



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Winter 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:

Please note in 2024 there are changes to where the Club monthly meeting will be held.

From May to October inclusive – Meeting Room 1, Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn (parking off Talbot Ave), from 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

From November onwards - Meetings will be again held at the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

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

- 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 and add your name to a walk list if requested and forward your request on to the Walk Leader who will contact you to discuss and provide 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.

May - Aug 2024 WALKS PROGRAM

To sign-on for a walk

If using a desk-top or lap-top computer, just click 'Sign-on'.

If using a Phone or Tablet (e.g. iPad), the Sign-on link will take you to the Walk Sheet (so you can see who else is walking) but you won't be able to enter your name unless you have the Google Docs app. Instead, telephone or email the leader.

DAY WALKS, OTHER DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES (Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Select Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
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Description									
Leader Surname			Email			Phone		Sign-on	
Wed	15-May	CLUB MEETING & AGM - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thu	16-May	S	Bendigo			Goldfields	170	NW	Fran
<p>Take a vicarious trip to Paris via Bendigo. The exhibition "Paris: Impressions of Life 1880-1925" brings paintings and other artistic objects from the Musee Carnavalet, the museum of the history of Paris, to Bendigo Art Gallery. The works document a volatile period of social and artistic change in the city. Lunch at a cafe in Bendigo. Travel by train to Bendigo.</p>									
Sun	19-May	D	Bunyip State Park Loop	M	18	Gippsland West	65	E	Chris
<p>This walk begins and ends at the Helipad & Helmet Track Unloading Area (with toilet facilities) just off Snake Creek road east of Gembrook. The track takes in open eucalypt forest, tree fern gullies and large granite outcrops with extended views. Walking on closed management tracks the area is known for its lace monitors (tree goannas).</p>									
Wed	22-May	D	Werribee River North	EM	13	Metro West	30	W	Julia
<p>This walk begins and ends at Werribee Station. We'll walk up the east, left bank of the river as far as the Historic Park, then back to Heaths Rd and across to President's Park where we'll have a BYO lunch. Then we'll walk back along the west, right bank to the town centre. The river is lined with attractive vegetation and there should be plenty of birds to see. Meeting Arrangements: Will be advised by leader.</p>									
Sat	25-May	D	Short & Steep: Sherbrooke East	EM	7	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Lyn
<p>Another quick fitness boost. A scenic loop from Grants Picnic Ground with a few steep climbs including Paddy's Track. Finish before lunch.</p>									

Sun	26-May	D	Glynns Reserve, Yarra Valley Parklands Warrandyte	M	10	Metro East	26	NE	Suzanne
<p>This tranquil walk is a on the north side of the Yarra River, in nearby Warrandyte - 2 different loops. The first follows the Yarra, mostly along Glynns Track, which later traverses relatively steeply on a narrow dirt track, after a great view of the Pound Bend Tunnel on the opposite side. After morning tea, the second loop leaves the river bank, along Laughing Waters Track, through more diverse surroundings, including a derelict heritage house in the middle of nowhere, built with clay & mud and some Melbourne skyline views. Poles would be handy for the steep sections; gaiters optional. 300 m elevation. Meet at the Kew library car park at 7.45 am for car pooling.</p>									
Sat - Sun	1&2 June	TRN	BSAR Training Weekend			Metro North	60	N	Robyn
<p>For current and those who may be interested in joining BSAR this weekend is an annual training session. To be held in the Mt Disappointment State Forest.</p>									
Sun	2-Jun	D	Olinda via Woolrich Lookout	M	15	Dandenong Ranges	50	E	Suzanne
<p>This circuit walk at Olinda via Woolrich Lookout is a rainforest adventure through towering trees and fern-filled gullies in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. The view over the Yarra Ranges at the lookout is great on a clear day and the varied terrain and wildlife add to this trail's magic. Morning tea at Olinda Falls will be a treat. Expect lots of moderate hill climbs to give you a good work out (690 m total elevation). Can be slippery if wet, so poles are advisable.</p>									
Wed	5-Jun	D	La La Falls - Backstairs Track	EM	11	Yarra Ranges	64	E	Bernie
<p>Classified as EM on the Federation 2017 walks, but considered a <u>higher-end EM</u> given total climbing of 420 metres with some steep but short bits and according to the Fed notes there is a short walk on a 'heavily eroded track'. Walk starts and ends in Warburton. Not previewed by the leader at time of printing the Vagabond.</p>									
Sun	9-Jun	D	George Bass Coastal Trail	EM	15	Gippsland East	120	SE	Sandra
<p>This iconic walk commences at the southern end of the Punchbowl Road which is off the Phillip Island Tourist Road. After crossing Mauries Gully, the walk continues east along spectacular grassy hilltops. The rolling green hills provide a dramatic contrast to the abrupt cliffs, which drop into the crashing surf. We will walk down to the beach at Half Moon Bay. An attractive strand of Coast Banksia is thriving at Half Moon Bay and Boobiallas grow along the sheltered gullies. The main trail continues on over the tops, eventually arriving at Kilcunda township. We will enjoy lunch at the well known Killies Pub which will have been prebooked.</p>									

