town centre. The river is lined by attractive native vegetation and plenty of birds should be seen. Meeting Arrangements: Catch the Werribee train that leaves Flinders Street at 9.20am. Go to the back carriage. | | | | | |
| Sat | 16-Oct | Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East | EM 7km | 45km SE | Lyn |
| Beat the crowds and be at Grants Picnic Ground (Melway 75K4) ready to start walking at 8am (sunup is at 6.33 so plenty of light to drive there). A scenic loop with a few steep climbs, including Paddy's Track. Easily home by lunchtime. This part of the Dandenongs is now open following the winter storm damage. | | | | | |
| Sun | 17-Oct | Fingerpost Circuit South; Bullengarook via Gisborne; Wombat SF | EM 12km | 72km NW | Graeme |
| The eastern end of Wombat State Forest (a bit west of Gisborne) is quite heavily treed, many surprisingly large. It's also a maze of 4WD- BMX- and Walking-tracks. This walk, which is at the southern end of Fingerpost Road, is predominantly on the latter. There is a 170m climb. Yet to be previewed. There is a maximum of 12 walkers. | | | | | |
| Wed | 20-Oct | CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us | | | |
| Sun | 24-Oct | Red Hill Circuit; Mornington Peninsula | EM 9km | 80km S | Bernie |
| "This short circuit of the Red Hill district passes magnificent homes and attractive rural properties; there are extensive views across farmland towards the coast. After meandering past Coolart Creek, the walk returns along a section of the Red Hill Rail Trail, where bird life is prolific. 75% foot track, 20% unsealed road, 5% sealed road. 185 metres of ascent. " (FedWalk 2018) | | | | | |

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| Sun | 31-Oct | You Yangs | EM 12km | 70km SW | Lyn |
| Starting at the Big Rock we walk to the Turntable car park before climbing to the top of Flinders Peak, and then complete the East-West walk around the mountain. You could opt to skip the trail to the peak and thus reduce the total of 400m climbing by half. Great views in all directions. | | | | | |
| Sun | 31-Oct | Tarilta Creek, Six Chimneys, Old ruins, Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park | H 19km | 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 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. | | | | | |
| Thu | 4-Nov | Maroondah Aqueduct Walk, Eltham | EM 13km | Metro | Julia |
| This walk starts and finishes at Eltham Station. We head north from the station along the shared trail to Edendale Farm, for a coffee, then continue to Allendale Rd. Here we turn right and slog up a steep hill to the Aqueduct Trail. We follow the very scenic trail alongside the aqueduct for a couple of kilometres then turn off to the right at Ingrams Rd, which takes us down to the township of Research where we'll eat lunch, BYO or buy there. We'll then head west along Main Rd for about half a kilometre, before turning left and wending our way via various paths and streets back to Eltham Station. Meeting Arrangements: Catch the Hurstbridge train that leaves Flinders Street at 9.21am. Go to the back carriage. | | | | | |
| Sun | 7-Nov | The Bollards: Geelong | E 10km | 80km SW | Lyn |
| A gentle stroll past all of the famous Geelong Waterfront Bollards from Rippleside Park to Limeburners Point. Return via the Botanic gardens. Note: this time we carpool to Geelong rather than taking the train. | | | | | |
| Sun | 7-Nov | Mt Macedon from the North | M 15km | 80km NW | Michael |
| From Hesket Primary School to Days Picnic Ground on the sub-alpine Macedon plateau. Up via quiet country roads, past a forgotten waterfall, then climb through untracked bush. Visit Sanatorium Lake then down off the mountain via bush tracks (steep and may be muddy) and country roads through rolling farmland. Great views. A satisfying day. Approx. 450m climbing. | | | | | |
| Wed | 10-Nov | Eltham-Diamond Creek Pub | EM ~10km | 14km E | PeterM |
| This midweek walk starts at the miniature train at Eltham (Melway 21 H9) at 9:30am and we walk along the Diamond Creek trail all the way to Diamond Creek, all on formed tracks and relatively flat. Here we will enjoy a pub lunch at the Diamond Creek Hotel before catching a train back to Eltham and walking the final 3 km back to our cars, around 2pm. You need to bring morning tea - thermos and a nibble as well as your Myki Card. | | | | | |
| FEDWALKS 2021 13th - 15th NOVEMBER Location - Gippsland Foothills and Southern Alps, based at the Licola Wilderness Village | | | | | |
| For full details and bookings see https://fedwalks.org.au/ | | | | | |
| To join FedWalks 2021 you must be a member of a bushwalking club affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria (e.g. Boroondara Bushwalking Club), or an Individual Supporter Member of Bushwalking Victoria | | | | | |
| Sun | 14-Nov | Ill-defined track; Toolern Vale | M 16km | 70km NW | Fran |
| Despite its name, this is a real track. We turn west off the Mt Sugarloaf track and walk out to join the end of the Antimony Mine track to return to the main Mt Sugarloaf dirt road ascent. After a short distance we leave the dirt road to join the mountain bike trail for the descent to the cars. Taking these trails we walk mostly on bush tracks rather than dirt roads. It is an attractive area of typical dry sclerophyll forest worth exploring in a different way to the familiar Mt Sugarloaf Antimony Mine circuit. | | | | | |
| Wed | 17-Nov | CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us | | | |
| Sat | 20-Nov | Churchill Park | EM 9km | 30km SE | Lyn |
| Another early start because picnic grounds close to the city have become very crowded post lockdowns. A pleasant walk from Churchill into Lysterfield Park. Moderate climbing and lots of kangaroos. Great views to city and the bay. Be at the Churchill Pk picnic ground, entrance gate off Churchill Pk Dve not far from Power Rd roundabout, Melway 82C11 ready to start walking at 8am. Bring your lunch to have in the picnic area after the walk, or just head home if social distancing is a worry. | | | | | |

