



# **Boroondara Bushwalkers**

## **Visitors Walks Program**

**Spring 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.

**Aug 2023 - Nov 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 Given Name
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<b>Description</b>									
<b>Leader Surname</b>			<b>Email</b>			<b>Phone</b>			<b>Sign-on</b>
Wed	16-Aug		<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>						
Thu	17-Aug	D	<b>Point Nepean NP</b>	EM	15	<b>Mornington Peninsula</b>	105	SE	Jan
Starting from Portsea back beach, we will explore the tracks of Point Nepean. <b>This walk will not visit Fort Nepean.</b> Mostly on good flat tracks with the usual undulations. Maximum 15.									
Sun	20-Aug	D	<b>Birdsland, Lysterfield Park</b>	M	18	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	43	E	Suzanne
Starting from Birdsland, we will take various tracks to the granite rocks with views of farmland, crossing Wellington Rd at Lysterfield Rd and completing a large circuit including the rock garden & quarries. Lots of shortish hills (total 580 m climb). Good walking trails – some gravel, lots of kangaroos and bushland scenery.									
Wed	23-Aug	D	<b>McMahons Creek</b>	EM	9	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	85	E	Bernie
See some fascinating aspects in the upper region of the Yarra Ranges. There is the Peninsular Tunnel, which was dug in 1864; also, a water race, open cut mining and sluicing are still evident. All on track. Total ascent / descent ~350m, steep in parts. WALK SUBJECT TO PREVIEWING.									
Thu	24-Aug	D	<b>Sorrento Artists Walk to Sorrento Back Beach via London Bridge</b>	M	14	<b>Mornington Peninsula</b>	100	SE	Vanessa
A short car shuffle before starting the walk at Sorrento foreshore, then along beaches & cliff tops to view the scenes on plaques showing famous artist's works. Then down Wilson's Folly track to Portsea back beach & London Bridge. Beach walking on the ocean side from Portsea to Sorrento. Coffee & cake in Sorrento. Direction of travel is tide dependent. Maximum 20.									
Sat	26-Aug	D	<b>Wombat State Forest</b>	MH	22	<b>Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	90	NW	Robyn
This walk is through the Wombat State forest passing through old gold mining diggings etc. There will be a climb to Fosters Lookout and McLaughlin Lookout and some off track walking but much of the walk will be on tracks. The last part of the walk will be along the Lerderderg River Heritage walk.									
Sun	27-Aug	D	<b>Coronet Bay to Corinella</b>	E	12	<b>Bass Coast</b>	90	SE	Sandra
This walk has some excellent views towards Phillip Island, French Island and picturesque mangroves. The walk through treed areas with views across the sea is tranquil. Strong possibility to see water birds who inhabit these waters.									

<b>Sun</b>	<b>27-Aug</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cobaw Circuit</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Macedon Ranges</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Fran</b>
This is a circuit walk with two steep uphill stretches and one steep downhill with a ridge walk between. The trails are quite rutted by 4 wheel drive and trail bike tracks in places. Despite this, it is a very attractive area of bush.									
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Lysterfield Lake Park</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Robyn</b>
This medium walk is open to all but if any of those who attended the navigation training would like to come along and practice reading features on the map and using the compass etc please sign up. It is all on track with a total climb of 270m. From the Trig Point Lookout, you do have a view.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Beehive Gully - Hepburn Regional Park</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Kim</b>
This is a very attractive circuit walk starting from the Hepburn Springs Reserve where we will have morning tea. The first half of the walk follows the Goldfields Track including the impressive honeycombed Beehive Gully - the result of sluicing for gold and subsequent erosion. This section finishes at the Chocolate Mill (shopping/snack opportunity). The return route passes Hunt's Dam (lunch spot) and two mineral springs - the Argyle and Wyuna.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Wattle Park</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>June</b>
Celebrate Wattle Day by exploring this beautiful park containing thousands of large native trees and shrubs. The hundreds of wattles and wildflowers should be at their peak. The large play area includes 2 trams. Pathways are quite flat with some gradual hills. Coffee at golf club nearby.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Plenty River - Heidelberg to Greensborough</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Julia</b>
This walk begins at Heidelberg Station and ends at Greensborough Station. It follows Burgundy St to the Yarra Trail, then follows this to its junction with the Plenty River Trail, and thence to Greensborough Station. There are a few ups and downs. Highlights are a number of pretty parks, and sweeping views from the very aptly named Viewbank. Lunch will be at the Lower Plenty Hotel.									
<b>Thu</b>	<b>7-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Mullum Mullum Schwerkolt to Park Road</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Alfred</b>
The walk starts at Schwerkolt Cottage and follows the Mullum Mullum Creek to Park Road and then returns to Schwerkolt Cottage. The walk makes several deviations from the main track. The area is beautiful bushland and has lots of birdlife. Easy walking and mainly shaded.									
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Sutherlands Creek Steiglitz</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>
Starting at the historic Steiglitz Courthouse, we reach the untracked Sutherlands Creek after a couple of km of gravel track walking. Wildflowers should be abundant, including several varieties of orchid. Following the creek upstream, the wild valley could be miles from anywhere. We join a track up Deadmans Gully, before returning to the old Courthouse. A feeling of wild untamed bush, yet so close to home.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Two Lakes Daylesford</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
A combination of urban walking and well-formed bush tracks and trails. Includes Lake Daylesford, Jubilee Lake, historic goldfields reserve Cornish Hill and an old railway trestle bridge. A total of 180m climbing in several short steep sections.									

