



Boroondara Bushwalkers

Visitors Walks Program

Spring 2022

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 – on the third Wednesday monthly in the Phyllis Hore Room, next to Kew Library, off Cotham Rd, Kew, from 7.30 for **8.00pm 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

- In line with changes in government regulations, proof of vaccination is no longer a mandatory condition of signing on for walks. Carpooling is at the discretion of individual drivers and may require declaration of vaccine status from passengers. It is a responsibility of all participants to abide by Covid safe behaviour at all times.
- 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 with information that will include the contact details of the Walk Leader, who you will need to contact to book onto the walk and obtain meeting arrangements. You will need to provide proof of full Covid vaccination to commence the walk.
- 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.

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DAY WALKS, OTHER DAY ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES

(Base Camps and Pack Carries follow at the end)

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
				Gr	Km		Km	Dir	
Description									
			Leader Surname	Email			Phone		Sign-on
Wed	17-Aug	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thu	18-Aug	D	Masons Falls circuit	M	16	Murrindindi South	65	NE	Joslin
Start/end at Mt Sugarloaf car park. 1 steep descent. 1 steep ascent. Change of elevation 312m. 4.5hrs to complete. Postponed to 22-Sep.									
Sun	21-Aug	D	Donvale Explore extended	MH	16	Metro East	15	E	Michael
Repeat of the Donvale Explore walk of 5 December last year but this time continuing to the end of the Pipeline Track in Donvale/Warrandyte then looping back to rejoin the Mullum Mullum. Lots of hills, some very steep! A good workout. A morning walk only (aim to finish about 1pm) so pace will be brisk. Lovely bush, some great views, horses. Unexpected rural feel some 20km from CBD.									
Wed	24-Aug		Strathdon historic property to Bellbird Dell	E	11	Metro East	17	E	June
We follow tracks through the grounds and property of former orchard and land of Strathdon House. There are interpretive signs and historic structures. The track then goes through parkland and forest with many native plants and animals. We walk down into Bellbird Dell along tracks and some boardwalks. Many native birds, water birds and native flora will be seen.									
Sun	28-Aug	D	Lysterfield Park - Granite Peak circuit	M	14	Metro East	34	SE	John
Energetic circuit walk starting at Lysterfield Lake through woodlands rich in birds and wildlife. All on gravel paths and safe walking tracks. Stiff climb to the dramatic summit of Granite Peak for lunch.									
Wed	31-Aug	D	Blackburn to Ashburton	EM	16	Metro East	18	E	Julia
This walk begins at Blackburn Station and finishes at Ashburton Station. First we walk via streets to Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, where we'll have a BYO morning tea/coffee. From there we walk via the Blackburn Creeklands Reserve to connect with the Gardiners Creek Trail which we follow downstream to Deakin, Burwood Campus for lunch. We continue down the Gardiners Creek Trail to Alamein Station, and then follow the Anniversary Trail to Ashburton Station.									
Sun	4-Sep	D	Torquay to Bells Beach	EM	12	Surf Coast	112	SW	Lyn
Starting from the Esplanade in Torquay we do a couple of kilometres of beach walking at low tide in the morning, then continue on the cliff top path to lunch with a scenic view over Bells Beach. The return trip is all on the high path.									
Thu	8-Sep	D	Mullum Mullum Track - Schwerkolt to Park Road	E	6	Metro East	15	E	Alfred
The walk starts at Schwerkolt Cottage and leads along the Mullum Mullum creek with slight deviations. The walk goes on to Park Road and then returns again with some deviations. The walk covers a variety of sceneries with lots of bird life and some majestic gum trees. The walk is generally shaded.									

