



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Summer 2021/2022

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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 is as advised to you by the leader. If the place is advised as ‘Kew’, then the following arrangements generally apply:

- **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. Walkers may choose not to take part in carpooling - if so, please advise the leader prior to the walk.

To join a walk

- **Attendance at any of the Club's activities is subject to being fully Covid vaccinated.**
- 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. ***This contact should be made at least two days before the walk.***
- The Walks Coordinator will initially reply requesting **proof** of your full Covid vaccination status.
- On return of **proof** of full Covid vaccination status, the Walks Coordinator will reply with information that will include the contact details of the Walk Leader, who you will need to contact to book onto the walk and obtain meeting arrangements.
- 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.

NOV 2021 - FEB 2022 WALKS PROGRAM

Attendance is subject to being fully Covid vaccinated.

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)
Description					
Wed	17-Nov	CLUB MEETING			
Thu	18-Nov	Scotchmans Creek Walk	E 10km	8km SE	Sandra
This is a delightful walk beside Scotchmans Creek with Red River Gums and native flora planted by Friends Groups. We will look at the historic Brickmakers Park and pass the Melbourne Retarding Basin with its wetlands and bird life. We will walk onto Valley Reserve where we will have lunch. We will stop at a coffee shop called Stanley, in Stanley Street to have a coffee and toilet stop, shortly after the start of the walk. There is no need to bring morning tea.					
Sat	20-Nov	Churchill Park	EM 9km	30km SE	Lyn
An 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. Bring your lunch to have in the picnic area after the walk, or just head home if social distancing is a worry.					
Sun	21-Nov	The Knobs Track; Yarra Ranges NP, Warburton area CANCELLED <i>[Rescheduled to 27 Feb 2022]</i>	M/MH 9km	96km E	Graeme
Sun	21-Nov	Yan Yean Reservoir; Yan Yean SUBSTITUTE	EM 15km	35km N	Graeme
Yan Yean Reservoir is the oldest water supply for Melbourne. At the time of its completion in 1857 it was the largest artificial reservoir in the world. This walk is a circumambulation of the lake, on a combination of walking and 4WD tracks. SUBSTITUTE					
Wed	24-Nov	Seawinds and the OT Dam; Park Closed Now The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve, Carrum Downs	E 9km	40km S	Bernie
Heathland, bushland dunes and revegetation spaces of the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve provide a home for a diverse range of native wildlife.					
Thur	25-Nov	Petty's Orchard	E ~5km	~15km SE	Alfred
The walk starts at Petty's Orchard then along the Yarra Trail to the Mullum Mullum creek. The walk is along the Yarra with beautiful view of the Yarra. The trail goes a bit further past the Mullum Mullum creek intersection and back along the upper ridge through gum forest. The walk takes you then around the wetland pond with a 'Bird-Watch Shelter' to the start at Petty's Orchard. The walk is relatively flat and mostly shaded by river gum trees.					
Sat	27-Nov	Mullum Mullum Linear Trail to Beasley's Nursery	EM 12km	21km E	Peter
The majority of this walk is on sealed paths, but we will take an alternative route via Buck's track and through the Currawong Bush Park where the tracks are narrow bush tracks. We'll stop at Beasley's Nursery for a coffee break before returning to the cars prior to 1pm.					
Sun	28-Nov	Coronet Bay to Corinella	EM 12km	90km SE	Sandra
This is an easy walk with some excellent views towards Phillip Island, French island, and the picturesque mangroves. The walk will be partly on the beach and partly through treed areas. We will aim to get there at 9.30am so we will need to leave Melbourne at 8am as it takes approximately one and a half hours to travel there.					

