



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Summer 2023 - 2024

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.

Nov 2023 - Feb 2024 WALKS PROGRAM

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.

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	
				Gr	Km		Km	Dir		
Description										
Leader Surname			Email			Phone			Sign-on	
Wed	15-Nov		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	19-Nov	D	Jumping Creek to Wittons Reserve	M	13	Metro North	30	NE	Suzanne	
<p>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.</p>										
Sun	19-Nov	D	The Bollards	E	10	Greater Geelong	80	SW	Lyn	
<p>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.</p>										
Wed	22-Nov	D	Four Parks	E	12	Metro East	15	NE	Bernie	
<p>This return walk starts at Barak Bushlands, Eltham, then Hohnes Hill Reserve before traversing Candlebark Park and turning back at Tikalara Park, Templestowe. We use the Diamond Creek Trail and the Main Yarra Trail, and the Mullum Mullum Trail for a short distance.</p>										
Sun	26-Nov	D	Gardiners Creek and Yarra Trail	M	15	Metro East	8	E	Peter	
<p>This is a replacement walk due to track closures in the Sassafras district. The walk at Begonia Street Wattle Park, then travelling down Elgar Road to meet the Gardiners Creek trail opposite Deakin University. We will stop for a toilet and morning tea stop around 10:30 am. When the trail meets the St Kevins Boat sheds, we follow the Yarra trail back via the Boulevard to Riversdale Road. where we catch a tram back to Wattle Park for a social coffee before venturing back to the cars. Please bring a thermos for morning tea, your lunch and a Myki Card for the tram.</p>										
Sun	26-Nov	D	Monda Track	MH	16	Yarra Ranges	80	E	Roger	
<p>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.</p>										
Wed	29-Nov	D	City walk via Yarra Trail to Federation Square	E	12	Metro East	8	E	Peter	
<p>Starting 10.00 am at the Hawthorn Bridge, we pass Melbourne Girls College and Burnley Agriculture College before joining the Gardiners Creek Trail and continuing all the way to Richmond and then onto the Royal Botanic Gardens. Lunch and coffee stop here before exploring around the gardens and heading back to Federation Square to catch the No.75 tram back to the cars. Park cars on the south side of Denham Street, bring your lunch and a Myki Card for the return tram back to the cars.</p>										

Sat	2-Dec	D	Ironbark Basin - Pt Addis - Bells Beach	EM	12	Surf Coast	90	SW	Vanessa
<p>Always a delightful walk, this circuit is tide-dependent. The Ironbark Basin & Jarosite Mine is sheltered bush, the beach section around Jarosite Headland takes us past the clothing-optional beach. (Maybe a quick swim here?) The climb up from the beach by the steps past the car park takes us back to the bush. The starting point will be worked out by the tide, & hills will be minimised.</p>									
Wed	6-Dec	D	Merri Creek - Batman to Victoria Park	EM	15	Metro North	10	N	Julia
<p>This walk begins at Batman Station and finishes at Victoria Park Station. It mainly follows the Merri Creek Trail which passes through many pleasant parks including Coburg Lake, and ends at the confluence with the Yarra.</p>									
Thu	7-Dec	D	Ruffy Lake Park	E	4	Metro East	10	E	Alfred
<p>This walk starts at the Picnic Area of the Victoria Street car park side. It covers the park around the lake and back to the Picnic Area. The park is well kept and provides a nice and leisurely walk. It is intended to have a tea/coffee and cake gettogether after the walk. I would like to ask that every coming to the walk brings some cookie/cake for the end of year walk.</p>									
Fri	8-Dec	D	Boobyalla Track Clearing 3 - Mt Donna Buang	M	5	Yarra Ranges	87	E	Kim
<p>This is the last track clearing day on the Boobyalla Track for this year. Come along and join the fun. We meet the Rangers at the Summit of Mt Donna Buang at 9.30am. They drive us in close to the work area and provide all the tools including brushcutters. (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 (Park Victoria's registration site) - see instructions here.</p>									
Sun	10-Dec	D	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park	E	10	Metro East	5	NE	Lyn
<p>Enjoy the peace of very early morning from both sides of the river with a 6am start from Kaners Bridge. Breakfast at the Convent Bakery. Some short sections of track are steep with loose stones so the less steady may want boots and poles. Park at Studley Park Boathouse or over the river in Yarra Bend Park.</p>									
Sun	10-Dec	D	Cobaw Circuit	M	14	Macedon Ranges		NW	Fran
<p>This is rescheduled from the August programme. 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. There is also evidence of severe storm damage in a small area. Despite this, it is a very attractive area of bush.</p>									
Thu	14-Dec	D	Sunset Stroll Balwyn North to East Ivanhoe	E	7	Metro North	2	N	Fran
<p>This walk begins in North Balwyn, along the Koonung Creek Trail, crosses the Yarra near the Burke Rd Billabong then follows the north bank of the Yarra, turning into Wilson Reserve. There is a short section of urban walking to the East Ivanhoe shopping centre where we will stop for a convivial sunset drink at Vinoshi Wine Bar. We complete the circuit back to the cars through East Ivanhoe and back to the Koonung Creek Trail. Bring a torch in case I have miscalculated when darkness descends.</p>									
Sun	17-Dec	D	Royal Park plus - dinner walk	E	10	Melbourne (City)	7	W	Graeme
<p>Visit the past; climb a Mount; seek a skink. A clockwise circuit, including Melbourne Cemetery, Princes and Royal Parks. Park in Newry St. Meet at Callé Bakery (on cnr with Rathdowne St) at ~3.15pm. Grab a coffee; then start walking ~3:30. Get back to La Tonada Restaurant (in Rathdowne St) for dinner at 6:30-7pm. Limited to 12 participants.</p>									
Wed	20-Dec	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							