Sun	11-Sep	D	Blue Mount - Toolangi Potato Farm	M	14	Yarra Ranges	64	NE	Peter
This is a true bush walk and walking poles are strongly recommended. The walk commences off the Healesville and Kinglake Road and climbs 300m in the first hour over a distance of 2km. Most of the walk is on forestry roads hereafter until we take a very narrow steep downhill road (I would call it a slippery track) before we again rejoin a forestry road and return to the cars in all about 4-4.5 hours. Bring a cuppa to enjoy before the walk and maybe for lunch. Afternoon refreshment yet to be determined.									
Tue	13-Sep	D	Archibald Prize - Narre Warren	E	10	Metro South	45	SE	Fran
Book tickets for the 10.00 am timed entry before signing on for this walk. After the exhibition we will drive to River Gum Creek linear reserve for lunch and walk.									
Sun	18-Sep	D	Tipperary Springs	E	10	Goldfields	120	NW	Lyn
Walk around Lake Daylesford then along both side of Sailors Creek to Tipperary Springs and return.									
Wed	21-Sep	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Thu	22-Sep	D	Masons Falls circuit	M	16	Murrindindi South	65	NE	Joslin
Start/end at Mt Sugarloaf car park. 1 steep descent. 1 steep ascent. Change of elevation 312m. 4.5hrs to complete.									
Sun	25-Sep	D	Yarra Valley Trail - Lilydale to Yering	E	15	Yarra Ranges	40	E	Sandra
The Yarra Valley Trail is a new trail mentioned in <i>Rail Trails of Victoria</i> , seventh edition, 2021. The part that is completed is from Lilydale to Yering but is expected to finish at Yarra Glen. There are wineries along the route, and we will have lunch along the trail once I have done the preview. This walk is there and back.									
Wed	28-Sep	D	Ruffey Creek Linear Park	E	11	Metro East	18	E	Bernie
This walk starts from the end of Bonds Rd Lower Plenty, has a short distance on the Main Yarra Trail, crosses the Yarra River on the Ruffey Trail Suspension Bridge, then does a circuit of the Ruffey Lake Park before returning to the start on the outward path. Although the walk is on a constructed shared trail, the park is almost entirely a bush experience.									
Wed	28-Sep	Walk Leaders Meeting							Fran
The meeting will start with pizza and cake from 7.00pm with the meeting to begin at 7.30 and finish by 9.30. The agenda will be sent out via email prior to the meeting.									
Sat	1-Oct	D	Tarilta Creek, Six Chimneys, Old ruins, Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park	H	14	Goldfields	128	NW	Robyn
This walk will take place in the old gold mining areas north of Daylesford and should take about 6 hours. 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. Limited to a maximum of 8 walkers.									
Sun	2-Oct	D	Bolin Bolin Trail, Bulleen to Heidelberg	E	10	Metro North	5	N	Fran
Can't make it to Japan for Hanami (flower viewing)? Join this walk starting at Bulleen Park, walk along the east bank of the Yarra, around the Bolin Bolin Billabong and continue along the trail to Banksia Park for Hanami at the Japanese Cherry Tree Grove and lunch before returning along the same trail.									

Wed	5-Oct	D	Orchid Hunting, Anglesea - Day 1	E	6	Surf Coast	120	SW	Ian
Join us on either one or both days as we hunt for orchids around Anglesea and Aireys Inlet. We will explore some orchid rich areas, with short walks and plenty of time for botanising and photographing. If you are planning to stay overnight, please make your own accommodation arrangements.									
Thu	6-Oct	D	Orchid Hunting, Anglesea - Day 2	E	6	Surf Coast	120	SW	Ian
See details above under Orchid Hunting, Anglesea - Day 1.									
Sun	9-Oct	D	Long Forest	EM	12	Metro West	63	NW	Bernie
A rare patch of Mallee close to Melbourne; a pleasant walk on bush tracks near the Coimadai Creek where you will find grassy river flats, cliffs, gullies, Blue Box trees and Manna Gums. Total climbing 223m.									
Wed	12-Oct	D	Melton - Toolern Creek/Botanic Gardens	E	12	Metro West	40	NW	Julia
This walk starts and finishes at Melton Station. We head north along the Toolern Creek, then deviate east to inspect the newish Botanic Gardens. We continue northwards to Centenary Crescent, head west along this to rejoin the Toolern Creek, turn south and return via this to the station									
Thu	13-Oct	D	Pound Bend Circuit	E	6	Metro East	20	NE	Alfred
This walk starts at the Car Park of the Pound Bend. Then the walk follows the Yarra to the big open field, where there are normally lots of kangaroos hang out. The walk will then go round some farms and council sheds and then past the watertank back to the entrance of the road down to Pound Bend. The Pound Bend cutting is a special attraction. The walk is generally flat with steps leading at the end down to the Pound Bend Cutting. The walk is attractive with various types of trees, birds and view of the Yarra									
Sun	16-Oct	D	Somewhere in the Lerderderg	M	13	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	100	NE	Roger
Probably exploration of the Balt Refugee Camp									
Wed	19-Oct	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	23-Oct	D	Cowan – Spanish- Onion – Lerderderg Tks; Lerderderg SP	EM	13	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	82	W	Graeme
A relatively short and attractive walk through dry forest, with spring flowers (esp pink and white heath). Mostly downhill, but then quite a steep ascent up Spanish Onion Tk.									
Wed	26-Oct	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 Warringine Park. Return to cars via the Boardwalk. This walk showcases the southernmost mangroves in the world, with plenty of bird-life and good views to French Island.									
Sun	30-Oct	D	Cockatoo to Gembrook and return	EM	14	Dandenong Ranges	56	E	Ian
This walk largely follows the Puffing Billy line from Cockatoo to Gembrook, mostly on wide gravel paths with some concrete sections through Cockatoo. There are great views across the hills and valleys and we may even see the famous train. It is a gentle uphill from Cockatoo, rising about 150 m in about 7 km. The return is mostly downhill.									