Wed	1-Dec	Whitehorse Artists' Trail and Gardiners Creek	E 12km	Metro	June
Walk along creek-lands and bushland viewing some interpretative panels which acknowledge the Box Hill Artists camp.					
Sat	4-Dec	Short and Steep: Sherbrooke East	EM 7km	45km SE	Lyn
A circuit walk from Grants Picnic ground including Coles Ridge Road, Welch Track and Paddy Track. Some steep climbs but we will take them slowly. An early start to beat any heat and crowds. Home in time for lunch or bring a picnic for after the walk.					
Sun	5-Dec	Donvale explore	M 12km	15km E	Michael
An explore along the Mullum Mullum trail but detouring to find some very (very) steep hills and unfrequented tracks. Good exercise to start your Sunday! Start out by exploring Antonio Park and the Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve. Morning walk only.					
Wed	8-Dec	Ballarat Art trip	E	125km W	Fran
Take the train to Ballarat to relive your youth at the Linda McCartney photography retrospective. Timed ticket entry applies. Book for 11.15 entry <u>before</u> putting your name on the list. Lunch at a cafe nearby.					
Thu	9-Dec	Werribee River	EM 13km	Metro	Julia
This walk starts and finishes at Werribee Station. We'll walk upriver on the east bank as far as the historic park, back to Heaths Rd and across to Presidents Park, then downriver on the west bank to the town centre. The river is lined by attractive native vegetation.					
Sat	11-Dec	Pyrites Creek exploration	EM 8-12km	60km W	Vanessa
Following a fence-line then an unmarked, informal foot track we head into Pyrites Creek for exploration along the creek. Distance is 4km to creek (+4km back), then we will head up or down the creek to explore the area further. We may get as far as the eagle nest if it's still there. We return the same way. There are some hills, one short & quite steep. This is dry rocky country dissected by gullies. The creek will be wet; poles are an advantage. Dry socks may be good for the return by the same foot track.					
Sun	12-Dec	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park	E 10km	5km NE	Lyn
Enjoy the peace of <u>very early morning</u> from both sides of the river with a 6am start from Kaners 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	12-Dec	R Botanic Gdns - Dinner - CBD; Metro	E 12km	8km SW	Graeme
A <u>late afternoon/evening stroll</u> , first around the Botanic Gardens, Kings Domain, Queen Victoria & Alexandra Gdns, followed by dinner at Southbank, and then around the CBD to see the Christmas lights. Maximum of 12 persons.					
Wed	15-Dec	CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us			
Thu	16-Dec	Schwerkolt Cottage - Mullum Mullum Creek	E 5km	Metro	Alfred
The walk starts at Schwerkolt Cottage along the Mullum Mullum creek with some deviations to cover the variety of scenery along the creek. There are lots of majestic gum trees and a great variety of bird life. The walk is generally flat and mostly shaded. (Opportunity to visit Schwerkolt Cottage afterwards).					
Sun	19-Dec	Whisky Track to Ambler Lane (4th time lucky)	M 15.5km	84km NW	Roger
An anticlockwise route along the Whisky Track to the Kenworthy Track and down to the Lerderberg 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	19-Dec	Shoreham-Point Leo-Coolart-Somers CANCELLED	EM 12km	90km SE	Sandra
WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 2022 – PLEASE SEE FEBRUARY 2022 PROGRAM					
Sun	19-Dec	Replacement walk Lysterfield Lake Park	EM 10km	40km SE	Carmel
EARLY MORNING WALK 6.30 am start - A pretty short walk among the kangaroos. A few ups and downs with total climbing 200m.					
Fri	31-Dec	Clifton Hill and Fairfield NYE fireworks	E 7km	5km N	Fran
Starting and finishing as usual at the Quarries Park in Clifton Hill, this is a circular walk. We head east towards the Yarra. Bring your fishing rod if you would like some practice at the fly-casting pool on the way. We then head north along the Yarra to the Pipe Bridge at Fairfield, crossing over to do a circuit in the bush with a brief detour up on to The Boulevard for extensive city views before heading back and recrossing the Pipe Bridge and joining the Main Yarra trail to take us back along 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.					
Sat	1-Jan	Blue Mount-Lyonville-Trentham Day Night walk	M 17km	95km NW	Vanessa
New Year recovery with an afternoon & evening walk in the Wombat Forest & along the Domino Rail Trail. Climb Blue Mount for great views, explore an old cemetery, follow forest tracks to Lyonville. Dinner tba. Follow the Rail Trail in the gloaming back to Trentham. Torch required! Walk variations are possible, join us for dinner, walk afternoon only, or evening only.					
Sun	9-Jan	Boneo Road-Bushrangers Bay-Cape Schanck-Boneo Road	EM 12km	80km SE	Sandra
This walk encompasses rolling hill farmland, main creek, rocky offshore reefs, and a pleasant boardwalk at Cape Schanck. Coastal views, plenty of kangaroos, tea-tree scrub, sandy tracks and rocky cliffs around Cape Schanck. Please bring lunch.					
Wed	12-Jan	Geelong Art Gallery and Botanic Gardens	E 6km	80 km SW	Fran
Visit the Geelong Art Gallery to view the exhibition of 100 years of Archibald Prize portraits. Book your timed entry ticket for 11.00 am <u>before</u> you sign on for this walk. BYO lunch as we will walk out to the Botanic Gardens along the Geelong waterfront for a picnic (possibly coffee as the cafe may be open) before returning to the train.					
Sun	16-Jan	Summer Sunrise: Around the River to the City	E 12km	8km E	Lyn
We follow the walking / bike path around the river and along the boardwalk under the freeway. Cross the river on the Morell Footbridge and wander through the Botanic Gardens. Breakfast somewhere in or near the gardens (TBA) and then make our way back to Flinders St. Take the number 70 tram back to the cars.					
Wed	19-Jan	CLUB MEETING/BARBEQUE – contact the Club for details Contact Us			
Thu	20-Jan	Mullum Mullum Creek - Sports Centre	E 5km	Metro	Alfred
The walk starts at the picnic parking area past the Sport Centre and follows the Mullum Mullum creek up to Tindal Road. The trail crosses Tindal Road and follows the Linear Mullum Mullum Creek Park up to Park Road. The walk then returns to the Sport Centre with some deviations to capture the variety of the bushland setting. The walk is mostly shaded with some short inclines. There are magnificent Gum trees and a great bird variety.					
Sun	23-Jan	Lake Mountain	EM >10km	115km NE	Bernie
Walk the upper ski trails of Lake Mountain. Beautiful walking through snow gums in this alpine environment. 220 metres of ascent.					
Wed	26-Jan	River(side) Walk; Warburton	EM 14km	67km E	Graeme
Australia Day Amble. Enjoy a figure-of-eight stroll around the town-(5km) and upstream-(9km) sections of the Yarra, in the relative cool of this old summer retreat.					

