



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Autumn 2021

VISITOR INFORMATION

The walks program is subject to 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: Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for **8.00pm**

Please Note: Due to Covid restrictions the number of participants is limited. Therefore, visitors should not turn up at a meeting, unless prior arrangements have been made. The meetings will also be delivered via ZOOM – the link can be provided upon request.

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.
- The Walks Coordinator will send you further information by return email or phone.
- This information will include the contact details of the Walk Leader, who you will need to contact to book onto the walk and obtain meeting arrangements. **This contact should be made at least two days before the walk.**
- **During the COVID restrictions, walkers must provide their own transport (no carpooling).**
- 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.

FEBRUARY - MAY 2021 WALKS PROGRAM

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (as applying at the date of the walk)

DAY WALKS AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

Day	Date	Time	Walk Title	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader
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Detailed walk description (including max. number of walkers)

Sun	14-Feb	7.00	Summer Sunrise: Sandringham to Ricketts Point	E 12km	15km SE	Lyn
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CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Sun	14-Feb	9.30	Whisky Track to Ambler Lane	M 15.5km	95km NW	Roger
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Wed	17-Feb	7.30 pm	CLUB MEETING VIA ZOOM Link will be provided upon request			
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Sat	20-Feb	7:30	Gardiners Creek & Capital City Trail - Ashburton to City and return	H 22.5km	Melb	Jim
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Join me on one of my training walks. Follow Gardiners Creek and the Yarra River through parkland and along the river. All shared paths. Expect a fast pace aiming to be back at the cars by midday (4 hours with a coffee at RBG halfway). Bring your Myki and catch a train back if you want to walk half distance.

Sun	21-Feb	9:00 (8:30)	Yarra River: Wilson Reserve to Banksia St & return	EM 13km	6km N	Graeme
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An easy walk upstream on tracks close to the right bank of the river, returning in part on the Main Yarra Trail. Can be reduced to 10 (or even down to 6) km if it's too hot, with an earlier starting time of 8:30 (to be advised).

Wed	24-Feb	9:30	Cape Schanck to Gunnamatta return	M 17km	95km S	Michael
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A lovely summer walk through tea tree forests along the cliff top then onto the beach. Return via the beach and up Fingal Beach steps, exploring the rock platforms and rock formations on the way back. Super views. Fingal steps are long and steep. Total climbing for the day some 280m. In the sun much of the day so hats and sun protection essential.

Thu	25-Feb	9:30	Westerfolds Park	E 5km	12km E	Alfred / Fran
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The Westerfolds Park offers a well-treed park setting with many old gumtrees. The park has a large variety of bird species. There are lots of kangaroos and if you are lucky you may spot a koala, a wombat, and some little rabbits. The walk is mostly flat and shady.

Sat	27-Feb	9.30	A Taste of the Otways	H 19km	153km SW	Robyn
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This will be an interesting walk with a lot of variety including many waterfalls, going through a Canyon and coastal views. The walk will take about 7 hours of walking and involves some steep climbs and descents.

Sun	28-Feb	9.30	Frankston - Three Parks	E 12km	55km S	Fran
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Walk in the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve, The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve (each 5km circuits) and the McClelland Sculpture Park. Depending on the weather on the day we can finish after the first park or do all three.

