



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Autumn 2023

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.

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 (subject to the Club policy at the relevant time). Walkers may choose not to take part in carpooling - if so, please advise the leader prior to the walk.

To join a walk

- In line with changes in government regulations, proof of vaccination is no longer a mandatory condition of signing on for walks. Carpooling is at the discretion of individual drivers and may require declaration of vaccine status from passengers. It is a responsibility of all participants to abide by Covid safe behaviour at all times.
- 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 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. You will need to provide proof of full Covid vaccination to commence 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.

Feb 2023 - May 2023 WALKS PROGRAM

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DAY WALKS, OTHER DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Gvn Nm	
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Description										
Leader Surname			Email			Phone			Sign-on	
Wed	15-Feb		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	19-Feb	D	Lake Mountain	EM	13	Yarra Ranges	120	NE	Bernie	
The altitude should make it a little cooler than down on the plains. All on tracks / ski trails. Climbing 260 metres.										
Wed	22-Feb	D	Eastern end of Mullum Mullum Creek Trail	EM	14	Metro East	17	E	Peter	
This walk is starting at Schwerkolt's Cottage and follows the Mullum Mullum Creek through Ringwood and onto Croydon. Here we will stop for a coffee break at McDonalds on Maroondah Hwy. before returning along the same route back to the cars. Bring a picnic lunch.										
Thu	23-Feb	D	Candlebark / Paddies Orchard - Yarra Trail	E	5	Metro East	15	E	Alfred	
The walk starts at the right side of the Westerfolds Park. It meanders through the Candlebark Park to Paddies Orchard and then back via the Yarra Trail to the original starting point. The walk is mostly shaded and offers a nice scenery through bush with lots of birdlife and tree varieties and nice views of the opposite side of the Yarra.										
Sat	25-Feb	D	Marysville Lookouts	MH	17	Murrindindi South	97	NE	Robyn	
This is a lovely walk with many splendid views and waterfalls. The walk does involve ascents and descents.										
Sun	26-Feb	D	Glen Iris to Burnley Gardens	EM	14	Metro East	8	SE	Ian	
From High St, this walk follows the Gardiner's Creek Trail downstream to the Yarra River. After heading a short way upstream along the Yarra, we visit the Burnley Gardens. We then return, via Fairview Park, back to High Street.										
Sun	26-Feb	D	Richards Tramline	EM	14	Yarra Ranges	78	E	David	
This walk starts at the Big Pats Creek Picnic area and climbs approx 250m on a zig zag course through cuttings to the ridge top. It then follows the contour to a small shelter for lunch, after which we return to start. The tramway was built to harvest timber and the walk is through mixed stringybark / gum forest. Gaiters are recommended for snakes and there are some muddy parts in the cuttings.										
Sat	4-Mar	D	Greens Bush to Cape Schanck	M	16	Mornington Peninsula	95	S	Suzanne	
This end-to-end walk starts along Main Creek, skirting Greens Bush, and undulates through open forest, lush tree-fern gullies and large areas of grass trees. Closer to the coast, banksias and tea trees form an avenue along the track, and there are great cliff top views as you approach Cape Schanck. Car shuffle required (end to end walk).										