Thur	27-Jan	Williamstown - Newport Lakes	E 12km	Metro	Julia
The walk starts at Williamstown Station and takes in the Timeball Tower, the Esplanade and the Jawbone Conservation Reserve, before heading north up Maddox Rd to Newport Lakes Park. We'll have lunch here before exploring the lakes. Then we'll walk via streets to Newport Station.					
Sun	30 Jan	Plenty Gorge Mill Park	EM 12km	20km N	Fran
This is a repeat of the Covid 3 walk. Starting on the western side of the Plenty River in Mill Park, it follows trail bike tracks to cross the river and get to Yellow Gum Park above the Blue Lake. Return via some different bike tracks. This is very typical mountain bike territory with lots of ups and downs but none of them very long. Lots of views, bird life and spring flowers. There is quite a lot of shade on this walk; it is not too far to drive so we will start walking early, have an early lunch at the Yellow Gum picnic area and finish before it gets too hot.					
Wed	2-Feb	Station Pier, Webb Dock & Westgate Park	E 10km	Metro	Lyn
A late afternoon walk by the bay, followed by fish and chips at Station Pier.					
Sun	6-Feb	Blue Tongue Bend and Stane Brae Track; Warrandyte State Park	E 7km	Metro	Bernie
The trail is rocky in places, varies in width from wide in some sections to narrow in others. We will have 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	13-Feb	Summer Sunrise: Around the Bay from Sandringham	E 12km	Metro	Lyn
The walk follows the path around the Bay to breakfast at either Ricketts Pt or Brighton (depending on what is open and available by then), before walking back to the cars.					
Wed	16-Feb	CLUB MEETING – contact the Club for details Contact Us			
Thu	17-Feb	Warrandyte - Stiggant to Stone - House	E 5km	Metro	Alfred
The walk takes you along the Yarra under the bridge to the other side of Warrandyte. The walk then continues further along the Yarra to the Stone-House Coffee shop. From there it will be the same route back. There is a chance to stop at the Stone - House or at Warrandyte Riverview for a coffee/tea break. The walk is quite scenic across the Yarra, flat, mostly shaded and well worn.					
Sun	20-Feb	Moggs Creek, Surf Coast	EM 9km	135km SW	Bernie
Some beach walking, otherwise we will be on walking tracks in the hinterland, passing Ocean View Lookout and Moggs Creek Picnic Ground. Could have a swim at the end of the walk. 250 metres of ascent.					
Thur	24-Feb	St Leonards to Portarlington Ferry	EM 14km	45km SW	Julia
This walk begins at St Leonards and follows the off-road track around the coast to Portarlington. Lots of sea views! We'll catch the 3.45pm ferry to Docklands, arriving there at 4.55pm. The cost of the ferry is \$15 for seniors, and it is advisable to book and pay online prior to the day of the walk. See portphillipferries.com.au .					
Sun	27-Feb	The Knobs Track; Yarra Ranges NP, Warburton area	M/MH 9km	96km E	Graeme
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 360 m access up in the first 3 km, and 580 m down in the last 3-4. These two sections are grassy 4WD tracks, management vehicles only. The middle 2-3 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.					

