



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Winter 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 in 2026 there are changes to where the Club monthly meeting will be held.

From for all of 2026 – Meeting Room 1, Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn (parking off Talbot Ave), from 7.00 for 7.30 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 2026 - August 2026

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Select Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name	
				Gr	Km		Km	Dir		
Description										
Leader Surname			Email			Phone		Sign-on		
Wed	20-May		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	24-May		4 Brothers Rocks	M	16	Yarra Ranges	70	E	Roger	
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 backtrack 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.										
Tuesday	26-May	D	Burchell Trail: Friday's to Old Mill campground	M	14	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	114	SW	Nicola	
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.										
Tues	2-Jun	D	Sherbrooke Forest Circuit	M	12	Dandenong Ranges	29	E	Jan	
Starting from Grants Picnic Ground, we will loop together west and east Sherbrooke Forest tracks. Some steep climbs and depending on weather, possibly muddy. Poles recommended.										
Sun	7-Jun	D	Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve to Frankston Reservoir	E	11	Metro South	56	S	Bernie	
There is elevation gain of 166 m, with some short inclines. This out and back route begins and ends from the eastern end of the Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve (near Olivers Hill). Has 1.5 km of residential street walking before doing a circuit of the reservoir in the Frankston Reservoir Conservation Park. Highlights include beautiful views and a refreshing nature experience. Caution - there are no toilets on the actual walk, but there is one not far from the start.										
Tuesday	9-Jun	D	Centenary walk via Werribee Gorge circuit	MH	14	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	81	W	Nicola	
This challenging trail merges the classic gorge circuit with the gruelling ascent of the Centenary track. Great for those who enjoy a little bit of a challenge with some rock scrambling and 360 views from island lookout.....weather permitting. Max 12 walkers, visitors welcome										
Tues	16-Jun	D	Cooks Mill, Sugar loaf and Razorback track Cathedral Ranges State Park	H	11	Yarra Ranges	113	NE	Nicola	
This is a strenuous hike with some steep scrambling. We will commence at Cooks Mill campground, following the Messmate track to the Sugarloaf saddle visitor area. From here we will head up to Sugarloaf Peak via the Canyon track. Whilst this is not as exposed as Wells Cave it is still it still involves some steeper sections with rock scrambling to reach the peak. From Sugarloaf we will continue along the Razorback track which features sustained rock scrambling and narrow ridges that requires agility ad a head for heights. The trail continues to the Farmyard before descending down the Jawbone creek track back to Cooks Mill camp. Walkers should be confident enough with technical rock scrambling over a sustained distance, this is a Grade 5 hike but extremely rewarding. Hiking poles will not be appropriate for most of the hike but will be useful for the descent at the end of the hike. In the event of wet weather the leader reserves the right to cancel this hike or suggest an alternative hike as this is not a safe to proceed when the terrain is wet. Max 12 people.										
Wed	17-Jun		CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	21-Jun	D	Brimbank Park	EM	13	Metro West	25	NW	Graeme	
An easy walk around some loops in the Maribyrnong River (just one 'giant' hill of 40m). Literally, a stroll in the park! A close-by walk for the shortest day. MEET — Car-poolers: 8:45 at Kew Library; Direct drivers: 9:15 at walk start [-37.72872, 144.83445]. Refreshments at the 'Lumbar & Co' park cafe.										
Sun	28-Jun	D	South Morang walk and pizza	EM	8	Metro North	25	N	Fran	
Close to the shortest day of the year, this is an interesting walk along various trails on the west of the Plenty River. Wildlife like rabbits as well as kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas and lots of birds. There is still significant bushland despite being so close to suburbia and the city. Starting at the car park of Farm Vigano, we will follow various trails south before looping back for pizza lunch there. An early end to the day and a shortish drive home. I have rated this easy medium as the track is narrow and rocky in parts. As it is along the Plenty Gorge, there are frequent ascents and descents - not long but quite a lot of up and down, 150m of climbing in this short section of track. Pizza has been previewed and is excellent. Please sign on a MINIMUM of one week before so that I can book this very popular pizza restaurant. Meet 8.15 for an 8.30 departure from Kew Library.										

