



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Summer 2024/25

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 **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.

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
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Wed	20-Nov	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
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Thur	21-Nov	D	Mt Macedon - Cherokee	M	14	Macedon Ranges	80	NW	Vanessa
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Start high, at the Memorial Cross, then follow walking tracks & closed roads & quiet back roads downhill - most of the way! We walk along the range to Camel's Hump, climb it then head to Sanitorium Lake. From there, we follow Lions Head Road & an unnamed steep horse trail down the eastern side of the range. We finish at Cherokee, hopefully in time for a cuppa at The Trading Post General Store at Mt Macedon.

Sun	24-Nov	D	Johns Hill - Clematis - Menzies Creek - Hermons Saddle circuit	M	14	Dandenong Ranges	30	E	John
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Views of the Yarra Valley & surrounding ranges. Fern gullies, semi-rural residential streets, Puffing Billy, small farms. Steep hills & gravel roads. Decent footwear required.

Sun	1-Dec	D	Ocean Grove Foreshore	EM	12	Surf Coast	100	SW	Sandra
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From the Lookout Reserve Carpark in Ocean Grove, we will follow the foreshore towards Barwon Heads. We will continue over the bridge which spans the Barwon River and walk towards the Bluff, which has views over the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary and Bass Strait. We will return via the shallow Barwon River estuary. Possibility of stopping for coffee at the Dunes Cafe made famous by the television show, "Seachange".

Sun	1-Dec	D	Lerderderg Nolan-Trout Circuit	M	12	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	84	NW	Graeme
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A circuit walk (centred on O'Briens Crossing) comprising Cowan, Nolan, Ambler & Trout Tracks. There are two Lerderderg River crossings (one a ford). There is also a 1km off-track ('bush-bashing') section. This is an EXPLORATORY (i.e. not previewed) walk. Sound exciting? Then come along!

Thur	5-Dec	D	Banksia Park - Heide	E	5	Metro East	15	SE	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the Banksia Park Picnic Area. Then loops round the Banksia Reserve to the Yarra river and then onto the Heide side. The Banksia Reserve has beautiful old gum trees and was a living and meeting area for the Wurunjeri People. Then we walk up the Heide Artist Park, which has some modern art sculptures. We can then have a Coffee break at the Museum coffee shop. Note: A visit to the Heide Museum is optional to the individual participant. Meeting Arrangement: To be advised by leader.</p>									
Sun	8-Dec	D	Point Cook Coastal Park	E	9	Metro West	37	SW	Bernie
<p>Point Cook Coastal Park – a 9 km circuit through what was once a part of the Chirnside pastoral empire on the western shore of Port Phillip. Historic homestead, bird watching and some beach walking.</p>									
Wed	11-Dec	D	Mullum Mullum Meander	EM	14	Metro East	20	E	Julia
<p>The walk starts at Mitcham Station and finishes at Ringwood Station. We walk up Mitcham Rd to join the Eastlink Trail. We follow this to Schwerkolt Cottage, then back-track a little to cross to the north side of Eastlink, and follow another walking path to Ringwood. Highlights are spectacular views of the Eastlink tunnel entrances, and the beautiful Mullum Mullum Creek and its native vegetation. Mainly on sealed paths but some quite steep ups and downs. Meeting arrangements: To be advised by leader.</p>									
Thur	12-Dec	D	Sunset Stroll Alphington	E	6	Metro North	6	NE	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. Meeting arrangements: To be advised by leader.</p>									
Sun	15-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 Kanes Bridge. Breakfast at the Convent Bakery. Some short sections of track are steep with loose stones so the less steady might want boots and poles. Park at Studley Park Boathouse or over the river in Yarra Bend Park.</p>									
Sun	15-Dec	D	Plenty River Trail – Dinner walk	EM	14	Metro North	8	N	Graeme
<p>Walk Greensborough to Heidelberg. Meet at Heidelberg Railway Station, to catch the 13:14 'Eltham' train to Greensborough (arriving 13:26). There should be plenty of parking at the station, or on Yarra St, which leads up from Lower Heidelberg Rd. The Old England Hotel, where we'll have dinner, is on that corner. We'll have 'afternoon tea' at the Lower Plenty Hotel (so might be labelled a 'Pub Crawl!'). It's a very pleasant walk along the Plenty Rvr, and also part of the Main Yarra Trail. Maximum of 12.</p>									