Sun	6-Nov	D	Sassafras to Griffith Falls and back	MH	16	Dandenong Ranges	35	E	Michael
<p>Starting from Sassafras, on top of the range, through quiet back streets (rhododendrons and azaleas should be out) and 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. 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 and slippery at times. Route to the falls is along the creek bed and is quite rough. Hopefully some recent rain to make the 4m cascades impressive.</p>									
Sun	6-Nov	D	Mt Buninyong	EM	13	Goldfields	100	NW	Lyn
<p>Buninyong was first settled in 1841, and the Mt Buninyong reserve around the top of an extinct volcano was set aside as a public park in 1866. This circuit walk goes from the township to the top of the mountain (approx 250 m climb) and back via the von Mueller designed botanical gardens. Look out for old mining sites, dry stone walls, eucalypts, a crater, koalas and 360 degree views over farmland from the top of a fire tower.</p>									
Wed	9-Nov	D	Seawinds and the OT Dam	EM	9	Mornington Peninsula	80	S	Bernie
<p>"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).</p>									
Thu	10-Nov	D	Petty's Orchard / Candlebark Park	E	6	Metro East	10	SE	Alfred
<p>The walk starts at Petty's Orchard to the Yarra Trail with Apple Orchards on the left and the Yarra on the right. The Trail leads into the Candlebark Park. Then the trail goes towards a bridge over the Yarra with a small loop on the Eltham side, than back with meandering paths through the Candlebark Park to Petty's Orchard. Coffee and Cake available at Petty's Orchard.</p>									
Sat	12-Nov	D	Mt Macedon Classic Circuit	MH	20	Macedon Ranges	62	NW	Suzanne
<p>The classic Mt. Macedon circuit, but anticlockwise. Warm up, then lovely traverse to the short steep climb up Mt. Towrong, stopping to enjoy great views to the summit, then open forest fire trails to Sanatorium Lake, through dense forest to Camels Hump and rocky outcrops, McGregors Picnic Ground for toilet and lunch stop, climb to stunning views from the summit and Memorial Cross and a long decent back to the cars. MH due to the ascents, descents, some off track scrambling and distance. Poles would be helpful.</p>									
Sun	13-Nov		Coliban Water Channel	EM	13	Goldfields	102	NW	Sandra
<p>Over 140 years ago, the Coliban Main Channel was built to bring water over 70 km from Malmsbury to Bendigo during the Gold Mining era. Gold was first found in 1853 with the major amounts mined during 1856-1860. First opened in 1877, the water supply system has been delivering water to Castlemaine and Bendigo in a system of open channels, flumes, tunnel and horseshoe jumps. We start the walk at Tyquins Cottage (1863) on Tyquins Road and conclude at Wright Street off the Calder Highway. There will be a car shuffle before the walk. Surface is sandy gravel and compacted dirt, with gentle grades. Note that afternoon tea will be enjoyed at the well known Malmsbury Bakery.</p>									
Wed	16-Nov	D	Craigieburn Circuit	EM	15	Metro North	25	N	Julia
<p>This walk starts and finishes at Craigieburn Station. We walk west along Aitken Creek to Highlands Lake, then north to Malcolm Creek, and east via this to a path alongside the Hume Hwy which takes us back to the station. The walk provides a good overview of the rapidly developing suburb of Craigieburn and its many charming parks and waterways.</p>									
Wed	16-Nov	CLUB MEETING - See e-Bulletin for details							
Sun	20-Nov	D	Sunday Creek Reservoir Clonbinane	M	13km	Goulburn	80	N	Fran

Another walk in the Wandong area. A mix of walking tracks, four wheel drive, dirt bike, mountain bike and forest management tracks. Total of 325m climbing.

Sun	27-Nov	D	Moggs Creek to Aireys Inlet	EM	13	Surf Coast	124	SW	Sandra
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This walk includes ocean beach, heathlands, and eucalypt forest and follows a combination of walking tracks, management tracks and some gravel roads. We begin this walk at the Moggs Creek Picnic Area and the walk ends at the Split Point Lighthouse which was built in 1890 and passes many lookouts. We will stop at the Distillery Creek Picnic Area for lunch. There is a total of 390 m of climbing. There will need to be a car shuffle before we begin the walk. Afternoon tea will be at the Willow Tea Rooms near the Split Lighthouse where the cars are parked.