<b>Wed</b>	<b>13-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Olinda Forest &amp; Chelsea Gardens</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Jan</b>
<p>The Chelsea Australian Garden @ Olinda has recently opened. It is a re creation of the first Australian entry to win gold at the Chelsea Flower Show. I will incorporate a walk through the Olinda Forest.</p>									
<b>Thu</b>	<b>14-Sep</b>		<b>Walk Leaders Forum</b>						<b>Jim</b>
<p>Annual meeting for Walk Leaders and those interested in becoming a leader. The meeting will start with pizza and cake from 7.00pm with the meeting to begin at 7.30 and finish by 9.30. The agenda will be sent out via email prior to the meeting.</p>									
<b>Fri</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Boobyalla Track Clearing 1 - Mt Donna Buang</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Kim</b>
<p>Come and help clear the partly overgrown Boobyalla Track on the north side of Mt Donna Buang. The Park Rangers drive us in, provide beautifully sharpened tools, provide training on equipment such as brushcutters and then drive us back to the summit. We have joined with the Melbourne Walking Club (MWC) and the Melbourne Womens Walking Club (MWWC) to open up this track again. It is a fun day. (N.B. it is necessary to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) - can all be done on your mobile phone). It is also necessary to Register on ParkConnect (Parks Victoria's registration site).</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Wildflowers in the Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Ian</b>
<p>This is a day of wildflower hunting in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. We will walk slowly, look, identify and photograph wildflowers and, hopefully, also see some orchids.</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>The Ada Tree &amp; Historic Saw Mills</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Chris</b>
<p>We will walk through tall eucalypt forests and pockets of rain forest, partly following old timber tramways to the remnants of historic saw mills. We will also see the magnificent Ada Tree, a 300-year-old mountain ash considered to be one of Victoria's largest trees.</p>									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20-Sep</b>	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Coolart to Merricks Beach</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Bass Coast</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Sandra</b>
<p>This walk begins by following walking tracks to explore coastal woodlands, wetland areas and lagoons to see many varieties of waterbirds. We then cross the bridge over Merricks Creek to see magnificent views over Western Port Bay and Phillip Island. Walking on the beach, we continue to Merricks beach where we have lunch. Toilets here. We then return back to Coolart and enjoy afternoon tea in front of the visitor centre. Please bring hot water and your own cup.</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Doongalla explore</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Michael</b>
<p>A classic spring walk. From the Stables Carpark, Doongalla Picnic Area (The Basin) a good climb up to Burkes Lookout (fabulous views of Melbourne) then along the ridge towards Kalorama and back. Rhododendrons and azaleas should be in full show. Tree ferns and lush forest on the Mt Dandenong slopes. Some 500m climbing. Maximum 15 people.</p>									