Wed	18-Dec	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	29-Dec	D	Alphington	E	10	Metro East	2	E	Fran
<p>Take a break from all the holiday festivities by getting out for a walk. Starting from Alphington Park, meander along the Yarra through some lovely urban bushland. Cross the river and continue along winding trails to the Fairfield Pipe Bridge. We can cross here and have our BYO usual lunch and get a coffee if they are open. There are some open stretches, but it is mostly in dappled shade through the bush of Yarra Bend Park. The terrain is gently undulating, - no big hills. It's typical riverside track with a few metres up and down here and there but surprisingly it ends up being 200 metres of climbing. The steepest section is going up and down from the river to the Chandler Highway Bridge. Meeting arrangements: To be advised by leader.</p>									
Thur	2-Jan	D	Sunset Stroll - Studley Park Kew	E	5	Metro East	2	E	Fran
<p>Starting from Kanes Bridge walk along the Yarra through Studley Park around Collins Reserve and along the Andrews Reserve Track and back to Studley Park. Finish the evening with a convivial sunset drink at the Boathouse. Meeting arrangements: To be advised by leader.</p>									
Sun	12-Jan	D	Emerald to Cockatoo and back	M	16	Dandenong Ranges	50	E	Michael
<p>To Cockatoo via the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. In forest much of the way so should be ok if warm weather forecast. Great views. If our timing works out we may get to see Puffing Billy! Coffee by Emerald Lake on the way back. Some 300m climbing, some of it steep. Maximum 15 walkers. Meet at Wattle Park Chalet carpark at 7:45am.</p>									
Wed	15-Jan	D	Anniversary Trail - East Camberwell to Chandler Bridge	EM	14.5	Metro East	10	E	Joslin
<p>A flat walk along old Outer Circle Railway easement north of East Camberwell Station as far as the Chandler Highway Bridge, generally a flat walk. NOTE this walk has been reduced from 17.5km as published in the Vagabond and graded EM.</p>									
Wed	15-Jan	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	19-Jan	D	Summer Sunrise: Yarra Bend Park over Walmer St Bridge	EM	9	Metro East	5	E	Lyn
<p>Meet at the parking area at Yarra Bank Reserve off Creswick St Hawthorn East (Just under the Bridge Rd bridge) in time for a 6.30am start. We walk upstream on the left bank, crossing the river at Barkers Rd, then back again over the Walmer St Bridge. Stay on the Andrews Reserve Trail close to the river (which can be a bit steep and rocky so bring your poles) until a short climb to go around the edge of Studley Park golf course for breakfast at the newly renovated Studley Grounds cafe. After breakfast we will take the easier and more direct path back to the cars.</p>									
Wed	22-Jan	D	Laverton to Altona	EM	14	Metro West	20	E	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Laverton Station and finishes at Altona Station. We walk via streets and a footbridge to cross the M1 to Skeleton Creek. We follow this downstream then turn east to skirt the Cheetham Wetlands and ascend the 100 Steps of Federation, which provides a 360 degree view of the flat surrounds. We then continue across Laverton Creek and along the coast to Altona. Meeting arrangements: To be advised by leader.</p>									