Mon	1-Jan	D	Day-Night Wombat Forest Trentham dinner Domino trail	M	14	Macedon Ranges	100	NW	Vanessa
Start walking at 1pm (suited to New Year's Day!) for an afternoon on forest tracks from Lyonville. Arrive in Trentham for a pub dinner. Return to the cars in the gloaming along the Domino Rail trail. An excellent walk & sociable start to the New Year!									
Thu	4-Jan	D	Sunset Stroll Clifton Hill	E	6	Metro North	5	N	Fran
Starting from Ramsden Park in Clifton Hill, we meander along trails by the Yarra and in Yarra Bend Park. There are some good viewing points above the Yarra. We stop for a convivial sunset drink at the Yarra Bend Golf Club then return along the Merri Creek trail which has good views of the city skyline.									
Sun	7-Jan	D	Summer Sunrise: Yarra in Richmond	E	10	Melbourne (City)	8	E	Lyn
We will cross the river and explore the gardens at Burnley before heading upstream on the Main Yarra Trail. Breakfast at Frankie Says on the river in Abbotsford, before returning downstream on the east side of the river.									
Sun	7-Jan	D	Starlings Gap to the Ada Tree	M	13	Yarra Ranges	99	E	Kim
Drive to the Ada Tree carpark east of Warburton for morning tea. Use a car shuffle to reach Starlings Gap where the walk will commence. Walk back through tall, shady mountain ash forest on old tramways to Federal Crossing and then back to the Ada Tree and carpark. There is one creek crossing where poles will be useful. Gaiters and long trousers recommended.									
Sun	14-Jan	D	Banyule Flats	EM	13	Metro North	7	N	Fran
This is an easy flat walk close to the city. We make a circuit of the lagoon which is usually very rich with birdlife. There are interesting relics of early farming, a couple of billabongs along the trail and a view of the confluence of the Yarra and Plenty Rivers. There is a fairly overgrown section of track close to the riverbank, with an easy return on the formed main Yarra Trail. This is quite close to the city but we will still start at the usual time so that we will finish relatively early in case it is a hot day.									
Sun	14-Jan	D	Ruth's Gully	MH	19	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	95	W	Roger
Starting from Blackwood Mineral Springs, pass Shaws Lake Rotunda and continue to North Blackwood Road and then Ruth Track. Head south down Hayden Track and then take a southerly spur to the Lerderderg River. Cross the river at the ford, then climb Ambler Lane to the Byers Back Track. Cross the Lerderderg once again at The Tunnel, then head northwest along Tunnel Point Track to North Blackwood Road. Retrace steps to the carpark at the Mineral Springs Reserve.									
Wed	17-Jan	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							