Wed	12-Jun	D	Dampier Creek / Gardiners Creek	EM	15	Metro East	11	E	Peter
<p>This is a morning walk starting at 8am from Ashwood Reserve - park off Winbarra Pde (Melway 60 J11) . We should be back at the cars by 12 noon at the latest and this includes a coffee stop on the way at the Mt Waverley shopping centre. The walk starts along the Gardiners Creek Trail before heading east through a few side streets and connecting bush walkways to Middleborough Road. Just pass Highbury Road we head south west through the Dampier Creek Conservation Reserve and then onto Mt Waverley for coffee and a well earned rest. The return route follows the train line reserve back pass the Jordanville Station and just before Holmesglen Station we cross the railway line and re-join the Gardiners Creek trail back to the cars.</p>									
Sun	16-Jun	D	Patterson River	EM	12	Metro South	33	S	Ian
<p>From Chelsea Bicentennial Park, this walk heads across to the Patterson River. It follows the path upstream along the riverbank, across the river, and then downstream. It then heads across to the beach, followed by a short beach walk to the mouth of the Patterson River, before returning to our starting point.</p>									
Sun	16-Jun	D	Doongalla - Kalorama Circuit	MH	15	Dandenong Ranges	25	E	Mani
<p>Starting at historic Doongalla Homestead Picnic Ground, we head up to Kalorama via some steep ascents, narrow tracks and undulations. We will stop to catch our breath along the way and enjoy great views. After a couple more ascents after lunch, we head back down to the cars via some lovely forest. Total elevation gain of about 750m. Meet at 7.45am at the Chalet Car Park at the top of Wattle Park, Riversdale Rd, Burwood.</p>									
Wed	19-Jun	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	23-Jun	D	Mernda	M	17	Metro North	30	N	Fran
<p>Not too far to drive on one of the shortest days of the year. Starting in Mernda, we will walk down the east side of Plenty River, cross a bridge made of a huge fallen log, then return via the west bank of the river. Shortly before the end we will have coffee in the lovely bluestone homestead, one of the earliest flour mills in Victoria. This is rated medium for the distance rather than difficulty of terrain. Despite being surrounded by suburbia, it feels like true bushland, with wallabies, wombats and lots of birds.</p>									
Wed	26-Jun	D	Sherbrooke Forest Circuit	M	12	Dandenong Ranges	40	E	Jan
<p>A beautiful walk through Mountain Ash forest and tree fern gullies. The Superb Lyrebird is often heard (or sighted if we are lucky). There are a couple of steep climbs and the tracks can be muddy after rain. Poles would be helpful. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet carpark MEL 60K3 at 8.45am for 8am departure</p>									
Sun	30-Jun	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. Meet at the Kew Library car park 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	3-Jul	D	Mt Waverley Circuit	E	11	Metro East	15	E	Julia
This is a circuit walk beginning and ending at the Zodiac St bridge over the Gardiners Creek. We walk upstream along the Gardiners Creek Trail, and turn off shortly after Highbury Rd onto the Lundgren Chain. We follow this to its end then walk through streets to the Damper Creek Reserve, which we follow through to its end at High St. We then walk through streets to Mt Waverley Station and shopping centre. We will have lunch at Son of Tucci.. We then follow the Waverley Rail Trail back down to Gardiners Creek, and follow this back to Zodiac St. Meeting Arrangements: Will be advised by leader.									
Thu	4-Jul	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk: Warrandyte	E	5	Metro East	30	NE	Lyn
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring.									
Sun	7-Jul	D	Kananook Creek Seaford	EM	14	Metro South	42	S	Ian
This walk explores the Kananook Creek area. Starting near Seaford station, we head north along the creek on the Kananook Creek Trail. Then we cross over the Nepean Highway and head south, walking either along the beach or on the path through the coastal vegetation, or a bit of both. Then we head back to the Kananook Creek Trail for a return to Seaford.									
Sun	7-Jul	D	Sassafras to One Tree Hill Circuit	M-MH	15	Dandenong Ranges	43	E	Suzanne
Starting on the edge of Sassafras, there is nothing like a ramble along the many shady Dandenong tracks, along fern filled creek gullies and passing through magnificent mountain ash trees. Of course there are a few hills to climb (total elevation 730 m), but these are spread over the distance and we will take these slowly. Track surface is generally very good, ranging from wide gravel tracks to single dirt paths. Poles are recommended; gaiters optional. Meet at the library at 7.45 am for car pooling.									
Wed	10-Jul	D	Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve	E	10	Metro South	54	S	Bernie
This walk is a carry over from the cancelled August 2023 Walk. It starts at McClelland Drive, Centre Break car park, Langwarrin. Learn about this historic area used for the training of troops for the Boer War & WW1, now returned to bushland. After walk coffee will be at the McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery. Meeting Arrangements: Will be advised by leader.									
Sun	14-Jul	D	Brisbane Ranges	M	13.5	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	82	W	Jan
A circuit walk in the northern section of the park linking together walker only tracks. Walk still to be previewed. Area is well known for wildflowers and birdlife.									