<b>Wed</b>	<b>27-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Braeside Park</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Metro South</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Julia</b>
<p>This walk begins and ends at Mordialloc Station. It follows the Mordialloc Creek to the new and very upmarket suburb Waterways. From there we cross Governor Rd to complete a near circuit of Braeside Park, land once used for all manner of utilitarian purposes but now beautifully replanted with native vegetation. We return to Mordialloc Station via an industrial park and back streets. There are no hills.</p>									
<b>Fri</b>	<b>29-Sep</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Boobyalla Track Clearing 2 - Mt Donna Buang</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Kim</b>
<p>Another opportunity to help clear the Boobyalla Track to the north of Mt Donna Buang. We drive to the summit of Mt Donna Buang, meet the Park Rangers who drive us into the work area and have a fun day using their tools including brushcutters. Equipment and training provided. All welcome. No special skills required. N.B. see entry for Fri 15 September re Working with Children Check and registering with Parks Victoria. See <a href="#">instructions here</a>.</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Yarra flats</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Michael</b>
<p>On the morning after the AFL Grand Final and first day of Daylight Saving stretch those legs! A morning walk only - coffee and cake half way. Meet at the Burke Road Billabong Reserve carpark East Kew (on the left just before crossing the Yarra River if heading north) at 8:30am for an explore of the Yarra wetlands. Bush, river flats, billabongs, horses, bucolic views, interesting and notable architecture, and (possibly) cherry blossoms!. Maximum of 15.</p>									
<b>Thu</b>	<b>5-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Lake Wendouree</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
<p>Take the 9.16 train from Southern Cross to Wendouree (Ballarat line). Be in the rearmost talking carriage (not the quiet one!) We will walk from the station clockwise around Lake Wendouree and through the Botanical Gardens before returning on the 15.18 arriving Southern Cross 16.51</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Anakie Gorge &amp; Ted Errey Trail</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Lerderberg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Jan</b>
<p>A popular walk in the Brisbane Ranges NP, well known for its spring wildflowers. There is a rocky steep climb early in the walk where poles may be helpful. Meet at Kew Library carpark as usual.</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Blackburn North to Box Hill North</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>June</b>
<p>Walk along the track beside the Eastern Freeway through some forested areas and some open areas with views. We will cross over and explore the Northern parkland. Please bring your lunch which we may have near the Community Gardens.</p>									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cranbourne Gardens</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Metro South</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Sandra</b>
<p>The walk starts from the Stringybark Picnic Area. We walk along the Wetlands walk following the Wylies Creek Track. The Woodlands Picnic Area will be our lunch spot. We walk up to the Trig Point and then enter The Australian Garden for a set time and finish off with afternoon tea in the Visitor Centre. cafe. There will be time for a stop at the shop before we leave.</p>									
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Candlebark Park</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Alfred</b>
<p>The walk starts at the Candlebark Carpark up the main track. Then follows the path to the right, which meanders through bushland up to the top of the hill. Then at the top we follow the track past a point and down to the main Yarra trail. We then make a loop over the Yarra and back to the Yarra Trail. The trail is a mountain bike trail and may be slippery if raining. <b>Note: An alternative track will then be selected.</b> The Candlebark Park is covered with young and some very old magnificent gum trees. The loop over the Yarra is providing a magnificent view of the Yarra.</p>									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15-Oct</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Mt Evelyn Forest Loop</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
<p>Walk starts at the Silvan overflow carpark, off Stonyford Rd. All on tracks in this attractive forest area, including some ferny sections. Some up and downs.</p>									

