



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Autumn 2025

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 Club Meetings are held at the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, open from 7.30 for 8.00 pm 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

- 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 19-Feb CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details

Sun	23-Feb	D	Herring Island	E	12	Metro East	5	E	June
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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.

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.

Thur	27-Feb	D	Currawong Bush Park Loop	E	5	Metro East	15	NE	Alfred
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The walk starts at Beasleys Nursery and ends up there again. The walk takes you up the steps at the Caravan Park and along the trail to the Currawong Park. Then back on the other side of the Mullum Mullum Creek to the starting point. Nice bushland and birds and there may be some local wallabies. Possibility to have coffee after the walk at Beasleys.

Sun	2-Mar	D	Studley Park	E	10	Metro East	2	E	Fran
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Take a short walk around trails in Yarra Bend Park finishing with a picnic lunch back at the starting point. This will allow us time to visit Villa Alba which opens at 1.00 pm. This house museum presents the union of fine and ornamental arts in its painted interior wall decorations, created soon after the mansion was built in 1883. \$15.00 entry includes the tour starting at 1.15 pm.

Wed	5-Mar	D	Lake Wendouree	E	10	Goldfields	130	NW	Lyn
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We will walk from the station clockwise around Lake Wendouree and through the Botanical Gardens. This is only a couple of days before the Ballarat Begonia Festival, so the gardens should be at their peak.

Sun	9-Mar	D	Williamstown to Altona	EM	12	Metro West	16	SW	Peter
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From Williamstown Station we make our way down to the Esplanade and join up with the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail which we follow all the way to Altona Beach then onto the Altona Railway Station for the return journey.

Wed	12-Mar	D	Blackburn to Ashburton	EM	14	Metro East	13	E	Julia
<p>The walk begins at Blackburn Station and finishes at Ashburton Station. First, we walk via streets to the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, where we'll have a BYO morning tea/coffee. From there we walk via the attractive Blackburn Creeklands Reserve to connect with the Gardiners Creek Trail, which we follow downstream, stopping near the Deakin Burwood Campus for a BYO lunch. We continue down the Gardiners Creek Trail until just north of High St Rd, where we cross the creek and walk via the streets to Ashburton Station.</p>									
Sun	16-Mar	D	A Walk in the Olinda Woods	M	15.5	Dandenong Ranges	42	E	Roger
<p>The walk takes a clockwise route through the Dandenong Ranges National Park, starting and ending at the Olinda Falls Picnic Ground, encompassing Cascade Track, Caterpillar Track, Burges Track, Olinda Creek Road and Georges Track.</p>									
Wed	19-Mar	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thur	20-Mar	D	Jumping Creek Reserve	E	5	Metro East	25	E	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the car park of the Jumping Creek Reserve. Then goes along the Yarra to the Blue Tongue Bend. This part is up and down but with beautiful views of the Yarra. The walk back is on the higher side and then back to the car park.</p>									
Sat	22-Mar	D	Anglesea Perimeter Walk - East	M	13	Surf Coast	120	SW	Robyn
<p>This walk follows the Anglesea River to the mouth and then walking along the cliffs on the Surf Coast Track and then inland as we make our way back to the cars passing through the Anglesea heath area.</p>									
Sun	30-Mar	D	Mt Evelyn water race, aqueduct and pipeline explore	M	17	Dandenong Ranges	30	E	Michael
<p>A clockwise loop from the Mt Evelyn Recreation Reserve following part of the route of three generations of water supplies: from the earliest water race to the current Silvan Dam pipeline. A mini waterfall (Horseshoe Falls), an opportunity to find the start of the water race at the Olinda Creek Cascades, history, farms and horses, some lovely bush - all in the outer suburbs 40 minutes from home. Approx 340m climbing some steep. Some walking in suburban streets. Need to cross one busy road. Maximum 15.</p>									
Wed	2-Apr	D	O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail/ Warburton Trail	M	15	Yarra Ranges	60	E	Peter
<p>The Aqueduct walk begins at the Dee Creek car park (just north of Millgrove). This is a cool forest walk through ferns and giant eucalypts, with lovely views. The path is cut into the hills above the Upper Yarra Valley, following the decommissioned aqueduct through thick layers of forest, protected for water catchment for over a century. After about 7 km we take back streets into Warburton for a lunch stop before returning via the Warburton Trail to Millgrove and our cars.</p>									

