



# **Boroondara Bushwalkers**

## **Visitors Walks Program**

**Autumn 2026**

## 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 7.00 for 7:30 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

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Select Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name	
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<b>Description</b>										
<b>Leader Surname</b>			<b>Email</b>			<b>Phone</b>			<b>Sign-on</b>	
Wed	18-Feb		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	22-Feb	D	Herring Island	South Yarra.	E	12	Melbourne (City)	8	June	
Meet at 9.30am at Flinders Street and then walk along the Yarra River to the landing where we will catch the ferry to Herring Island. We will visit the Information Centre to view the Art display. Then time to explore the Island and see the permanent sculptures in many locations. There is a variety of birds and flora to be seen. Lunch on the island before returning on the ferry. There is a choice of ways to return home.										
Thurs	26-Feb	D	Waller House East Ivanhoe		E	8	Metro East	3	N Fran	
Take a behind the scenes tour of this historic house in East Ivanhoe, guided by a conservation architect. Owned and decorated by Napier and Christian Waller, this Arts and Crafts styled house was built in 1922 to their specifications. Napier and Christian Waller collaborated on many public art works. They can be seen in murals, mosaics and stained-glass paintings on many prominent buildings in Victoria, such as the Melbourne Town Hall, the State Library of Victoria, murals in the Myer department store, University of Melbourne and many places of worship around the state. The house is decorated with their distinctive style. This is a National Trust Property. The cost for Trust members is \$45.00 and for non-members is \$60.00. Bookings need to be made well in advance but payment does not need to be made until 7 days prior to the visit. After the visit we will walk to Bailey's Billabong and Chelsworth Park for lunch before returning to the train station. Meet Darebin Station by 9.30. (Hurstbridge Line)										
Sun	15-Mar	D	Hastings		E	12	Mornington Peninsula	75	S Bernie	
This event includes the Ted Harris Walk and the Bittern Wetlands Coastal Boardwalk (to Wooleys Beach), both in Warrigine Park. Return to cars via the Boardwalk. The walk showcases the southernmost mangroves in the world, with plenty of bird-life and good views to French Island.										
Wed	18-Mar		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	22-Mar	D	Westerfolds to Pettys Orchard and back		M	12	Metro East	10	E Michael	
From the Porter St car park in Westerfolds Park Templestowe, a clockwise circuit through the park, Fitzsimons Lane to Eltham, then back across the Yarra into Candlebark Park to Pettys Orchard cafe for morning tea (and their famous apple slice). Bush, the Yarra River, a few hills, possible kangaroos and all very close to home. <b>Morning walk only</b> . Meet at the Porter St car park at 8:45am. Park in the car park furthest from the Porter St entry. Pace will be fairly brisk. Maximum 15 people.										
Sun	22-Mar	D	Point Nepean		E	12	Mornington Peninsula	110	S Fran	
This is the final stage of my project to walk around Port Phillip Bay. Starting from the main car park we head to the beach and a short stretch along the bay before heading inland to the road out to the fort at Point Nepean where we will have time to wander around, check the shipping coming through the heads and have our lunch. We then return via some bush tracks. This is easy walking with some gentle hills.										
Wed	25-Mar	D	Metro Tunnel CBD		E	6	Melbourne (City)		Fran	
The Metro Tunnel is finally finished. Some of us may never want or need to use it. It cost approximately \$13.5 billion. That works out to about \$2,121.00 for every person in Victoria. If you are interested in seeing what you have paid for, this activity will visit every station along the tunnel and have a good look around each one and its environs. Lots of cafes around so we will buy coffee and lunch somewhere. Meet old school - under the clocks at Flinders St Station - at 9.30 am. Myki essential.										
Sat	28-Mar	D	Rubicon Valley Historic area		M	18	Yarra Ranges	140	NE Robyn	
This is a walk, all on track, through an historical area of the timber and hydroelectric industries. We will see a couple of trestle bridges, falls from the two dams (the Rubicon and Royston Rivers), and some lovely views. We will walk along an old tramway for part of the walk as well as forest roads. Elevation gain 562 m. As we need to travel to this area, it will involve an early start from Melbourne.										
Sat	28-Mar	D	Mt Franklin Gorge Navigation Day 1		E		Goldfields	130	NW Vanessa	
Spend the day practising navigation in an extinct volcano, using a topographical orienteering map. Or stay for the weekend and camp inside an extinct/dormant volcano for the weekend Use a map and compass to find knolls, gullies, spurs and other navigational features. This can be as tricky or as easy as you wish.										