Sat	4-Mar	D	Herring Island walk and Art display	E	10	Metro East	5	E	June
We will walk along the Yarra River until we get to The Landing where the punt will take us across to the island. There is a bushland walk on tracks to view the permanent sculptures. We can also see the art exhibition at the information centre. This is free and very popular, being A4 paintings by Victorian artists [some for sale]. Lunch at the picnic area and then return to public transport.									
Sun	5-Mar	D	High Lead to Powelltown	EM	13	Yarra Ranges	78	E	Kim
This walk is part of the "Walk into History" trail in the Yarra State Forest. Much of the route is along an old timber tramway through attractive rainforest with an understory of treeferns. There are a couple of steep short climbs up from the river and one creek crossing on stepping stones or a log, otherwise the walk is easy. A car shuttle will be required between Powelltown and the High Lead Carpark, where the walk commences.									
Sun	5-Mar	D	Scotchman's Creek - Ashburton to Jells Park and return	H	35	Metro East		E	Jim
Looking for something a bit longer? This walk follows mainly bike paths along Scotchman's Creek before following some quiet back streets and into Jells Park. An early start of 7am will allow a finish around 2pm. Expect a faster pace of about 6km an hour.									
Thu	9-Mar	D	Pound Bend Walk	E	5	Metro East	17	E	Alfred
The walk starts at the bottom of the Pound Bend Picnic Area (right side). The path leads along the Yarra River to an Open Area with normally lots of Kangaroos. The walk then leads up to the Rangers huts and back on the upper ridge to the Pound Bend entry point. The walk then descends down to the Pound Bend Cutting and then back to the carpark. The walk is generally through covered bushland with beautiful views of the Yarra River and opposite hillside. The Pound Bend cutting is a historical Gold Mining site and First Nation meeting place.									
Sun	12-Mar	D	Mt Donna Buang <-> The Knobs	M	16	Yarra Ranges	84	E	Graeme
The track from Mt Donna Buang to Dom Dom Saddle, via Mt Boobyalla, The Knobs and Mt Vinegar, has <i>breathhtaking scenery with spectacular views</i> . This walk goes to The Knobs (and return), approximately half way. Four years ago when we tried this it snowed, and we only got to Boobyalla Junction. Let's hope we have better luck this time! Some sections may now be somewhat overgrown.									
Sun	12-Mar	D	Moggs Creek	EM	13	Surf Coast	124	S W	Sandra
This walk will require a car shuffle. It has been rescheduled from the previous program due to excess water on the tracks. It includes ocean beach, heathlands, and eucalypt forest. We begin this walk at the Moggs Creek picnic Area. We will stop at the Distillery Creek Picnic Area for lunch. There is a total of 390m of climbing. Afternoon tea will be at the Willows Tea Rooms, near the Split Lighthouse where the cars are parked at the end of the walk.									
Wed	15-Mar	D	Altona to Williamstown	EM	14	Metro West	10	S W	Julia
This walk starts at Altona Station and finishes at Williamstown Station. It follows the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail along the Altona Esplanade, through Altona Coastal Park, and along the estuary of the Kororoit Creek. It then passes through the Jawbone Conservation Reserve to Williamstown Beach and Esplanade, rounding Gellibrand Point to reach Nelson Place. Plentiful sightings of water birds are almost guaranteed. The walk can be shortened if required.									
Wed	15-Mar	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							