Sat	5-Apr	D	Birdsland	E	11	Metro East	45	SE	Anna / Mentor Lyn, Fran
A pleasant walk in the foothills of the Dandenongs. An easy stroll around two lakes in the Birdsland Reserve before we enter the northern section of Lysterfield Park. Here there are granite outcrops and eucalypt forest. Enjoy views across pastoral land to the city. A total of about 200m climbing in a few short sections.									
Sun	6-Apr	D	Cape Woolamai and Churchill Island	E	12	Bass Coast	120	SE	John
This corner of Phillip Island is a must see area if you have never been. If you need a lift please call me. This easy walk is on the ocean beach and tracks amongst the Nature Reserve with spectacular scenery. BYO lunch which we will have on the beach amongst red granite boulders. In the afternoon we walk on historic Churchill Island and conclude with a coffee/ cakes at the delightful Farm Cafe. You should be back home by approx 5.30 pm.									
Wed	9-Apr	D	Grandparents & Grandkids Walk			Select Locality			Jan
Walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgment of responsibility for the children they bring. Details and location of walk to be advised.									
Sun	13-Apr	D	Dandenongs – 3 Gardens	E	7	Dandenong Ranges	38	E	Graeme
Revel in the autumn colours of the George Tindal, Alfred Nicholas & Pirianda Gardens! Approx 2.5 km of walking between the gardens (plus a 6 km drive), and 4.5 km on internal trails admiring their beauty. Have a preview look here .									
Wed	16-Apr	D	Seawinds and the OT Dam	EM	9	Mornington Peninsula	80	S	Bernie
"A walk focussed on Arthurs Seat State Park, woodlands and historic areas, including a circuit of the pretty OT Dam, which supplied the OT cordial factory. Enjoy wildflowers, views across Port Phillip Bay and William Ricketts sculptures in the Seawinds garden. 70% foot track, 20% unsealed road, 10% sealed road. 270 metres of ascent." (FedWalk 2018).									
Wed	16-Apr	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	20-Apr	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. The walk then follows the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start.									
Wed	23-Apr	D	Maroondah Aqueduct	EM	13	Metro East	20	E	Julia
The walk starts and finishes at Eltham Station. We begin by walking north alongside the rail line, until just past Main Rd we reach Edendale Farm, where we'll have morning tea/coffee. We continue heading north along the Diamond Creek Trail until we reach Allendale Rd. Here we turn right and tackle a steep ascent which brings us to the very scenic Maroondah Aqueduct path. We follow this for almost its entire length before descending to the small Research Shopping Centre, where we'll have a BYO or buy lunch there. We then follow the trail which runs alongside Main Rd back to the rail line, and follow our outward route back to the station.									

Sat	26-Apr	D	Boobyalla Track, Donna Buang	M	12	Yarra Ranges	82	E	Kim
<p>The walk starts at the summit of Mt Donna Buang and we initially walk off track through beautiful forest to the Walter Briggs Hut where we will have morning tea around the warm open fire. After exploring the hut and surrounds we will re-trace our steps up to the access road and skirt our way around the summit to join the Boobyalla Track which we cleared last year. We'll follow this track to the top of Mt Boobyalla (a gentle climb) and then descend the north side to Road 4 and an easy two kilometre walk downhill to the Acheron Way. A car shuffle will be required. Be prepared for cold conditions - snow is always possible. Gaiters and poles are recommended if used. Limit of 14 members only.</p>									
Sun	4-May	D	Wombat State Forest Loop	M	15.8	Goldfields	109	NW	Roger
<p>The route winds through the magnificent Wombat State Forest, starting and ending in Bullarto near Osborne Road. The forest varies from dense bush to open woodlands, and you will pass the Bullarto Reservoir on the route. Some scrub bashing and a few trees to clamber over. Elevation rise: 322 m.</p>									
Wed	7-May	D	Maroondah Reservoir Park	EM	8km	Yarra Ranges	60	NE	Jan
<p>From the park, and its autumn display, we walk across the dam wall and follow tracks to Donnelly's Weir passing the old aqueduct. The return loop includes a steep climb over Henderson Hill</p>									
Thur	8-May	D	Finns Reserve - Yarra Trail	E	5	Metro East	12	SW	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at the Finns Reserve Car Park. We go over the bridge to the left along the Yarra. The walk has some interesting gum trees as natural statues. The return leads past the Yarra bridge to the start of the Westerfolds Park and then back to the Finns Reserve car park along the Yarra Trail. The walk is relatively flat and shady.</p>									
Sun	11-May	D	Greens Bush	EM	12	Mornington Peninsula	102	S	Jan
<p>A walk along sections of Main Creek, passing through tree fern gullies, eucalypts and grass tree forests with areas of open grassland. Starting from Baldry's Crossing we will include some of the side tracks to create a loop back to our walk start.</p>									
Sat	17-May	D	Short and Steep Sherbrooke East	EM	7	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Lyn
<p>A scenic loop from Grants Picnic Ground with a few steep climbs. A good fitness workout you can finish before lunch.</p>									
Sun	18-May	D	Cathedral Range North Loop	H	13	Goulburn	110	NE	Chris
<p>Cathedral Range is a classic skyline walk. The North Cathedral Loop starts at Neds Gully Campground with a solid climb of about 500m over 3km to the top of the range. After a welcome break we can check out the views from the various peaks as we walk to Farmyard along the narrow rocky ridge track. Then it is all downhill to Cooks Mill and a stroll along the Little River Track back to the cars.</p>									
Wed	21-May	D	Ferntree Gully Forest	M	12	Dandenong Ranges	27	E	Jan
<p>Starting from One Tree Hill we will loop together a series of tracks to create a circuit walk. This will include some steep ups and downs and a rocky climb. Poles will be useful.</p>									