Sat	25-Jan	D	Early Morning in Sherbrooke Forest	EM	8	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Lyn
Meet at O'Donohue's Picnic Ground off Sherbrooke Lodge Rd at 7.45am for an 8am start. The route will include my favourite short and steep climb of Hillclimb track plus views of the falls and possibly the newly reopened Wattle Track. After the walk we can celebrate an early Australia Day with a BBQ brunch at the picnic grounds, and be home for an afternoon nap before the weather gets too hot!									
Thur	30-Jan	D	Sunset Stroll - East Ivanhoe	E	5.5	Metro East	3	E	Fran
The walk starts with a loop around the Burke Rd Billabong, probably dry at this time of year. After crossing the Yarra, we will follow some of the trails between the Main Yarra Trail and the river, before heading to the East Ivanhoe Village for a convivial sunset drink at Vinoshis Wine bar. The mosquitoes are out at dusk, so come prepared with insect repellent. Meeting arrangements: Park at the car park behind Chris Cross Garden Supplies 1575 Burke Rd. Be ready to start walking at 7.00pm									
Sun	2-Feb	D	Blowhole & Bald Hill	M	18	Goldfields	122	NW	Roger
The walk starts at The Blowhole on Sailors Creek and follows an old water race descending to an old charcoal burning site, before climbing to the basalt plateau west of Daylesford. The walk visits Bretts Gully, Henderson Springs and the hamlet of Basalt, then descends to Bald Hill Creek. There is a steep climb out of the gully and then a gradual descent to Tipperary Springs. Then the walk follows the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start.									
Fri	7-Feb	S	Social BBQ	na	na	Metro East	8	E	Jenny & Peter
A social BBQ and shared meal is on again at the home of Jenny and Peter Mason 24 Relowe Crescent Balwyn starting at 6pm. There is a limit of 20 places. Those who are signed up from 1-6 are asked to bring nibbles to share, 7 - 14 a salad and those 15 -20 dessert. Please bring your own meat and drinks.									
Sun	9-Feb	D	Mt Sugarloaf, Toolern Vale	M	16	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	NW	60	Fran
The ascent of Mt Sugarloaf is on service roads and fairly exposed, however most of the walk descends through bush on mountain bike trails so there should be shade for most of the day. It is a very pleasant walk in the valley at the bottom of the hill before we return to the service road back to the car park. This is typical Lerderderg dry forest, with lots of birds as well.									
Thur	13-Feb	D	Clematis to Emerald Lake	E	12	Dandenong Ranges	E	40	Peter
The walk begins at the Paradise Hotel in Clematis and by various bush tracks and back streets we finish up at Emerald Lake for lunch before returning to our cars via a track parallel to the Puffing Billy Railway line. Meet in the Hotel car-park at 9.45am for a 10am start									
Sun	16-Feb	D	Summer Sunrise: Sandringham to Ricketts Point	E	12	Metro South	25	S	Lyn
The walk follows the path around the Bay to breakfast at Ricketts Pt, before walking back to the cars. Meet: On the foreshore near the rotunda at the end of Melrose St Sandringham (Opposite the Sandringham Hotel) in time for a 6.45am start . Plenty of free all-day parking but do check the signs!									

Wed	19-Feb	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	23-Feb	D	Herring Island	E	12	Metro East	5	E	June
<p>Meet at 9.30 at Flinders street Station. We will walk along the Yarra until we reach the Landing where we travel on the free barge across to the Island. The paths on the Island pass large, permanent sculptures. There is attractive bushland and wildlife.</p> <p>After a visit to the colourful ,extensive art exhibition at the information Centre we will have a picnic lunch. We can then return the way we came or you may choose a different way back.</p>									
BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES									
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Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Gr	Km	Locality	Km	Dir	Leader Given Name
Leader Surname		Email				Phone			Sign-on
Thur - Sun	24-27 Oct	C	Track Maintenance - Alpine NP Mt Jaithmathong		n/a	Greater Alpine	400	NE	BTAC - BWV
<p>Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. The work involves defining and clearing the walking track from Mt Jaithmathang to the Fainter Fire Trail from a base camp at the Tawonga Huts. You will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event will be on the ParksConnect site.</p>									
Fri - Mon	22-25 Nov	C	Track Maintenance - Lickhole Creek - Howqua Hills		n/a	Greater Alpine	220	NE	BTAC - BWV
<p>Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. The work involves clearing the Lickhole Creek Walking Track from near Frys Hut in the Howqua Hills. Accommodation will be camping at the Parks Victoria's Blackbird depot just north of the Howqua River at Sheepyards Flat. You will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event will be on the ParksConnect site.</p>									
Fri - Sun	Nov 29 - 1 Dec	PC	Tali Karng	M	37	Gippsland East	540 (rtn)	E	Selwyn
<p>Tali Karng, the hidden jewel nestled in the mountains of Gippsland. A bucket list destination - but via a route less travelled. This walk follows Wellington River upstream and includes up to 16 river crossings, each way. We will camp at the charmingly named Valley of Destruction, below (and away from) Tali Karng lake itself, returning via Echo Point and Riggall Spur tracks. Note, the road is sealed all the way to start / finish point. Max. 6 participants.</p>									
Tue - Wed	3-11 Dec	BC	Great Ocean Walk Base Camp	EM - MH	Var	Glenelg - Otway	240	W	Jan
<p>This is an 8 day walk covering 100kms from Marengo to The 12 Apostles, a series of day walks following the southern coast and forest on the Great Ocean Walk. We will be based in cabins at Bimbi Park near Cape Otway. Bimbi Park will assist with our daily car shuffle using their 11 seater mini bus. The walks vary in grades from EM to MH in one section. The walk includes some steep</p>									