Wed	18-Oct	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sat	21-Oct	D	FedWalks - Day 1	Var	Var	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	98	NW	BWV
FedWalks2023 is scheduled for the Wombat State Forest. The base for the event is the Recreation Reserve at Trentham. Participants will be required to organise their own accommodation. Book for the walks at <a href="https://fedwalks.org.au/">https://fedwalks.org.au/</a>									
Sun	22-Oct	D	FedWalks – Day 2	Var	Var	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	98	NW	BWV
FedWalks2023 is scheduled for the Wombat State Forest. The base for the event is the Recreation Reserve at Trentham. Participants will be required to organise their own accommodation. Book for the walks at <a href="https://fedwalks.org.au/">https://fedwalks.org.au/</a>									
Wed	25-Oct	D	Mornington Gallery			Mornington Peninsula	65	S	Fran
Visit to Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery to see the Archibald Prize. After the Gallery, we will visit the Briars Park for BYO picnic lunch and a circuit walk around the Park.									
Fri	27-Oct	D	Boobyalla Track Clearing 3 - Mt Donna Buang	M	5	Yarra Ranges	87	E	Kim
Another fun day working on the track clearing project. We drive to the summit of Mt Donna Buang, meet the Park Rangers who drive us to the start of the track. There are jobs for everyone, no special skills required. Come and be part of the adventure. (Please see the entry for Fri 15 September re requirement for WWCC and ParkConnect Registration. Contact Kim for registration directions).									
Wed	1-Nov	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail	EM	11	Yarra Ranges	75	E	Bernie
Starting at Dee Road Millgrove carpark, walking West along the O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail, finishing at Parrot Rd Launching Place. Plenty of small up and downs. Car shuffle required but if car numbers do not allow a shuffle, then it will be an out and back walk.									
Sun	5-Nov	D	The Bellarine Rail Trail	EM	12	Bass Coast	SW	75	Sandra
This walk starts at the historic Drysdale Rail Station and follows the Bellarine Peninsula Rail Line and via local streets. There will need to be a car shuffle as we will not walk the 17 kms into Queenscliff. Lunch will be at Suma Park station where there are picnic tables and toilets. Alongside the tourist railway are remnant stands of sheoaks and other indigenous vegetation forming an important wildlife corridor. Remnant native grasslands are still present in the railway corridor.									
Wed	8-Nov	D	Moonee Ponds Creek - Broadmeadows to Strathmore	EM	14	Metro North	15	N	Julia
This walk begins at Broadmeadows Station and finishes at Strathmore Station. Most of the walk is along the Moonee Ponds Creek Path, which passes through a number of pleasant parklands. There are a few minor ups and downs.									
Fri	10-Nov	D	Boobyalla Track Clearing 4 - Mt Donna Buang			Yarra Ranges	87	E	Kim
Another beautiful day on the mountain. Come and join the track clearing project before it's all over. We drive to the summit of Mt Donna Buang, meet the Rangers and are driven in to the work area. No special skills required - all equipment provided. It really is a fun day. Please see entry for Fri 15 Sept re WWCC and registering on ParkConnect.									

<b>Sun</b>	<b>12-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Murrindindi Scenic Reserve</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Murrindindi South</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Jan</b>
This walk will link the Wilhelmina Falls track, Boroondara track and the River walk. The climb to the falls is rocky and steep in parts, there are chains and metal stairs to assist with the climb. The steep descent via Boroondara track may be slippery after rain, poles are recommended.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15-Nov</b>	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Jumping Creek to Wittons Reserve</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Suzanne</b>
This point to point walk in the Warrandyte State Park, follows the Yarra River starting at Jumping Creek Reserve, visiting Blue Tongue Bend and Stane Brae, en route to Clifford Park and Wittons Reserve. A short car shuffle will be required. A few gradual climbs (450 m total) on mostly well formed single file foot track, some wider bush tracks and a few connecting sections of gravel 4WD B roads. A lovely, varied bush walk, conveniently close to home.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>The Bollards</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Greater Geelong</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Lyn</b>
A gentle stroll past all of the famous Geelong Waterfront Bollards from Rippleside Park to Limeburners Point. Return via the Botanic gardens. We had to find a last minute substitute for this walk earlier in the year due to major event road closures in Geelong. Hopefully we will have better luck this time.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Four Parks</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
This return walk starts at Barak Bushlands, Eltham, then Hohnes Hill Reserve before traversing Candlebark Park and turning back at Tikalra Park, Templestowe. We use the Diamond Creek Trail, the Main Yarra Trail and the Mullum Mullum Trail for a short distance.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Sassafras Creek to Olinda</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Peter</b>
This is a cool bushland walk from Sassafras to Olinda and return following the eucalypts and ancient tree ferns along the Sassafras Creek. There is every chance of seeing an echidna and/or a lyrebird nuzzling through the leaf litter besides the creek paths.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26-Nov</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Monda Track</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Roger</b>
This walk follows a series of management roads, walking tracks and firetrails, initially passing through dry open forest, then tall ash forest on the crest of the Great Dividing Range. Total climb: 650m.									
<b>FEDWALKS 2023: 21 - 22 October</b>									
<b>LOCATION: Wombat State Forest - Based in Trentham.</b>									
<b>The program is progressing well and the event will offer 20 walks of varying grades each day.</b>									
<b>Walks will be in the Trentham, Blackwood, Lyonville, and Daylesford area.</b>									
<b>See Bushwalking Victoria web-site (link below) for details and bookings.</b>									
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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	
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 1000 m 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
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.									
Fri - Mon	29 Sep - 2 Oct		Glenelg River Canoe Trip			Glenelg - Otway	440	SW	Denis
The plan is to drive down to Winnap on the Friday, stay at the Paestan Canoe Hire base that night where we can either use their bunk room or camp. On the Saturday we head off early with them, transferring our gear and canoes to the launching place. We will canoe downstream an average of 13 kms each day, camping at two campsites that are only for canoeists, Saturday and Sunday nights. We will be picked up on Monday by the hire company somewhere near Nelson and transferred back to their base where we will collect our cars and drive back to Melbourne. Easy canoeing and pleasant scenery along the river shoreline. You can rent single person kayaks or two person open canoes.									
Mon - Fri	9-13 Oct	BC	Yarram/ Tarra Bulga	EM /M	Var	Gippsland West	220	SE	Fran
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.									
Fri - Sun	10-12 Nov		Mt. Ligar (the Crinolines)	H	27	Gippsland West	250	E	Robyn
This is a lovely two day walk offering some beautiful views across the ranges and also passing an interesting rock shelter. We save ourselves a climb by doing a car shuffle on the first day before we head off to Mt. Tamboritha. On the first day we usually stop for lunch by an interesting rock shelter. The next day we walk to Mt Ligar (the Crinolines so named due to the shape of the mountain) and then it is a long and fairly steep descent back to the cars.									
Tues - Sat or Sun	14 - 18 or 19 Nov	BC	Bogong High Plains base camp	E EM M	Var	Greater Alpine	400	E	Vanessa
This base camp has everything you love about alpine walking! Historic huts, magnetic anomalies, open snow plains, gnarly snow gums, craggy rocky peaks! All in one trip. Camp in Pretty Valley with fab views, or book a lodge at Falls Creek! Practice navigation on Mt Jim, visit historic Wallaces, Tawonga or Cope Huts, climb craggy Mt Jaitmathang. Great prep for Kosciuszko pack carry. Walks range from E to M.									