Wed	17-Jul	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	21-Jul	D	Cardinia Aqueduct Trail	E	11	Cardinia	57	SE	Sandra
<p>Set in the foothills of the Dandenong ranges this peaceful trail meanders beside the old disused Cardinia Aqueduct. The peaceful setting passes through grassy woodlands, tall eucalypts and gully forests. In late winter and spring wildflowers are scattered along the way. Just off the path, wombat tracks can often be seen as they disappear through the bush. The large pipes once used to siphon the water up the hills are still visible in the valley. The Cardinia trail formed part of the Bunyip Main Race Aqueduct which played a large part in supplying water to the Mornington Peninsula. It was decommissioned in the late 1980s due to the high cost of maintaining the channels. This is an out and back walk and we will have lunch at the halfway spot. One steep hill.</p>									
Wed	24-Jul	D	Churchill-Lysterfield NP Circuits	M	15	Metro South	27	S	Mani
<p>A 4-loop walk on good dirt tracks through interesting pockets of remnant native forest in Churchill - Lysterfield NP. Hill climbs provide sweeping views of Greater Melbourne and beyond. After morning tea we walk up to the Rock Gardens and then up to Lysterfield Hill for lunch and more views and then follow the route of the old granite quarry tramline. We should see Eastern grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies, abundant birdlife and perhaps even a legless lizard! Meet at 7.45am at the Chalet Car Park at the top of Wattle Park, Riversdale Rd, Burwood.</p>									
Sun	28-Jul	D	Toolern Vale Djerriwarrh Creek Circuit	M	15	Lerderberg - Brisbane Ranges	70	W	Fran
<p>Starting from the same point as the Pyrites Creek Trail, this walk heads east, zigzagging across the Pyrete Range, gradually descending to the valley of the Djerriwarrh Creek. It is quite undulating with lots of short and steep hills for a total amount of climbing of around 600m. This is much less frequently visited than the nearby Pyrites Circuit. It does use quite a few mountain bike trails, but they are not overly damaged or rutted. A lovely bushy area with lots of variety of flora and fauna.</p>									
Wed	31-Jul	D	Blairgowrie Back Beach	EM	13.5	Mornington Peninsula	95	S	Jan
<p>This is an out and back route following tracks through coastal tea tree and the sand dunes behind the cliff line. There are great views up and down the coast and if tide allows we will explore the Blairgowrie rock pools. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet carpark MEL 60K3 at 8.45am for 8am departure</p>									
Sun	4-Aug	D	Happy Valley – One Tree Hill circuit	EM	14	Metro North	36	NE	Graeme
<p>This walk lies in the One Tree Hill and Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserves in Christmas Hills. A lot of this land was bought back by Melbourne Water, prior to building Sugarloaf Reservoir. There are old mines and some shacks dotted throughout the area. Panoramic views. "An excellent late-winter walk with the glow of wattles brightening up the bush".</p>									