BASE CAMPS AND PACK CARRIES

Day	Date	Type	Activity Title	Walk		Locality	Travel		Leader Given Name
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Description			Email		Phone		Sign-on		
Leader Surname									

Mon-Fri	29 Aug-2 Sep	BC	Walks in and around Mallacoota Fully Booked	E-EM	Var	Gippsland East	517	SE	Sandra
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Located at Karbeethong Lodge, a 1920's Guesthouse, situated in Mallacoota Inlet, opposite Bottom Lake, it is surrounded by the wilderness coastline of Croajingolong National Park. Mallacoota burned in the 2019-2020 bushfires, but it has settled back to the lovely fishing and holiday town. We will walk the Mallacoota Coastal Walk and other walks in the National Park. There will be an opportunity for a boat trip on the 1910 former ferry, the MV Loch-Ard, along the picturesque waterways.

Thu-Sun	1-4 Sep	BC	Goldfields Track: Specimen Gully Rd - Bendigo	MH	48	Goldfields	158	NW	Kim
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Accommodation in Bendigo at the City Centre Motel or elsewhere for nights of 1st, 2nd and 3rd September. Walk from Specimen Gully Rd to Sutton Grange Rd Day 1 (Fri). Walk from Sutton Grange Rd to Hunts Gap Rd Day 2 (Sat) and continue on to Bendigo (Day 3). Walk postponed from 2021. **Fully Booked.**

Thu-Mon	15-19 Sep	BC	Warby Ranges, Wangaratta	EM	Var	Greater Alpine	245	N	Graeme
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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 / 2021 mooted participants. Maximum 20 participants. CLOSED**

Sat-Sun	24-25 Sep	PC	Pyrete Range, Toolern Vale Postponed to 10-11 Dec 2022	EM	Var	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	70	NW	Vanessa
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A 2km pack-carry to camp. Spend the weekend exploring, improving & learning navigation skills in a topographically exciting area. Easy off-track walking, no major hills, a beautiful creek, mine remnants, gullies & spurs to explore. Assistance offered for all aspects - gear, navigation, phone GPS use, food, whatever! Max group 12.

FEDWALKS 2022: FRI (afternoon) 30th SEPT to SUN 3rd OCT, 2022
LOCATION: WANGARATTA: Walks, Wildflowers, Warbys and Wangaratta
SEE BUSHWALKING VICTORIA WEB-SITE (LINK BELOW) FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
<https://fedwalks.org.au/>

Sun - Tue	9-11 Oct	BC	Grampians Walking & Wildflowers	M	25	Grampians	300	W	Dorothy
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Experience the grandeur of the Northern Grampians in wildflower season. We are planning a 3 day BC, camping in tents in the National Park.

Wed - Sat	12-15 Oct	PC	Grampians Walking & Wildflowers	MH	50	Grampians	300	W	Dorothy
Experience the grandeur of the Northern Grampians in wildflower season. We are planning a 4 day PC, Mt Zero to Halls Gap, where there should be great wildflowers and spectacular scenery. Campsite bookings are available now, please see me for details.									
Mon-Fri-	17-21 Oct	BC	Swan Reach	Var	Var	Gippsland East	300	E	Fran
Based at Swan Reach Caravan Park, between Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance. There will be easy walks along the coast, rail trails and lakes. 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 two years ago as a bushfire recovery excursion - now bushfire and Covid recovery - plan to eat out and shop local as much as possible. Preference given to 2020 / 2021 mooted participants. Wait list only									
Fri-Tue	28 Oct-1 Nov	BC	Mount Hotham	Var	Var	Greater Alpine	380	NE	Lyn, Cathy
Melbourne Cup weekend. Stay in Pegasus Lodge and participate in a variety of walks in the high country.									
Sun - Sat	27 Nov - 3 Dec	PC	Kosciuszko NP: from Thredbo to The Pilot and back	H	80	New South Wales	570	NE	Michael
Kosciuszko NP: from Thredbo to The Pilot and back. Drive up Sunday 27 Nov, start walking Monday 28 Nov, finish in Thredbo Friday 2 December. 5 days walking, some 80km. Maximum 10 people. Preference given to those with limited experience in multiday pack carries and looking to step up in difficulty (must have been on at least one overnight packcarry), or experienced walkers new to the Club.									
Sat-Sun	10-11 Dec	PC	Pyrete Range, Toolern Vale	EM	Var	Lerderderg - Brisbane Ranges	70	NW	Vanessa
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Wed - Tue	26 Apr - 9 May 2023	BC	NSW COASTAL WALKS	EM		NSW			Carmel, Jan
Expressions of interest wanted for approx. 10 days of day walks around Central Coast. There are several walks in this area north of Sydney around Bouddi National Park, Brisbane Water National Park, the coast and around Gosford. The plan is to fly to Sydney, train to Gosford and hire vehicles for 2 weeks with approx. 11 days of walking. Accommodation will be in cabins in caravan parks. Availability of accommodation and vehicles is very limited so we need to book both now and pay deposits for accommodation. You will be able to cancel with full refund up to one month before. Max 5 cars or 15 people. Contact Carmel.									