Sat	18-Mar	D	Cape Schanck to Gunnamatta return	M	17	Mornington Peninsula	100	S	Michael
Classic beach walk. Follow a good track along the Fingal Bay cliffs then through tea tree scrub down to the sand. Return via the beach with an explore of the cliffs and rock platform at Fingal Bay. Fingal Bay can only be accessed at low tide and, with low tide in the early afternoon, our timing is good. Some 250m climbing including 100m+ of steps up from the beach. Superb views. Maximum 15.									
Sun	19-Mar	D	Sunday Creek Clonbinane	M	13	Goulburn	80	N	Fran
Rescheduled from the November programme. A mix of walking tracks, four wheel drive, dirt bike, mountain bike and forest management tracks. Total of 325m climbing. Rated moderate because of the climbing and poor quality of some of the tracks.									
Sun	26-Mar	D	The Bollards	E	10	Greater Geelong	80	S W	Lyn
A gentle stroll past all of the famous Geelong Waterfront Bollards from Rippleside Park to Limeburners Point. Return via the Botanic gardens.									
Sun	26-Mar	D	Mt Everard circuit	MH	19	Murrindindi South	57	N W	Roger
Starting from the Jehosaphat Gully picnic ground at Kinglake, the walk follows a long anti-clockwise circuit encompassing 3 of Kinglake National Park's higher forested peaks. Total climbing: 700m.									
Sun	2-Apr	D	Clematis to Cockatoo and back	M	22	Dandenong Ranges	50	E	Michael
To Cockatoo via backroads and lesser used tracks in Wright Forest. Return via the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. Great views. Trees around Emerald Lake could be turning to autumn colours. If our timing works out we may get to see Puffing Billy! Some steep climbs. Maximum 15 walkers.									
Sun	2-Apr	D	Queenscliff to Pt Lonsdale and return	E	12	Greater Geelong	101	SE	Sandra
This walk begins near the entrance to the Ferry Terminal in Queenscliff, near the toilets. We follow the trail which winds around the bay past the Queenscliff Lighthouse and Military Barracks, making a stop at the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Station. We continue on the trail with wonderful views of the Heads and maybe, seeing some container ships and pilot boats on the water. We will have lunch at Port Lonsdale with the option to buy a coffee at one of the coffee shops there.									
Thu	6-Apr	D	Mullum Mullum Sport Centre/ Currawong Park	E	5	Metro East	15	SE	Alfred
The walk commences at the Mullum Mullum Sport Centre. Then leads to the right along the Mullum Mullum Creek to Tindals Road. Then proceeds back on the other side of the creek past the Pony Club to the Reynolds Road. The walk then leads to the Currawong Bush Park with a loop around the Park and then back to the Sport Centre Carpark. The walk is mainly shaded by large gumtrees and bushes and has a bit of an incline in the Currawong Park. The Currawong Park area is an ancient First Nation Gathering Area with a marked 'Birth Giving' Tree.									
Sat	8-Apr	D	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East	EM	7	Dandenong Ranges	45	SE	Lyn
Take a break between hot cross buns and chocolate eggs with a scenic loop in the Dandenongs, starting from Grants Picnic Ground. A few steep climbs and a good chance of spotting a lyrebird or two. Home in time for lunch.									
Sat	15-Apr	D	Sugarloaf Reservoir	M	16	Yarra Ranges	NE 40	Robyn	
This walk is around the Sugarloaf Reservoir, all on track, with views of the water for most of the walk. From Eagle Point which involves a climb there are views of the city and the Yarra Valley.									

Sun	16-Apr	D	Willimigongon Creek - Mount Macedon	M	13	Macedon Ranges	70	N W	Kim
This is a beautiful walk at this time of year due to the autumn colours. The walk commences just north of the Mount Macedon village and includes Sanitorium Lake, Mount Towrong and spectacular views of Mount Macedon village and beyond. There is a steep, rocky descent from Mount Towrong so poles may be useful. Be prepared for all weather conditions.									
Sun	16-Apr	D	Darebin Creek Trail - Northern Section	E	10	Metro North	25	N	Bernie
Includes a circuit of the Findon Creek Trail, otherwise out and back walk. Very pleasant.									
Tue	18-Apr	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk: Whipstick Loop	E	5	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	100	N W	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. Location probably Whipstick Loop, Blackwood, subject to preview.									
Wed	19-Apr	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sat	22-Apr	D	Mount Worth State Park	M	14	Gippsland West	122	SE	Suzann e
This walk starts at the Moonlight Creek picnic area and follows one of the tracks meandering through a forest of Mountain Ash and Blackwood to Maslin's Mill site, then along a trickling mountain stream through magical lush fern gullies, to the sites of old timber mills. Hopefully the waterfalls are flowing. Boots recommended as it may be muddy. Total climbing 360m.									
Sun	23-Apr	D	A walk in the Dandenong woods	M	~15	Dandenong Ranges	43	E	Roger
Starting from the Olinda Falls carpark, the walk rambles in a clockwise manner through the Dandenong Ranges National Park northeast of Olinda. The paths are mostly cleared fire trails with a few connecting bush tracks. A couple of steep hills, with maximum elevation change of 300m.									
Sun	30-Apr	D	Cape Woolamai and Churchill Island	E	12	Bass Coast	120	SE	John
We walk in the stunning Cape Woolamai Nature Reserve, home to mutton birds and other wildlife. Our starting point is the Cape Woolamai Surf Lifesaving Club car park and along the wild ocean beach and along the coastal tracks with spectacular scenery. Lunch will be on the beach in the historic red granite quarry. We continue walking along the back beach past and then across huge sand dunes until we reach the car park. Following a short drive, we will explore Churchill Island and conclude with coffee, tea, and cakes at the Island's cafe. Leaving by 4.00 pm so you should be home by 5.30 pm.									
Thu	4-May	D	Warburton trail Wandin to Seville	E	11	Yarra Ranges	45	E	June
We walk along the Warburton Trail from closed Wandin Station towards Seville through bushland and farmland with views, bushbirds, farm animals. Lunch at Carriage Cafe before returning along the same track.									
Sun	7-May		O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail	EM	14	Yarra Ranges	75	E	Bernie
Starting at Dee Road Millgrove carpark, walking along the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail, finishing at Cement Creek East Warburton carpark. Plenty of small up and downs with one steep bit, but considered mainly flat. Car shuffle required.									
Sun	14-May	D	Mt Beenak	EM	11	Yarra Ranges	72	E	Graeme
Climb a mountain. Little bit up, little bit down (460m). Mt B is an isolated big hill near Gilderoy, a bit SW of Powelltown, with <i>great views from the top</i> (AllTrails). This is a circuit walk through Yarra SF, with forest scenery, tree-ferns and some logging coupes.									
Wed	17-May	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							