Thu	18-Jan	D	Beasley's Nursery - Tikalara Park Circuit	E	5	Metro East	15	E	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at Aumans Nursery and leads along the Mullum Mullum to the Yarra. Then the walk turns off to the right over a food bridge along the Yarra. From there it meanders to the top of the "Wall" and from there back to the path back to Aumans Nursery. The walk is very scenic and has some very attractive trees on the route.</p>									
Sun	21-Jan	D	Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve	M	14	Metro East	10	E	Michael
<p>Meet in Atkinson St Oakleigh for a walk along the Scotchmans Creek Trail (wetlands), Melbourne Water Pipe Reserve (somewhere different) and Valley Reserve (nice bush) with coffee in Mount Waverley half way. A morning walk only so pace will be brisk. A few hills. Maximum of 15 people.</p>									
Wed	24-Jan	D	Newport Lakes	EM	12	Metro West	8	W	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Newport Station and finishes at Williamstown Station. We walk through streets to Newport Lakes and do a circuit of these. We then head down Maddox St to the coast and follow the shared path through the Jawbone Conservation Reserve and along the Esplanade, taking in the Timeball Tower before heading to Williamstown Station. This walk can be shortened if the weather is very hot.</p>									
Wed	31-Jan	D	Sunset Stroll Alphington	E	6	Metro West	5	W	Fran
<p>This walk takes a loop around Darebin Park, along the creek and around some wetlands with lots of birds and remnants of early farming and quarrying in the area. Two thirds of the way around the park we leave for a short walk through the Alphington streets to Alphington Social where we will stop for a convivial sunset drink. Return to the park to complete the circuit and return to the cars. Bring a torch in case I have miscalculated the time it becomes dark.</p>									
Thu	1-Feb	D	Candlebark Park	E	5	Metro East	10	E	Alfred
<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. Note: An alternative track will then be selected. 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>									
Sat	3-Feb	D	Macedon Ranges Circuit	MH	19	Macedon Ranges	65	N	Robyn
<p>A circuit walk around Mt Macedon which should be lovely on a warm summer's day with views over the surrounding countryside and also Hanging Rock. There are some steep sections on the trail.</p>									
Sun	4-Feb	D	Summer Sunrise: Sandringham to Ricketts Point	E	12	Metro South	25	S	Lyn
<p>The walk follows the path around the Bay to breakfast at Ricketts Pt, before walking back to the cars.</p>									
Wed	7-Feb	D	Dandenong Creek Trail from Tirhatuan Park	EM	12	Metro East	30	SE	Bernie
<p>Walk start is from the carpark at the end of Kriegel Way (off Outlook Dr), Dandenong North, Melway 81 F8. We walk the trail in a northerly direction to the Mulgrave Wetlands, then returning to the start via the Tirhatuan Wetlands Conservation Reserve. Toilets only at the start / finish of the walk. Mostly flat and suitable for easy walkers except for the distance. Meet Kew.</p>									
Sun	11-Feb	D	Mordialloc to Carrum beach walk and return via the wetlands	M	15	Metro South	30	S	Peter
<p>The walk starts at the carpark just past the Mordialloc Creek on the Nepean Highway at 9am (We will still meet at the Library to share transport unless you are driving directly there). We walk along the sandy beach to Carrum's Patterson River where we will stop for lunch, before heading inland and winding our way back to Mordialloc and the cars. You may enjoy a swim at the lunch spot. Bring your lunch and a thermos as refreshments at the Lifesaving Clubs may not be available.</p>									