See next page for Base Camps and Pack Carries

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES				
Dates	Type, Title and Location	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader (Gvn Name)
Activity description				
Tue 23 - Sun 28 November 2021	PACK CARRY - Victorian High Country	H 80km	400km NE	Michael
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. BOOKINGS CLOSED				
FEDWALK 2021: Rescheduled to 25TH - 28TH MARCH 2022				
Location - Gippsland Foothills and Southern Alps, based at the Licola Wilderness Village				
FULLY BOOKED (https://fedwalks.org.au/)				
The link here will take you to a list to enable BBI members to be aware of who will be participating in FEDWALK 2021 and may assist members in making mutual transport and accommodation arrangements.				
Sat 26 Mar - Thur 7 Apr 2022	PACK CARRY - Grampians Peaks Trail	MH 160 km	260km W	Jim
It's open at last! Come and experience the wonder of the Grampians on this 13-day Pack Carry. Possible options available for part walk, however some restrictions due to the Parks Vic booking arrangements and cost. Cost is \$47.70 per night/per site of 2 persons for 11 nights plus a night in Halls Gap. Party size limited to 8, but camp site availability may limit further. Full details on request - email or ring.				
Sun 1 - Sat 7 May 2022	BASE CAMP - Mildura	E to EM VAR	550km NW	Lyn
Postponed from 2021. Easy / Easy Medium walking and Silo Art. Four nights in Mildura and two nights in Horsham (staying in cabins in a caravan park). Includes Lake Tyrrell (Sea Lake), Murray River, Hattah Lakes, and Little Desert National Park. All day walks accessible by 2WD cars. Max 12 participants. BOOKINGS CLOSED				
Thu 15 - Mon 19 September 2022	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 / 2021 mooted participants. Maximum 20 participants. BOOKINGS CLOSED				
Mon 17 - Fri 21 October 2022	BASE CAMP - Swan Reach Gippsland	Var	300km E	Fran
Based at Swan Reach Caravan Park, between Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance. There will be easy walks along the coast, rail trails and lakes. 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 two years ago as a bushfire recovery excursion - now bushfire and Covid recovery - plan to eat out and shop local as much as possible. Preference given to 2020 / 2021 mooted participants. BOOKINGS CLOSED				