Sun	11-Aug	D	Warburton to Mt Little Joe	M-MH	15	Yarra Ranges	65	E	Suzanne
<p>A circuit walk from Warburton township, (possibly along some of the rail trail) up the Backstairs Track for a loop around Mt. Little Joe, crossing Old Warton Rd. to walk around the lower slopes of Mt. Tugwell before returning to Warburton. Very pleasant walking through natural bush & tree ferns, on a mix of single tracks and 4wd management tracks. There are heart pumping steeper sections of some 500m ascent, which we will take slowly as needed.</p> <p>Good walking shoes and poles are recommended. Meet at the library at 7.45 am for an 8 am departure (or earlier if ready).</p>									
Sun	11-Aug	D	Torquay to Bells Beach	EM	12	Surf Coast	100	SW	Lyn
<p>Starting from the Esplanade in Torquay we do a couple of kilometres of beach walking at low tide in the morning, then continue on the cliff top path to lunch with a scenic view of Bells Beach. The return trip is all on the high path.</p>									
Wed	14-Aug	D	Outer Circle	E	12	Metro East	12	E	Julia
<p>This walk begins at Hughesdale Station and finishes at Harp Junction. It follows the route of the old Outer Circle Rail Line via Boyd Park, the Urban Forest and the Anniversary Trail. There are many pleasant parks along the way, and a few ups and downs but all gradual. We'll have lunch in a cafe at Hartwell. There are lots of bail outs along the way. Meeting Arrangements: Will be advised by leader.</p>									
Sat	17-Aug	D	Richards Tramline Longer Loop	H	21	Yarra Ranges	78	E	Robyn
<p>This walk follows an old logging tramline requiring a steady climb of 500m over 11 kms. We return on the Mississippi Creek Road, a 4 WD track back to the cars, mostly downhill. Lovely area with tree ferns, forest of a variety trees including mountain grey gum, mountain ash trees, messmates. Interesting history of the logging that occurred in the area in the early 1900's.</p>									
Sun	18-Aug	D	Baldry's Crossing and Two Bays Walking Track	E	9	Mornington Peninsula	96	S	Sandra
<p>Green's Bush is the largest remnant of bushland on the Peninsula. Surrounded by farmland, this island of native forests is a wildlife haven. We start the walk at Baldry's Crossing. There are several highlights along the track. Eucalypt forest mixed with spectacular strands of grasstrees, pockets of tea-tree thicket alive with birds, picturesque fern gullies and open grasslands. There will need to be a car shuffle as this walk is one way. Lunch will be en-route. Afternoon tea will be at Bushrangers Bay picnic area. I will supply tea and coffee and something to eat. Please bring your own cup and a thermos of hot water if you have a thermos.</p>									
Wed	21-Aug	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	25-Aug	D	Creswick Forest	EM	11	Goldfields	130	NW	Lyn
<p>Mix history and nature on a circuit walk from the centre of the small goldfields town of Creswick. See grand old buildings, the La Gerche trail of 100 year old trees planted to reforest the denuded mining area, St George's Lake and Creswick Creek. One steep climb of 70m to the view from Brackenbury Hill. Total climbing 215m. We did most of this as a winter warmer two years ago. This time we will have lunch at the lake before exploring an extra section of the forest, then coffee in Creswick.</p>									

Sun	25-Aug	D	Mt Macedon from the North	M	15	Macedon Ranges	80	NW	Michael
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From Heskett Primary School to Days Picnic Ground on the sub-alpine Macedon plateau. Up via quiet country roads, past a forgotten waterfall, then climb through untracked bush. Visit Sanatorium Lake then down off the mountain via bush tracks (steep and may be muddy) and country roads through rolling farmland. Plateau is almost 1000m above sea level so may be cold and damp. Approx. 450m climbing. Great views. A satisfying day. Maximum 15

Sun	1-Sep	D	Britannia Range	MH	15	Yarra Ranges	70	E	Roger
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This walk features mountain ash forest, many tree ferns, an apple orchard and views of the Little Yarra Valley. There is a very challenging climb past large granite boulders (total ascent 780m over 8km) and very deep erosion gullies (see how dirt bikes can destroy a track). Foot tracks pass through lush regrowth forest. 75% foot tracks, 25% dirt roads & 4WD tracks. Walking poles highly recommended.

Fri - Sun	11-13 Oct	BC	Federation Walk - Wilsons Prom NP	Var	Var	Gippsland East	230	SE	BWV
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Advance notice refer BWV (Bushwalking Victoria) August Newsletter. Also [Federation Walks Wilsons Promontory](#). See Also BC and PC Section. Bookings open Monday 3rd June.

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
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Leader Surname		Email			Phone			Sign-on	

Fri - Mon	16 - 19 Aug	PC	Mt Bogong Snow Walk	H	22	Greater Alpine	700 (rtn)	NE	Selwyn / Mani / Jim
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What's better than summiting the highest mountain in Victoria? Summiting it in winter with a couple of nights snow camping, of course. A 'white Christmas' experience - but in August. This circuit walk visits two alpine huts, traversing up thru snow covered forest, above the treeline to the summit and multiple creek crossings on the return leg.

2024	Spring / early Summer	PC BC	McMillans Track Expressions of Interest	M MH	Var	Gippsland East	400	E	Vanessa
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Rescheduling this Expressions of Interest (update the sign-on sheet please) 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 over a number of stages. A Base Camp and a series of day walks, concurrently or separately which may provide some support to the PC group. Coordination could have the 2 groups walking together for some days. It is common to spend about 2 weeks on the track.

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2025	late Feb - March	PC	Western Arthurs - Tasmania	H	69	Tasmania		S	Chris
<p>The Western Arthurs is one of the most beautiful and challenging walks in Australia. Walk duration is 6 days and although distances are not great, traversing is slow over very exposed rugged topography, steep slopes, alpine moorlands and glacial lakes. This walk requires a no cost booking with Tas Parks as numbers are limited to 12 a day, so expressions of interest are sought ASAP. Limit 5</p>									