Wed	3-Mar	9.30	Wilhelmina Falls & Boroondara Track	EM 10km	90km NE	Vanessa
<p>After 600m along the river, this walk climbs steeply to Wilhelmina Falls. The climb of 100m over about 1km gives it a higher rating, slow & steady is the motto! The falls tumble over granite slabs, with a built lookout to take in the view. Then we climb up the track some more to the Boroondara track junction. Then it's mostly (but not all) downhill through forest along the track to the Murrindindi River. The last stretch takes us above the river back to the car park.</p>						
Thur	4-Mar	9.01	Laverton - Altona via 100 Steps of Federation	EM 14km	12km SW	Julia
<p>This walk starts at Laverton Station and finishes at Altona Station. We walk via streets and a footbridge across 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.</p>						
Sun	7-Mar	4.30	Station Pier, Webb Dock & Westgate Park	E 10km	8km SE	Lyn
<p>Enjoy a pleasant early evening walk around the bay and through Westgate Park. Finish with fish and chips at Station Pier. Walk can be shortened if the weather is hot.</p>						
Sun	7-Mar	9.30	Tanglefoot Walking Track	M 16.5km	84km NE	Peter McM
<p>This walk is 16.5 km long and traverses the western side of Mt Tanglefoot, passing through the moist gullies that form the headwaters of Sylvia Creek. Poles are recommended but the gradients are not that steep. Climbing is approximately 200 metres. The walk should take between 5.5 to 6.5 hours.</p>						
Sat	13-Mar	9.30	Yarra Ranges State Park	M/H >22km	80km NE	Robyn
<p>This walk has been classified as a hard walk due to the distance travelled and some steep sections en route. There is a steep climb (415 metres in 1600 metres, 1:4 gradient) Part of the walk will be along old timber tram tracks logging companies used to take timber to the sawmills located in the bush near Warburton and Powelltown. Evidence of the logging days are seen as we pass old mill sites. We will walk through forests of myrtle beech and mountain ash. Involves a short car shuffle.</p>						
Sun	14-Mar	9.30	Eatons Cutting - OT Dam - Arthurs Seat State Park	E 10km	86km SE	Sandra
<p>This walk starts at the Red Hill Consolidated School. We walk towards Eatons Cutting and do a circuit to the Lookout. We retrace our steps along the Arthurs Seat Road and do a circuit around the OT Dam. The OT Dam is reputed to supply the water for the OT orange and lemon and 50-50 cordial factory on Main Ridge. The walk is in deep gully forests. We shall enjoy lunch overlooking the OT Dam.</p>						
Wed	17-Mar	7.30 pm	CLUB MEETING Please refer to the Note under 'Club Meetings' on page 2			
Sun	21-Mar	9.30	Cathedral Mountain	H 9km	112km NE	Peter McM
<p>This walk is approximately 9 km but involves climbing The Cathedral, North Cathedral, Little Cathedral and Neds Peak. Climbing is approximately 650 metres, much of it over stony ground. There is a steep climb from Neds Gully to The Cathedral. There are grandstand views over the Acheron Valley on a clear day. The track is rated Hard because of the absence of a clear track close to the razorback from The Cathedral to Nth Cathedral and to Little Cathedral. Advice includes the following "The track is very close to the vertiginous west face, so step carefully, and take extra care on windy days to avoid being blown over the edge." The walk is expected to take between 5.5 and 6.5 hours. Max 10 walkers.</p>						