Thursday	2-Jul	D	Grandparent & Grandkids	E	5	Dandenong Ranges	45	E	Jan
A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. We will walk a section of the Sherbrooke Forest from O'Donohue PG and include the falls and the recently reopened Wattle Track. Grandparents must sign acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring.									
Sun	5-Jul	D	Scotchmans Creek Trail	M	13	Metro East	12	SE	Michael
Half day morning walk. Meet at 8:45am at the intersection of Estelle St/Huntingdale Rd Oakleigh for a walk along the Scotchmans Creek Trail. A bridge, a tunnel, bush, wetlands, a hidden lake. Will try and keep off the bike track as much as possible. Morning tea at Great Valley Reserve and finish with coffee/light lunch at Stanley Cafe. Maximum 15 people . Pace will be brisk.									
Wed	8-Jul	D	Geelong Gallery and Botanic Gardens	E	6	Greater Geelong	85	SW	Fran
Geelong Gallery is hosting the exhibition "Discovering the Impressionists". Most of the works are from private collections, so lesser known and rarely seen works, based on the legacy of Paul Durand-Ruel, the art dealer who was an early fan and promoter of their works. We will have coffee nearby on arrival, visit the exhibition, then walk to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. return to the station and train back to Melbourne. Prebook your timed entry for 10.40 am. Meet in the second to last carriage of the 9.10 train from Southern Cross.									
Sun	12-Jul	D	Glynn's Reserve - twin loops	M	10	Metro North	29	NE	Suzanne
Brisk but tranquil morning walk on the north side of the Yarra River, in nearby Warrandyte - 2 different loops. The first follows the Yarra, mostly along Glynn's 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 if you use them regularly; gaiters optional. 400 m elevation. BYO lunch at the 'farm', or buy a pie in Warrandyte at the Bakery. Meet at the library at 7.45 am for carpooling									
Tues	14-Jul	D	Arthurs Seat State park	M	13-15	Mornington Peninsula	70	SE	Nicola
This is a winding trail that explores the State park weaving together diverse landscapes, from rugged gullies and pockets of rainforest to the serene seawinds gardens. While the initial ascent features some sustained steep sections the tracks have been improved significantly and replacing the old goat track with a smoother experience. As we are in the depth of winter please ensure you have appropriate clothing for colder temperatures. The walk can be adjusted in distance in the event of poor weather. Max 15 walkers, visitors welcome.									
Wed	15-Jul	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sat	18-Jul	D	Short and Steep - Chandlers Hill	EM	8	Dandenong Ranges	45	SE	Anna
A quick "get fit" walk with great views back to the city. This is my favourite short and steep walk (thanks Lyn) that allows you to be home before lunch.									
Sun	19-Jul	D	Redwood Forest and Warburton River Walk	E	10	Yarra Ranges	80	E	Lyn
Explore the amazing Redwood Forest (8.5km east of Warburton) and follow the Cement Creek to its confluence with the Yarra. We then return to Warburton to complete the circuit walk on both banks of the river through the town. Track may be slippery and a little rough, but minimal climbing.									
Sat	25-Jul		Bushrangers Bay to Fingal Beach, via Cape Schanck	M	14	Mornington Peninsula	70	S	Robyn
We will cover a variety of terrain, through bushland, a one kilometre walk on the beach and great views of the coast and Bass Strait from cliff tops. Please note there are over 600 steps on this walk and where we have to descend to the beach we will have 435 steps. Will be a good walk to burn off winter calories!									
Sun	2-Aug	D	Balcombe Estuary and the Briars	E	10	Mornington Peninsula	70	S	Lyn
From Mt Martha we follow the track and boardwalk along the Balcombe Estuary to The Briars park. After a circuit of the park, we return along the estuary. See manna and swamp gum woodland, wetlands and bird hides.									
Sun	9-Aug	D	Flowerdale	EM/M	14	Dandenong Ranges	70	N	Fran
This has not yet been previewed owing to fuel availability. Desktop planning of this out and back walk indicates that it is gradually undulating upwards for 150m over the outbound 7 km before returning on the same track. It is typical Kinglake National Park bushland, well recovered from the 2009 fires. It follows the western bank of Silver Creek on a mix of walking tracks and 4wd tracks, but not very closely; the creek can be glimpsed through the trees in places. If fuel is still an issue, a walk of the same grade closer to Melbourne will be substituted.									

Sun	16-Aug	D	Grass Trees walk	EM/M	14	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	85	W	Suzanne Lipe
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Characterised by stunning stands of grass trees amidst a backdrop of manna and swamp gums, the Grass Tree Walk is a serene, picturesque circuit walk through the northern Brisbane Ranges. The track is gently undulating, with a couple of notable elevation changes. The park's unique geology characterised by low mountain ranges intersected by rocky gullies, have preserved an array of animal and plant life including the rare Brisbane Ranges Grevillea. The majority of the walking occurs on smaller tracks or trails, some rocky and uneven, connected by management tracks. 300 m ascent in total. It would be EM, except for one steep 130m climb. Meet at the library at 7.45 am for those car pooling.

Wed	19-Aug	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
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Sun	23-Aug	D	Dandenong Creek Trail from Tirhatuan Park	E	12	Metro East	30	SE	Bernie
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Walk start is from the carpark at the end of Kriegel Way (off Outlook Dr), Dandenong North, Melway 81 F8. We walk the trail in a northerly direction to the Mulgrave Wetlands, then returning to the start via the Tirhatuan Wetlands Conservation Reserve. Toilets only at the start / finish of the walk.