Wed	14-Feb	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct trail & Redwood forest	EM	12	Yarra Ranges	80	E	Vanessa
A through walk needing a car shuffle. Start at Sussex St Warburton, & follow the aqueduct to the redwood forest. The aqueduct has some elevation gain, but is lovely walking among & beside beautiful forest. St Valentine's day, so afternoon tea provided among the redwoods. Cooler summer walking.									
Sun	18-Feb	D	Yarra Bend: Galatea Point Outer Loop	E	8	Metro North	-	-	Bernie
Popular local walk, with plenty of birdlife. Morning walk only.									
Sun	18-Feb	D	Fryers Ridge Circuit	MH	19	Goldfields	95	N	Roger
This hike will take you through scenic woodlands of the Fryers Ridge Nature Conservation Reserve. This is a quiet wooded area, traversed by several small streams, where birdlife and local fauna abound. Tracks are well marked 4WD trails. Total climb: 456m.									
Tue	20-Feb	D	St Kilda and Albert Park	E	12	Metro South	7	SE	Lyn
We will walk down to the beach and then follow the shore around to Port Melbourne Beach. Inland to the Gasworks cafe for an early lunch and then on to Albert Park Lake. We will take the long side around the lake before returning through the streets of St Kilda. Walk may be cancelled if the forecast temp is over 30, so make sure you give contact details on the sign up sheet. Plenty of public transport bail out points along the way.									
Wed	21-Feb	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	25-Feb	D	Inverleigh	M	16	Moorabool	75	SW	Fran
This is rated Medium because of the distance, not the terrain. It is quite a flat track starting beside the Leigh River, with some lovely, large old gum trees. There is a short section of road walking to get to the Inverleigh Flora Reserve. There are lots of kangaroos and swamp wallabies in the reserve. 119 species of birds have been sighted there. The dominant tree species are manna gums and river red gums. The ecosystem is an endangered one - very little is left of the Victorian grassy plains and damp swamplands and most of what remains is in this reserve. After the walk we can have coffee at the Inverleigh hotel before returning home.									

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	
Mon - Sat	4-9 Dec	PC	Northern Kosciuszko; Round Mountain to Kiandra	MH	80	New South Wales	500	NE	Michael
<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 changeable weather. Climb Mt Jagungal, at 2063m an impressive isolated peak with great views. A repeat of the previous trip in November 2018 where we were stopped by flooded creeks on day 3. Since then a major bushfire has gone through the area so a number of the cattlemen's huts we will be camping next to have been destroyed. Route is Round Mountain, Derschkos, Mackays, Happy Jacks, Four Mile huts then a morning walk on the Saturday 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>									
	Dec '23 or Jan '24	BC PC	McMillans Track Expressions of Interest	M MH	Var	Gippsland East	400	E	Vanessa
<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>									
2-12	Feb 2024	PC	South Coast Track Tasmania	H	84	Tasmania		S	Mani / Michael
<p>On a date in early February that suits those interested. Walk from Melaleuca to Cockle Creek along the south coast of Tasmania - one of the world's great walks. 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>									
Fri - Sun	23-25 Feb '24	BC	A variety of walks around Lorne	M,M/H, H	Var	Lorne	144	SW	Robyn
<p>This will be a base camp weekend at Lorne where each day we will head off to do a day walk in the area. Some options will be a hard walk; another hard walk option will be in the area of Mt Defiance. A medium walk will be following the Erskine River up to Blanket Leaf picnic ground. Please sign up if you are interested in doing walks in this lovely area in the Otways, lovely waterfalls and views of the sea.</p>									

Fri-Tue	8-12 Mar	BC	Mount Hotham	Var	Var	Greater Alpine	380	NE	Cathy/Lyn
<p>This is take 2 of November 2022, when an untimely snowfall prevented access to many of the planned walks. Choose from a range of Easy to Medium Hard walks, including the iconic Razorback, fascinating Omeo gold diggings, and beautiful walks at Dinner Plain. Stay in the well appointed Pegasus Lodge and the neighbouring Asterix as required. \$150 deposit required by Friday 8th December.</p>									
2024	29 April / 12 May	BC	NSW South Coast	EM-M	Var	Shoalhaven	800	NE	Jan/Carmel
<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>									
Thu - Thu	15 - 22 Aug '24	BC	The Solitary Islands Coastal Walk, Coffs Harbour	M	Var	Northern NSW Coast	1387	NE	Kim
<p>This is a five day walk from Red Rock north of Coffs Harbour to Sawtell, south of Coffs, for 65km. It follows the coast along pristine beaches, spectacular headlands and through coastal bushland. Eight cabins at Park Beach Big 4 Holiday Park have been reserved for seven nights. A maximum of 16 people can participate. We will need 8 cars to allow car shuffles each day. Ideally walkers will drive to Coffs Harbour, car sharing with one other person. There is a possibility of flying to Coffs Harbour and then hiring a car but this needs to be arranged independently. On the sixth day there is an option of visiting Bellingen and walking in the Dorrigo National Park. The weather in August is perfect for walking, usually 18-25C. A \$100 deposit per head will need to be paid to the leader within 24 hours of booking on the Sign-on. The deposit will be refunded if the place is filled by someone on the waiting list. Maximum of 16 participants.</p>									