Sun	21-Mar	9:30	Patterson River and Kananook Creek	EM 15km	33km SE	Ian
<p>From Chelsea, this walk heads across to the Patterson River. It follows the path along the riverbank, and then the path across to Kananook Creek. After following the creek downstream for a while, we cut across to the beach and head for the mouth of the Patterson River, before returning to our starting point.</p>						
Wed	24-Mar	9.30	Mt St Leonard along Tanglefoot track	EM 12km	80km NE	Vanessa
<p>The walk starts at the Wirrawilla car park off Sylvia Creek Rd. Taking in 1939 regrowth mountain ash forest, with tree ferns, the track sidles Mt Tanglefoot then returns along the creek. Climbing Mt St Leonard is optional, a short sharp climb to potentially great views. Back at the cars, the short, well-made Wirrawilla rainforest walk can be added on also. Poles recommended in case of mud, leeches possible - unfortunately! Will be postponed if high fire danger is forecast.</p>						
Thu	25-Mar	9:30	Mullum Track / Currawong Bush Park	E 5km	17km SE	Alfred / Fran
<p>The walk is partly along the Mullum Mullum Track with diversion through the Currawong Bush Park. The park covers a variety of bush sceneries, is shady but has some short climbs.</p>						
Sat	27-Mar	10.00	Herring Island walk and view sculptures and A4 Art work	E 10km	City	June
<p>We will walk to Como landing where we catch the free Punt to Herring Island. We will walk around the island to view the outdoor sculptures. After looking at the art display [Titled A4 Art] in the information centre we will have lunch and return by Punt to the bank where there is a cafe.</p>						
Sun	28-Mar	9.30	Point Addis to Anglesea	EM 10.5km	112km SW	Sandra
<p>This is a walk through quiet bushland to clifftops overlooking the ocean. The Ironbark Basin Track winds through a habitat dominated by tall Ironbark trees, grasstrees, silver banksias, correas, and white daisy. After viewing the surfers at Point Addis, we walk to Black Bluff for lunch. We approach the Anglesea River and cross the sandbar and have afternoon tea at the General Store.</p>						
Sun	28-Mar	9.30	Goldfields Track 1: Mt Buninyong - Ballarat	M 18km	122km W	Kim
<p>This is the First Stage of the Goldfields Track (GT). The whole track will be walked as 14 separate day walks between March and September 2021. It will be a combined walk with the Melbourne Walking Club. Each Club is limited to a maximum of 8 walkers on each stage, with preference given to those who want to walk the whole length of the track, in sequence. Car shuttles will be required for each stage. This section starts from the top of Mt Buninyong and walks downhill to the historic Buninyong township and on to Ballarat - a lovely walk with many points of interest.</p>						
Wed	31-Mar	10.00	Wilson Park, Berwick	E 7km	40km SE	June
<p>Walk around lake containing many native water birds and turtles. Gradually uphill through bushland with bird hide to lookout to view city. There are good views from other parts of the walk. Visit information Centre to learn about the Park's history and geology.</p>						
Wed	7-Apr	10.00	Grandparents & Grandkids walk: Coolart Wetlands	E 7km	70km S	Lyn
<p>A walk for primary school aged children and their club member elders. The walk explores coastal woodland, lagoons and bird hides, and the gardens of Coolart mansion. We then cross the bridge over Merricks Creek to spend time on beach and rockpools. Grandparents must sign an acknowledgement of responsibility for the children they bring. Max 10 families.</p>						
Thur	8-Apr	9.09	Braeside Park	EM 13km	25km SE	Julia
<p>This walk begins and ends at Mordialloc Station. It follows the Mordialloc Creek path to the new and very upmarket suburb of Waterways. From there we cross Governor Rd to complete a near circuit of Braeside Park, land once used for all manner of utilitarian purposes but now beautifully replanted with native vegetation. We return to Mordialloc Station via an industrial park and back streets. There are no hills.</p>						

Sun	11-Apr	9.30	Byers Back Track	EM 14 km	100km NW	Fran
This out and back walk is #14 from 'Day Walks Melbourne' by Chapman, Chapman and Sizeman. This is mostly level along the old aqueduct.						
Wed	14-Apr	9.10	Geelong	E 8 km	75km SW	Fran
Visit Geelong by train to see the "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" exhibition at the Geelong Wool Museum. Afterwards take the bollards walk along the waterfront and out to the Botanic Gardens for your BYO picnic lunch, then walk back to Geelong Station for the return trip to Melbourne.						
Sun	18-Apr	9:00	Mt Macedon from the west	M 14km	75km NW	Michael
An exploration - the last side of the mountain for us to climb! Starting with a wander through the forests at the foot of Mt Macedon, then up to the plateau via The Chute Track (Barbours Chute Track) - a 4WD firefighting access track which will be steep and rocky. Lovely sub alpine forests and views once we reach the top. Down via Hoods Track through pine forests to meet the main Macedon Ranges Walking Trail and more downhill to the cars. A solid climb. Poles recommended. Top is at 900-1000m elevation and can be much cooler (and wetter) than our starting point so bring some warm clothing and a raincoat.						
Sun	18-Apr	9.30	Ocean Grove Foreshore	EM 12km	100km SW	Sandra
Coastal walk along Ocean Grove to Barwon Heads along sandy beaches with native wildlife. We cross the bridge over the Barwon River and walk towards the Bluff. We return along the shallow Barwon River estuary.						
Tue	20-Apr	9.30	Dargile Forest	M 14km	120km N	Bernie
This walk is on tracks in the Heathcote-Graytown National Park, which has the largest protected remnant of box-ironbark woodland in Australia. The walk includes to the top of Mt Ida, the highest peak in the area. Total climbing approx. 290 metres. Walking time approx. 5 hours. This walk is #54 in Glenn Tempest's "Daywalks Around Melbourne".						
Wed	21-Apr	7.30 pm	CLUB MEETING Please refer to the Note under 'Club Meetings' on page 2			
Sun	25-Apr	9.30	Goldfields Track 2: Ballarat to Chapel Flat	M 15km	122km W	Kim
This is the second stage of the Goldfields Track (GT). We follow the pretty Yarrowee River path through the Ballarat areas of Black Hill and Brown Hill and continue under the Western Freeway. From here native forest begins and the track passes landmarks including Nuggety Dam and the White Swan Reservoir. There is a great variety of countryside and vegetation on this section which takes us halfway to Creswick. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers)						
Sun	25-Apr	9.30	Murrindindi River Walk	EM 12km	100km NE	Bernie
This is gentle walk, through varied forest, hugging the banks of the Murrindindi River, along the length of the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve.						
Sun	2-May	9:30	Blowhole to Bald Hill	M 15km	150km NW	Roger
The walk starts at the Blowhole on Sailors Creek & follows an old water race, descending to an old charcoal burning site, then climbing to the basalt plateau west of Daylesford. The walk visits Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt & then descends to Bald Hill Creek. A gradual ascent leads to Bald Hill before descending to Tipperary Springs. The route then follows the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start.						
Sun	2-May	10.00	Devilbend Reservoir	EM 14km	70km S	Lyn
A flat walk on a compacted gravel foot track around the largest inland water body on the Mornington Peninsular. Lowland forest, grassy woodland and shoreline provide valuable waterbird habitat, that comprises 1% of the global population of the threatened blue billed duck.						