<b>Sun</b>	<b>29-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Mt Franklin Gorge Navigation Day 2</b>	<b>E</b>		<b>Goldfields</b>			<b>Vanessa</b>
Spend the day practising navigation in an extinct volcano, using a topographical orienteering map. Or stay for the weekend and camp inside an extinct/dormant volcano for the weekend. Use a map and compass to find knolls, gullies, spurs and other navigational features. This can be as tricky or as easy as you wish.									
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31-Mar</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Warrandyte State Park</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>Metro North</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Nicola</b>
Combination of tracks in beautiful bushland. The first half of the walk will follow the Yarra river around Blue Tongue Bend then we will stop at The Warrandyte Stonehouse cafe for morning tea/brunch. Then we will hike up around the 4th hill following the Gold Heritage trail with remnants of the mining era. There are a couple of short steeper sections so hiking poles may be useful for some.									
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9-Apr</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Grandparents &amp; Grandkids</b>	<b>E</b>		<b>Select Locality</b>			<b>Jan</b>
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. Grandparents must sign acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Details and location of walk to be advised.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12-Apr</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Tanglefoot Track and Myrtle Gully Toolangi</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Murrindindi South</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Fran</b>
A walk through thick forest with some big old trees and lots of tree ferns. It is quite shrubby and overgrown with some fallen logs and low hanging branches. Debris on the track in places. Can be muddy. There is some solid climbing involved but fairly gradual gradient. Lots of birds and the occasional leech. Well worth the effort.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15-Apr</b>	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19-Apr</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cape WOLOOMAI and Churchill Island</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Bass Coast</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>John</b>
If you have or not walked in this spectacular part of Phillip Island, I invite you to try it. I have organized this walk for many years and it is always different due to weather and tides. We walk along the beautiful Ocean Beach with gigantic surf, on tracks amongst the Shearwater Birds nests, we lunch in an idyllic part of the back beach amongst huge red granite rocks, through unique forest and sand dunes. End the day at about 3.30 pm in the Café on Churchill Island. You should be home by 5.00pm. Meet at the Cape WOLOOMAI surf club car park with toilets at 9.30 or call to arrange a lift.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22-Apr</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Greens Bush</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Mornington Peninsula</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Jan</b>
A walk along sections of Main Creek, passing through tree fern gullies, eucalypt and grass tree forests, with areas of open grassland. Starting from Baldry's Crossing we will include some side tracks to create a loop back to the walk start.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3-May</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Sassafras and Griffith Falls Loop</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Michael</b>
Starting from Sassafras, on top of the range, through quiet back streets and little used bush tracks out to One Tree Hill for morning tea before descending through lush forest to find the little known Griffith Falls at The Basin. After lunch, back to the top at Sassafras via the Old Coach Road - long but gradual. Super views, history (falls are in the extensive grounds of what was once James Griffith's Ferndale mansion), ferns, forests, fungi and a waterfall. Some 500m climbing over the day. Steep at times. Route to the falls is along the creek bed and is quite rough and overgrown. Hopefully some recent rain to make the 4m cascades impressive. Meet at Wattle Park at 7:45am or at the start at Sassafras. Maximum 15 people.									
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9-May</b>		<b>Masons Falls Circuit</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Murrindindi South</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Robyn</b>
This walk is in the Kinglake National Park through regenerated bush from 2009. We commence walking along Sugarloaf Ridge Track, then a steady descent (300 m) over 2.00 kms to Running Creek. From here there is a pleasant walk along the creek before an ascent (200 m) to Masons Falls. From the viewing point we head back to the cars.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10-May</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Melbourne Gardens</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Melbourne (City)</b>			<b>Lyn</b>
A public transport walk. We will meet in Spring St outside Parliament Station and wander through the green parts of the map including Fitzroy Gardens, Yarra Park and the Royal Botanic Gardens before ending at Flinders St. Should be lots of autumn colours.									
<b>Tue</b>	<b>12-May</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Dandenong's 5 climbs</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>Dandenong Ranges</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Nicola</b>
Starting at the Doongalla Picnic Ground, the trail winds through one of Melbourne's most challenging vertical landscapes. The terrain covers 5 significant ascents and descents that weave together fire trails and tracks that take you past the summit of Mount Dandenong and the SkyHigh lookout. The track involves some steep and slippery sections and hiking poles are strongly recommended. This hike demands a high level of fitness but there will be an option to shorten it in the event of poor weather.									
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17-May</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Eltham North / Diamond Creek Circuit</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Metro East</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
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.									
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20-May</b>	<b>CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details</b>							
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24-May</b>		<b>4 Brothers Rocks</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Yarra Ranges</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Roger</b>
A clockwise walk from Mortimer Picnic Ground, via Steege Track and Windy Point Road, to the 4 Brothers Rocks, which afford sweeping views northwards across the park. After lunch, a short back track and then down the Nichols Hut Track, which is very steep in part (poles essential). Finally, the route follows the Ferres and Silvertop Ridge Tracks back to the Mortimer Picnic Ground. Total elevation rise: 400m. Max. 15 people.									
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26-May</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Burchell Trail: Friday's to Old Mill campground</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Lerderberg - Brisbane Ranges</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Nicola</b>
The trail covers the Steiglitz end of the Burchell track passing through the Friday's and Old Mill campgrounds. Varied terrain passing remnants of gold mining.									