<b>Mon - Sun</b>	<b>4-10 Dec</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>Northern Kosciuszko; Round Mountain to Kiandra</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Michael</b>
<p>Round Mountain to Kiandra along the Australian Alps Walking Track. A six-day pack-carrying explore of this wilderness alpine and subalpine landscape. Above 1600m for the most part so need to be prepared for cold weather. Climb Mt Jagungal, at 2063m an impressive isolated peak with great views. A major bushfire went through the area in December 2019 so unsure which cattlemen's huts survived or have been rebuilt. Camping near old huts/hutsite most nights so possible shelter in case of bad weather – Round Mountain, Derschkos, Mackays, Happy Jacks, Four Mile huts then a morning walk on the Sunday into Kiandra and drive home. Start from the Round Mountain Carpark some 6.5 hrs drive from Melbourne via Corryong. Car shuffle of approx. 40km (one way) required to leave cars for us to collect at the end of the walk. Max number 8.</p>									
	<b>Dec '23 or Jan '24</b>	<b>BC PC</b>	<b>McMillans Track Expressions of Interest</b>	<b>M MH</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Gippsland East</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>
<p>Calling for Expressions of Interest in taking on a 220 km long walking track following a gold miners track cut by Angus MacMillan in 1860's. Potential for this walk to be done as a full pack carry or as a series of day walks, concurrently or separately. Coordination could have the 2 groups walking together for some days. It is common to spend about 2 weeks on the track.</p>									
<b>2-12</b>	<b>Feb 2024</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>South Coast Track Tasmania</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Tasmania</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>Mani / Michael</b>
<p>On a date in early February that suits those interested. Walk from Melaleuca to Cockle Creek. The South Coast Track is a challenging 84 km, 6 days minimum, could allow 7 to 8 days for weather delays or side trips. Fly Hobart to Melaleuca. There may be options for additional walks if there is enough interest. Transport logistics to be worked out depending on numbers interested. This walk replaces one that was previously listed in December 2023.</p>									
<b>2024</b>	<b>29 April / 12 May</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>NSW South Coast</b>	<b>EM -M</b>	<b>Var</b>	<b>Shoalhaven</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Jan/ Carmel</b>
<p>A trip to the NSW South Coast will include walking in Kangaroo Valley and the Shoalhaven area. There will be a mixture of walks including the coast and the escarpment, with waterfalls and spectacular views. There will be 8-10 walks ranging from EM to M over about 14 days. The preference is for walkers to drive to the area with participants sharing the driving en route. Alternatively you can organise your own transport if you prefer to fly to Sydney then take a train and/or bus to Nowra. However, you should be aware that this may take another 4 hours. Maximum number of participants is 16.</p>									