Sun	21-May	D	Short and Steep - Lysterfield Lake Park	EM	8	Metro East	35	E	Carmel
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A pretty and short walk among the kangaroos. A few ups and downs with total climbing 200m. **Meet** at Kew library 7.45am or at Lysterfield Park Hallam North Road carpark at 8.30 – please advise your plans in advance. I will send directions to participants.

Wed	24-May		Tarneit to Williams Landing	EM	13	Metro West	25	W	Julia
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This walk starts at Tarneit Station and finishes at Williams Landing Station. It follows Skeleton Creek for the most part, with a short section along the Federation Trail and through the streets to Williams Landing.

Sun	28-May	D	Baldrys Crossing	EM	10	Mornington Peninsula	110	SE	Sandra
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The walk starts across the road from the Baldry's Crossing carpark. The trail hugs the northern bank of Main Creek. The trail then climbs along the steep hillside through open woodland, messmate, peppermint and manna gum. We then join the two bays walking trail, eventually finishing at the Bushrangers Bay carpark. There needs to be a car shuffle for this walk. The walk is gently undulating and grey kangaroos and wallabies and birds are a feature of this walk. Afternoon tea will be at the tables at Bushrangers Bay carpark. Please bring mugs and hot water.

FEDWALKS 2023: October (Dates TBA) LOCATION: Wombat State Forest - Planning is currently underway. See Bushwalking Victoria web-site (link below) for details and bookings as they become available.