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES									
Day	Activity Title	Gr	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name	
			Km			Km	Dir		
Leader Surname	Email								Sign-on
<b>20-23 Feb 2026</b>									
Fri - Mon	BC	Glenelg River Canoe Trip		Var	Glenelg - Otway		440	SW	Denis
The plan is to drive down to Winnap on the Friday, stay at the Paestan Canoe Hire base that night where we can either use their cabins or camp. On the Saturday we head off early with them, transferring our gear and canoes to the launching place. We will canoe downstream an average of 13 kms each day, camping at two campsites that are only for canoeists, Saturday and Sunday nights. We will be picked up on Monday by the hire company somewhere near Nelson and transferred back to their base where we will collect our cars and drive back to Melbourne. Easy canoeing and pleasant scenery along the river shoreline. You can rent single person kayaks or two-person open canoes.									
Tue- Sun	10-15 Mar 2026	PC	Frenchmans Cap Tasmania		H	45	Tasmania	495	Selwyn
This out and back multiday walk ranks as one of the more challenging and rewarding hut to hut pack carries. It takes you across swing bridges over the Franklin and Loddon rivers, then through a diverse range of environs; button grass plains; lush rainforest, glacier carved alpine lakes, and quartzite ridges to the summit of Frenchmans Cap with sweeping 360 degree views.									
Mon-Fri	16-20 March 2026	BC	Phillip Island		Var	Bass Coast		145	SE Anna
Phillip Island - Daily walks both on and off the island as well as the opportunity to swim at the beach and visit some of the highlights of the island if you wish. (eg Penguins, Seal Rocks, Koalas, Churchill Island) find your own accommodation on the island. (Limit 12)									
Tues - Sat	17-21 March 2026	PC	Pine Valley - Labyrinth Tasmania		H	40	Tasmania	485	Chris
Following on from Frenchmans Cap after a recovery and refurbishment day, this hike explores magnificent Pine Valley and into the Labyrinth as far as Mt Geryon North. Taking the ferry from Cynthia Bay to and from Narcissus (booking required \$55 each way) the hike heads north on the Overland Track about 4.5 km before turning onto the Pine Valley track. There are significant climbs to reach the Acropolis and Labyrinth. To join this hike, self-organise travel to Queenstown, Tasmania the day before the start.									
Sat - Sun	28-29 March 2026	BC	Mt Franklin Gorge Navigation Weekend		Var	Goldfields		130	NW Vanessa
Camp inside an extinct/dormant volcano for the weekend and spend the days practising navigation using a topographical orienteering map. Or come just for the day! See the Day walk Sign-on sheet. Use a map & compass to find knolls, gullies, spurs and other navigational features. This can be as tricky or as easy as you wish.									
Sun-Wed	19-22 Apr 2026	PC	Mount Buffalo - The Big Walk		H	42	Greater Alpine	338	NE Nicola
Travelling from Melbourne on Sunday 19th April camping at the Big 4 Porepunkah that night (people to book own camp or cabin). 3 day hike, camping 2 nights at Lake Catani where solar hot showers and flush toilets available. Weather permitting some people may like a swim in Lake Catani. <b>Day 1</b> The Big Walk to Lake Catani approx 14km (Hard). This is one of Mount Buffalo's most challenging hike following sections of the original StakersTrack from the 1890s and is a challenging ascent with rocky steps passing through distinct vegetation zones all the way up to the historic Buffalo chalet (the largest timber building in Australia which opened in 1910) <b>Day 2</b> From Lake Catani we will head out to Macc point via the Mount Dunn loop 14.3km with a possible extra side trip up to the summit of Mount Dunn if people are keen. <b>Day 3</b> Descend the Big walk and then return to Melbourne. Expressions of interest would be appreciated to book the camp site at Lake Catani.									
Mon-Fri	20-24 Apr 2026	BC	Bright		Var	Greater Alpine		290	NE Cathy/Lyn
Stay in the newly renovated Bright Alps Lodge. Walks in Bright, Mt Buffalo, Harrierville, plus a day in either Beechworth or El Dorado + Yeddonba Cultural Site. Cost for the four night stay including breakfast, track notes, etc is \$485 for a single room or \$260 if sharing. A deposit of \$200 per person will be required by 21st September 2025.									