Wed	21-May	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	25-May	D	Olinda Valley	M	12	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Jan
Exploring the Olinda Valley from Woolrich Lookout through tall eucalypt forest, ferny gullies and RJ Hamer Arboretum. Some steep climbs and 1 probably muddy footpad. Walking poles useful.									
Wed	28-May	D	Eltham North / Diamond Creek Circuit	E	12	Metro East	20	NE	Bernie
Walk will commence at the Eltham North Reserve, heading to Diamond Creek via the Diamond Creek Trail and returning via the Aqueduct and Research trails.									
BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES									
				<u>Walk</u>			<u>Travel</u>		
Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Gr	Km	Locality	Km	Dir	Leader Given Name
Leader Surname		Email			Phone			Sign-on	
Sat - Fri	1-7 March	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.									
Mon-Fri	24-28 March	BC	Falls Creek	Var	Var	Greater Alpine	200	NE	Lyn / Cathy
Stay in lodge accommodation or your tent at Falls Creek and participate in day walks on the high plains. There will be a range of walks from EM to MH, at least two levels each day.									
Fri-Sun	11-13 April	BC	Grampians	Var	Var	Grampians	320	NW	Robyn
This weekend will provide the opportunity for those club members interested in leading a walk for the Federation Walks in October can come and plan their walk. Club members who would just like to walk and enjoy the Grampians please sign up.									
Mon - Fri	28 April - 2 May	BC	Bendigo area	E - EM	Var	Goldfields	170	N	Bernie
Walks (including a Sketcher's Walk) will include: Greater Bendigo National Park, Kooyoora State Park (Melville Caves) and possibly Whroo. Due to events being held in Bendigo at this time accommodation is limited. New participants may need to find their own accommodation. Maximum 20 participants.									

Mon-Thur	2-5 June	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>									
Fri - Mon	13-16 Jun	BC	Anglesea	EM	Var	Surf Coast	120	SW	Lyn
<p>Expressions of interest: We have a tentative booking for three 3-bedroom units (plus possibility of an extra 2-bedroom unit) for the Fri, Sat and Sun of the weekend after the long weekend in June. Shorter walks on arrival Fri, and on Mon morning; longer walks Sat and Sun. Staying at the Anglesea Holiday Club (https://ahc.csiro.au/), through Louise Bennett who is a member of that club. Please indicate if you are a couple, want a single room or are prepared to share (and with whom). Each unit has one double, one twin, and one 2x2 bunks. We will take bookings in order until rooms are full. Payment (approx \$150 per person per night) will be required on confirmation of our booking in early March.</p>									
Tues - Sat	26 Aug - 6 Sept	BC	Southern Qld - Main Range NP & Girraween NP	EM to M+	Var	Queensland	1,500	N	Carmel / Jan
<p>Join us to explore some National Parks in southern Queensland. The trip will include walks in Main Range NP, Girraween NP (famous for its wildflowers) and Boonoo Boonoo NP – roughly 200kms inland from Byron Bay. The area includes The Granite Belt which has featured in “Going Places with Ernie Dingo” – this can be viewed on SBS On Demand Season 4, Episode 8. The trip will be about 12 days and probably means flying to Ballina and hiring cars – we will then stay in accommodation part of the time very near Main Ridge and part in Tenterfield just south of the Queensland border. Max participants 16</p>									
Mon-Fri	22-26 Sep	BC	Dimboola - Little Desert	EM	Var	Wimmera	350	NW	Fran
<p>Despite its name, Little Desert in springtime is full of native flora, with hundreds of different species ranging from orchids to guinea flowers to blue stars. The vegetation consists mainly of mallee eucalypts, banksia and tea tree with a heathy understory. Over 200 species of birds have been recorded as well as possums, western grey kangaroos and of course snakes. So far there are no recorded sightings of leeches there. We will walk the Wimmera River Trail, visit the Kiata Sanctuary and the Keith Hatley Reserve, scale Mt Pomponderoo, see the Pink Salt Lake and walk the Charcoal Track/Eagle Swamp Circuit. The walks will probably finish early in the afternoons so there may be time to visit some of the towns in the area with silo art. Accommodation will be in the Riverside Holiday Park in Dimboola.</p>									
Fri - Sun	11-12 Oct	BC	Federation Day Walks 2025	Var	Var	Grampians	320	NW	Robyn
<p>The Federation Day Walks is being organised by the Grampians Bushwalking Club and the Boroondara Bushwalking Club with assistance from 4 western Victorian bushwalking clubs. Club members who would be interested in leading a walk or helping out on the actual weekend with various roles such as setting up, registration, packing up etc. please contact Robyn.</p>									

CONSERVATION & TRACK MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

14-17 Feb	C	McMillans Walking Track	n/a	Gippsland East	400	NE	BTAC - BWV
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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, and is at the planning stage. The work covers various tracks on the McMillans Track, Crooked River or Mt Shillinglaw. 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

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27 Feb - 3 Mar	C	AAWT Misery Trail	n/a	Greater Alpine	400	NE	BTAC - BWV
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28-30 March	C	AAWT Mt Erica	n/a	Gippsland East	400	NE	BTAC - BWV
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25-28 Apr	C	Mitchell River Walking Track	n/a	Gippsland East	400	NE	BTAC - BWV
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