<https://fedwalks.org.au/>

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES									
Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
				Gr	Km		Km	Dir	
Leader Surname		Email			Phone			Sign-on	
Tue - Sun	28 Mar - 2 Apr	BC	Falls Creek, camping at Pretty Valley (Postponed to later in the year – road will not be open in March)	EM & M	Var	Greater Alpine	500	NE	Vanessa
The walk options include Mt Cope, Ryders Yards. Mt Jim, Tawonga Huts, High Plains Creek near Young's Spur. Hike distances will be between 12-16km each day. Weekend walkers are welcome to join from Friday. Tent camping will be near the cars, carrying gear 200-300 metres. People who wish may book their own lodge accommodation at Falls Creek themselves.									
Sat - Sun	18-19 March	BC	Mount Arapiles Climbing Trip	EM & M	Var	Wimmera	300	NW	Dorothy
Rock climbing trip to Arapiles, with guides provided by The Climbing Company. Camping at Mt Arapiles campground. Some walks possible. Drive up Friday to set up camp. Approximate cost between \$100-300 depending on numbers.									
Wed - Tue	26 Apr - 9 May	BC	NSW Central Coast	EM & M	Var	NSW			Carmel, Jan
There are several walks in this area north of Sydney around Bouddi National Park, Brisbane Ranges National Park, the coast and around Gosford. The plan is to fly to Sydney, train to Gosford and hire vehicles for 2 weeks with approx. 11 days of walking. Accommodation will be at NRMA Resort at Umina. Wait list only. Contact Carmel.									
Wed - Fri	24-26 May	BC	Castlemaine Get-Away	EM	Var	Goldfields	135	NW	Lyn
Find your own accommodation (list of possibilities available to those who express interest) for 2 nights. Eat out together both nights. Sort your own breakfasts and picnic lunches. Central meeting place with good parking and coffee shop each morning. A variety of leisurely easy medium walks including the Garfield Water Wheel & Welsh Village, Eureka Reef Heritage Walk, Campbells Creek Track, Kaweka Wildflower Reserve. Tourist interests include Buda Homestead, The Mill, Art Gallery, Vintage Wedding Dress Museum. Max 16 participants.									
Mon - Fri	5-9 Jun	BC	Mansfield	EM	Var	Greater Alpine	180	NE	Cathy & Lyn
Enjoy 4 nights on an historic sheep and cattle property 5 minutes' drive from Mansfield. The old shearer's quarters have been newly renovated as an 8-bedroom, 4-bathroom cottage. Walks will be gently paced Easy Medium, and may include Lake Eildon National Park, Craig's Hut, Howqua River, Jamieson, Mt Stirling, Plains Creek Falls. Mixture of shared self-catering, pub and restaurant evening meals. Breakfasts provided. The 8 bedrooms are a mixture of doubles and twin singles. Maximum number of places depends on who can share, so please indicate if you will share (double or twin) and who with. Overall cost will be calculated on a per-room basis plus individual amount for breakfast and incidentals such as maps.									
Sat - Sun	19-20 Aug	PC	West Ridge Mt Buller - snow walk	H	20	Greater Alpine	200	NE	Jim
Approach Mt Buller from the west (opposite side to the resort). Cars can be left at around 1000m so there is a shorter walk to snow. Some exciting ridges and hills to climb. Need full snow camping gear as well as snow shoes and ice axes. Dates are flexible.									

Fri - Sun	8-10 Sep	PC	Mt Feathertop - snow walk	H	30	Greater Alpine	360	NE	Jim
<p>An end of season snow walk often results in more stable weather with still a good snow cover. Depending on conditions will either go up Bungalow Spur or cross the Razorback. Dates are flexible.</p>									
Mon - Fri	9-13 Oct	BC	Yarram/Tarra Bulga	EM/M	Var	Gippsland West	220	SE	Fran
<p>Walks in Tarra Bulga National Park, one of the last remaining pockets of rain forest in Victoria, with tree ferns and mountain ash, a tree canopy nature walk, the Grand Strzelecki track and a number of waterfalls. Also travel to the coast for a wildflower and beach walk at historic Port Alberton. If interested, detour to historic Tarraville to see the Anglican Church, the second oldest timber building in Victoria - built without nails.</p>									
	Nov/Dec	PC	Port Davey Track/South Coast Track	H	Var	Tasmania			Steve
<p>Walk from Scotts Peak to Melaleuca via the Port Davey Track (5 days). Old Port Davey Track is 63 km, 4 days minimum, allow 5 to 6 days. South Coast Track is 82 km, 6 days minimum, allow 7 to 8 days. Fly out of Melaleuca if you have had enough or continue on the South Coast Track to Cockle Creek (5 days). Or fly into Melaleuca and join those doing the long walk. 10 to 12 days depending on whether the rivers are up. A food resupply at Melaleuca. Transport logistics to be worked out depending on numbers interested.</p>									