Sat	29-Aug	D	Ferntree Gully - 1,000 Steps	EM	12	Dandenong Ranges	45	SE	Anna
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This walk encompasses Chandlers Hill, One Tree Hill and the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk (1,000 Steps). Stunning forest along with fantastic views and significant history.

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES

Day	Activity Title	Walk		Travel		Leader Given Name
		Gr	Km	Km	Dir	
Leader Surname	Email					Sign-on

Fri - Mon	19-22 June	BC	Anglesea	EM	35	Surf Coast	120	SW	Lyn
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Once again we have the use of the CSIRO Anglesea Holiday Club (<https://ahc.csiro.au/>) through Louise Bennett who is a member of that club. We now have a confirmed 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. Cost is only \$50 per room for the 3 nights. (You do have to bring your own sheets and towels!) Payment due now. Currently the list is full, but you may add your name to the wait list in case vacancies arise.

Sat - Sun	25-26 Jul	PC	Snowshoeing on Baw Baw	H	12+	Gippsland West	185	E	Chris
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Starting very early to drive to the Mt Saint Gwinear car park and depending on snow conditions, we will hike/snowshoe out to the AAWT then north possibly as far as Talbot Peak. Snow camping around St Phillack Saddle. Sunday there should be time to enjoy the snow, then return to the to the carpark. This activity will be very dependant on snow conditions and if there is a big snow dump and participants have some flexibility it may be possible to adjust the timing to take advantage of conditions.

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 Hateley 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.

Mon-Fri	5-9 Oct	PC	Northern Section Grampians Peak trail	MH	51	Grampians	265	W	Nicola
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Travelling on the Monday we plan to camp in Halls Gap that night before taking a 9am shuttle on Tuesday morning to Mount Zero. Day 1 Mount zero to Barigar 12.6km. Day 2 Barigar to Gar camp with a possible summit of Gar if people feeling energetic 11.3km plus extra for summit climb. Day 3 Gar to Werdug 14.3km. Day 4 Werdug back to Halls Gap 12.7km with a visit to a cafe before the drive back to Melbourne. This is classed as a moderate hike over 4 days but involves sustained hiking over rugged stone slabs and prominent ridge lines with spectacular views. Hiking poles recommended as there are some big steps on the descent from Werdug back to Halls Gap. Hikers must be prepared for wet weather, foggy conditions and possible cold nights...it is Spring in Victoria after all. There will be cost for the shuttle service to the start of the hike day 1 and the cost per site each night is \$53.30 split between 2 people. Looking to have a group of 6 for this trip but could manage 8 if there is sufficient interest. Will want to book ahead of time to secure dates. Please contact Nicola if you have any questions as she has hiked this twice already.

	10-11 Oct		FED WALKS WEEKEND PORTLAND						
			Save the dates - more information here:			https://fedwalks.org.au/			

Mon - Thur	12-15 Oct	BC	Numurkah	E-EM	Var	Goulburn	220	N	Fran
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This base camp is timed to coincide with the Archibald Prize showing at the Shepparton Art Museum. Prebook tickets to visit on the way up. Stay at the Numurkah Golf Club cabins. Short walk in the afternoon on day one in Kinnairds Wetland which is part of the Murray water management system, has lots of birds and wildlife and some grand old river red gums. There will be one day walking along the Murray in an area with sandy beaches and billabongs amongst the river red gums. In the Barmah National Park there are many different trails showing the indigenous history of the area, the timber industry and the cattle industry which finally ended in 2010. This has allowed significant recovery of the native plants and animals. We may be lucky enough to see some of the 38 species of rare plants, and the superb parrot, which although it is endangered, has recovered to a healthy population in this park. This part of Victoria is quite flat, but has an interesting history and lots of lovely trails. Visit the Shepparton Botanic Gardens on the way home on the final day. The cabins do not have kitchen facilities, just microwave, toaster and kettle, so we will be eating out for 3 nights. Please sign up ASAP as the golf club is very busy and cannot hold the block booking for long.

Sun-Sun	30 Nov - 6 Dec	PC	Jagungal Wilderness Kosciuszko	M	90	New South Wales	500	NE	Michael
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A return to the Jagungal area of Northern Kosciuszko, this time heading south from Round Mountain along the Alpine Walking Track as far as Valentines Hut then cross-country to Mawsons Hut. Return via O'Keefes Hut and Farm Ridge Track. Climb Mt Jagungal. Camping by huts each night. Fairly relaxed and moderate walking for six days in the rolling alpine environment, plus a day to drive up and a day to drive back. A number of creek/river crossings. Maximum 8 people.