Up to 3 weeks	7-28 May 2026	BC	Kangaroo Island	Var		South Australia	900	W	Jan/Carmel
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Jan and Carmel are organising a trip to Kangaroo Island (KI) for early May 2026. Some cabin accommodation has been booked for 6 nights from Monday, 11 May 2026. Some of the group will also do some walks on the coastlines of the Fleurieu, Yorke and Eyre peninsulas, before and after the KI section, for a total trip of 22 days. FULLY BOOKED

Fri - Mon	19-22 June	BC	Anglesea	EM	35	Surf Coast	120	SW	Lyn
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Once again we have applied for use of the CSIRO Anglesea Holiday Club (<https://ahc.csiro.au/>) through Louise Bennet who is a member of that club. We have a tentative booking for three 3-bedroom units. Shorter walks on arrival and before our return on the Monday, with longer walks Sat and Sun. Each unit has one queen bed room, one twin singles, and one 2x2 bunks. Still subject to confirmation, but cost is likely to be under \$100 per room for the 3 nights. (You do have to bring your own sheets and towels, and be prepared to replace the toilet paper etc!) Please indicate on the sign on sheet if you are a couple, want a single room or are prepared to share (and with whom). Payment will be required on confirmation of our booking sometime in March.

12 days	10-22 Aug	BC	Eurobodalla & Sapphire Coast	Var		New South Wales	790	NE	Jan/Carmel
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We will be walking in the Batemans Bay, Merimbula and Mallacoota areas, spending 4 nights in each location. This section of the far south coast NSW and Victoria, offers some stunning coastal and forest walks. The trip is limited to 15 members and as accommodation in this area books out well in advance, a firm commitment is required asap, along with a deposit of \$300 to secure the accommodation. Sandra, who has led base camps in Mallacoota previously, has offered her knowledge of the walks in this area. Please contact Carmel if you have any questions

Mon - Fri	21-25 Sep	BC	Dimboola	E-EM	Var	Wimmera	350	NW	Fran
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This is the base camp rescheduled from September 2025. Little Desert National Park is slowly reopening after the summer fires. 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 understorey. 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. Let's hope some of this has survived the fires. We will walk some of the Wimmera River Trail which is now finished, 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.

#### CONSERVATION & TRACK MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

**Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BTAC)**, a group within Bushwalking Victoria organises track maintenance work through Parks Victoria. The track work in the National Parks listed below will be undertaken in the next few months. Details are posted on the BTAC and ParksConnect site. If you wish to participate you will need to register with Parks Victoria through their ParksConnect site and complete all necessary steps. For additional information **Check these links:** [BushwalkingVictoria/BTAC](https://www.bushwalkingvictoria.com.au/btac) AND [Parks Connect](https://www.parksconnect.vic.gov.au/)

	Date	National Park	Track	BTAC Leader
Fri - Sun	27 Feb - 1 Mar 2026	Mt Buffalo National Park	Various Tracks Mt Dunn	Mike Grant
Fri - Mon	6-9 Mar 2026 (Long Weekend)	Alpine National Park	Mount Stradbroke Track	John Green
Fri - Mon	10 -12 Apr 2026	Baw Baw National Park	AAWT Mushroom Rocks to Mt Talbot with Friends of BAW Baw	Peter Maffei Joe Van Beek