climbs, beach walking and creek crossings. Some sections are tidal dependant. I have reserved cabins at Bimbi Park and the base camp is limited to 11 participants.

Sat - Sun	14-22 Dec	PC &/or BC	McMillans Track Expressions of Interest	M or MH	Var	Gippsland East	400	E	Vanessa
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. This walk may to be done as a full pack carry or over a number of stages. A moving Base Camp with a series of day walks may provide some support to the Pack Carry group. Coordination could have the 2 groups walking together for some days. Time allocated will determine how much of McMillans Track is completed.									
Sat - Mon	11-13 Jan 2025	C	Track Maintenance - various Mt Buffalo tracks		n/a	Greater Alpine		NE	BTAC - BWV
ADVANCE NOTICE: Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. Not yet listed on Parks Vic web site. The work cover various tracks on Mt Buffalo. You will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event will be on the ParksConnect site.									
Fri - Mon	24-27 Jan 2025	C	Track Maintenance - Mt Howitt area		n/a	Greater Alpine		NE	BTAC - BWV
ADVANCE NOTICE: Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC) group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. Not yet listed on Parks Vic web site. Track to Mt Howitt from Howitt carpark and Zeka Spur Track You will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. All details regarding this event will be on the ParksConnect site.									
Sat - Fri	1-7 March 2025	PC	Western Arthurs - Tasmania	H	69	Tasmania	N/A	S	Chris
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 is now closed and is registered with Parks Tasmania									
Fri - Tue	28 March - 1 April 2025	BC	Falls Creek	Var	Var	Greater Alpine	200	NE	Lyn / Cathy
Expressions of Interest: We cannot book the lodge until end of Nov, so still unsure of dates. If the nominated weekend dates are not available, we will try for Mon 24th to Fri 28th Mar. Put your name on the list to ensure your place in the queue. As soon as the booking is confirmed we will contact everyone on the list. Stay in lodge accommodation or your tent at Falls Creek and participate in day walks in the high plains. There will be a range of walks ranging from EM to MH, hopefully at least two levels each day.									

Mon - Fri	28 April - 2 May 2025	BC	Bendigo area	E - EM	Var	Goldfields	170	N	Bernie
<p>Walks (including a Sketcher's Walk) will include: Greater Bendigo National Park, Kooyoora State Park (Melville Caves) and possibly Whroo. In due course cabins will be booked at the Big4 Tasman Holiday Park, 15 Heinz St, White Hills (https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/vic/goldfields/tasman-holiday-parks-bendigo / phone 03 5448 4421). Maximum 20 participants.</p>									
Mon-Thur	2-5 June 2025	PC	Wyperfeld - Hopping Mouse Hill block	MH	15	Murray / Mallee	450	NW	Jim
<p>This will be a 2 day (1 night out) Pack Carry to experience dry country walking and camping. Walking through the Hopping Mouse Hill Block in Wyperfeld, there are no tracks and some sand dunes to navigate. With the expectation of a dry camp and water needing to be carried we will have only a short walk in to camp and then do some exploring. Walking out the next day. Due to the distance to Wyperfeld National Park, we will drive up the day before and return home the day after, this will give some opportunity for short walks that are available from the campsites in the park.</p>									