Thur	6-May	9.21	Maribyrnong River - Canning Reserve to Kensington	EM 15km	10km NW	Julia
The walk starts at the Canning Reserve and finishes at Kensington Station. We walk downriver along the shared path to the stock bridge, through Kensington Banks along the stock route, then via streets to Kensington Station. Highlights of this walk include the spectacular Lily St Lookout and the many varied parks along the river.						
Sun	9-May	(9:30)	Boobyalla Saddle; Warburton	EM 11km	82km E	Graeme
A walk through beautiful forest, that appears to be either old growth or, if logged, less severely so, and quite some time ago; also, not burned for at least 100 years. Start from the junction of Acheron Way and Road 4, walk up the latter (+300m) to Boobyalla Saddle Junction, then on Road 7 (undulating) to the start of The Knobs Track. Return the same route. These 'Roads' are 4WD tracks, mostly management vehicles only. This is Stage 2 of my Mt Donna Buang to Dom Dom Saddle 4-stage walk.						
Sat	15-May	10.30	Phillip Island and Churchill Island	E 12km	120km SE	JohnT
We walk in the stunning Cape Woolamai Nature Reserve, home to Mutton birds and other wildlife. Our starting point is the Cape Woolamai Surf Lifesaving Club car park and along the wild ocean beach and along the coastal tracks with spectacular scenery. Lunch will be on the beach in the historic red granite quarry. We continue walking along the back beach past and then across huge sand dunes until we reach the car park. Following a short drive, we will explore Churchill Island and conclude with coffee, tea, and cakes at the islands cafe. Leaving by 4.00 pm so you should be home by 5.30 pm. Max no of walkers = 25.						
Sun	16-May	9.30	Goldfields Track 3: Chapel Flat - Creswick	M 14km	128km NW	Kim
This is a pleasant fairly level walk through more open forest past many reminders of the gold mining past. We walk through the historic town of Creswick and then back to St Georges Lake. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers)						
Sun	16-May	9:30	Williamstown Waterfront	E 12km	23km SW	Ian
We will walk along the Hobson Bay Coastal Trail from Point Gellibrand to Greenwich Reserve, passing many points of historical interest. At the mouth of the Yarra, in Greenwich Reserve, we will eat our BYO lunch and return.						
Wed	19-May	7.30 pm	CLUB MEETING Please refer to the Note under 'Club Meetings' on page 2			
Sun	23-May	9.30	Lerderderg Heritage River Walk	E 9km	65km W	Sandra
This walk starts and finishes at the Garden of St Erth. Most of this walk follows old water races with barely a hill to interrupt its continuity. The water race provides enjoyable walking through mostly dry forested hillsides. I may be able to book lunch at the restaurant at the Garden of St Erth, called the Fork to Fork Cafe.						
Sat	29-May	9.00	Tarilta Creek, Six Chimneys, Old ruins, Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	H 19km	128km NW	Robyn
This walk will take place in the old gold mining areas north of Daylesford and should take about 6 hours walking time. It is mainly off track through dry, open forest and involves a number of creek crossings (dry). We will attempt to find the six chimneys, pass by some old mine shafts and the remains of an old building.						
Sun	30-May	9.30	Goldfields Track 4: Creswick - Crossroads	MH 19km	128km NW	Kim
This walk starts at St Georges Lake and continues through the Creswick State Forest to Dean and on to the Mollonghip area. The last few kilometres are along quiet straight stretches of rural sealed and dirt roads. This sets us up for lovely forest walking on the next section. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers)						