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| Sun | 21-Nov | The Knobs Track; Yarra Ranges NP, Warburton area | M 9km | 96km E | Graeme |
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Another walk through beautiful Mountain Ash forest, and the Native Mint should be in full bloom. This is Stage 3 (and the final stage to be done) of my Mt Donna Buang to Dom Dom Saddle 4-stage walk. A steady 300 m access up in the first 3 km, and correspondingly down in the last. These two sections are grassy 4WD tracks, management vehicles only. The middle 3 km is, however, quite challenging, requiring bush-bashing on the very overgrown Knobs Track proper. Suggest bringing secateurs and gloves for some track clearing along the way. A car shuffle is required along Acheron Way between Acheron Gap and Mt Vinegar Rd. DEPART KEW 7:45 am.

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| Wed | 24-Nov | Seawinds and the OT Dam; Mornington Peninsula | EM 9km | 80km S | Bernie |
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"A walk focussed on Arthurs Seat State Park, woodlands and historic areas, including a circuit of the pretty OT Dam, which supplied the OT cordial factory. Enjoy wildflowers, views across Port Phillip Bay and William Ricketts sculptures in the Seawinds garden. 70% foot track, 20% unsealed road, 10% sealed road. **270 metres of ascent.**" (FedWalk 2018)

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES

| Dates | Type, Title and Location | Grade km | Dist Dirn | Leader (Gvn Name) |
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| Activity description | | | | |
| Thu 23 - Mon 27 September | BASE CAMP - Warby Ranges; Wangaratta | EM Var | 245km N | Graeme |
| 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. Maximum 20 participants. CLOSED | | | | |
| Thur 14 - Sun 17 October | BASE CAMP - Southern Grampians Walks in Wildflower Season | M to H | 300km W | Jim & Dorothy |
| 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 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 |
| 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. 7X2 bedroom cabins and 3x3 bedroom cabins available. | | | | |
| Tues 23 - Sun 28 November | PACK CARRY - Thredbo to Mt Pilot return; Kosciuszko NSW | H 80km | 550km NE | Michael |
| Overnight at Thredbo (Tuesday) then out and back to Mt Pilot via Dead Horse Gap and the AWT. Finish back at Thredbo. 5 days walking. Superb alpine countryside. Preference given to those coming on the Mt Speculation/Mt Howitt walk in March cancelled due to bad weather. Waiting list. | | | | |