Sun	6-Jun	9:30	Glen Iris to Deepdene	EM 14km	8km SE	Ian
Walk from Glen Iris, along Gardiners Creek and then along the Anniversary Trail, following the route of the Outer Circle Line to Whitehorse Rd. Then we will catch a tram, returning along Burke Rd to Gardiners Creek and walk back to the start. Please remember to bring a Myki card and a mask for the tram trip.						
Sun	6-Jun	9.30	Goldfields Track 5: Crossroads - Sailors Creek Road	M 15km	116km NW	Kim
Continuing through the Mollongghip area the track enters the Wombat State Forest and follows the route of Andersons Tramway. The walk continues along old tramways, passes Mullens Dam and arrives at Wombat Station, a good spot for lunch. The forest walk continues until the end of this section at Sailors Creek Road. Max of 8 BBI walkers (Preference to full distance GT Walkers)						
BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES						
Dates	Type	Walk Title, Location	Grade km	Dist Dirn	Leader	Sign-on
Activity description						
= Maximum-Number-of-Walkers / Sat-comms (PLB or sat-phone) required?						Sign-on
Thu 11 - Mon 15 March	BC	Bright	Var	320km NW	Cathy/ Lyn	
Stay at the Bright Alps Lodge for day walks on Mount Buffalo and surrounding Alpine areas.						
Tue 23 - Fri 26 March	PC	Mt Speculation; Mt Howitt	H 45km	240km NE	Michael	
Route still to be finalised although likely to visit the Cobbler Plateau, Mt Speculation, The Crosscut Saw, Mt Howitt. Three nights in the remote Victorian mountains. CLOSED						
Fri 9 - Sun 11 April	PC	A section of the Great Ocean Walk (replacing Wilsons Prom listed previously)	M 27km approx.	>200 km SW	Robyn	
This walk is a beginner's pack carry. Details will be provided if interested.						
Sat 17 Apr - Tue 4 May	PC / BCs	A taste of the Grampians (including the Grampians Peaks Trail) Pack Carry – MH Day walks – various grades		280km W	Jim	
Will run as a series of Base Camps with a walk each day (18-20 & 28-30 Apr, 1-3 May) and a Pack Carry of 4 days (23-26 Apr). Details will be provided if interested.						
Sun 8 - Sat 14 August	BC	Mildura	E/EM Var	550km NW	Lyn	
Easy / Easy Medium walking and Silo Art. Four nights in Mildura and two nights in Horsham (motel or apartment). Includes Lake Tyrrell (Sea Lake), Murray River, Hattah Lakes, Murray Sunset National Park and Little Dessert National Park. All day walks accessible by 2WD cars.						
Thu 23 - Mon 27 September	BC	Warby Ranges; Wangaratta	EM Var	245km N	Graeme	
Spend the weekend among the flowers (and especially orchids) in the Warby Ranges (and also the River Red Gums of the Ovens River flood plain). Walk Thu pm to Mon am (or just Fri-Sun). Expected to include a conducted walk by local plant experts. Stay in cabins at Painters Island Caravan Park. Preference given to 2020 mooted participants. CLOSED						
Mon 18 - Fri 22 October	BC	Swan Reach Gippsland	Var	300km E	Fran	
Based at Swan Reach Caravan Park, between Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance, both easy walks along the coast, rail trails and lakes and harder walks in the Colquhoun Forest and the Mitchell River and Nicholson River areas are possible depending on who signs on for this base camp. Planned last year as a bushfire recovery excursion - now bushfire and Covid recovery - plan to eat out and shop local as much as possible.						