



## Melton Bushwalkers Program Jan – June 2025

**Full details of each walk (including booking requirements) will be sent out by email about 2 weeks before the walk.**

**Unless otherwise stated, walks must be booked with the Booking Officer.  
Bookings for each walk close two days before the walk, eg. 5pm Wednesday for a Saturday walk.**

**(Where not stated, our walks are usually between 10 and 15 kms and about 5 hours).**

### **SATURDAY 4 JAN**

**You Yangs**

#### **Walk Details:**

Circuit walk from Turntable Car park

Weather dependant walk – given summer and open / exposed location, can be shortened slightly if weather dictates. 8.5km circuit of 'easy' grade, if weather cool enough, 2.5km of elevation 'medium' grade can be added.

**Grade:** Easy+ 11km

### **SATURDAY 18 JAN**

**Aberfeldie/Keilor East**

#### **Walk Details:**

A return walk from the Afton Street carpark to Valley Lake along the Maribymong River trail and the Steeles Creek trail.

**Grade:** Easy – 10km

### **SATURDAY 1 FEB**

**Torquay**

#### **Walk Details:**

Pt Danger in Torquay to the big carpark at Bells Beach. Walk will be towards the surf beach and then along JanJuc cliffs on a gravel path towards Bells Beach, return the same way. Views of the sea and bush land along the way There maybe some walking on sand depending on tides. (Low tide 8:39am, High tide will be 2:48pm... fingers crossed)

**Grade:** Medium due to length – Distance TBC (around 12km)

**SATURDAY 15 FEB**

**Trentham**

**Walk Details:**

The walk will start and conclude at the Trentham Railway Station. The Rail Trail (called the Domino Trail) meanders through the tall timbers of the Wombat Forest and follows the route of the former Daylesford railway in the Trentham area. Much of the walk is on the level track bed of the old railway line.

Lunch will be at the Pig and Whistle Hotel in the Trentham. Further details will be sent out closer to the walk.

**Grade:** Easy – 8km

**SATURDAY 1 MAR**

**Wombat Forest**

**Walk Details:** .A walk through Wombat Forest, Daylesford area. Details TBC

**Grade:** Medium 14km

**SATURDAY 15 MAR**

**Lerderderg**

**Walk Details:**

The walk is a circuit from O'Briens Crossing along East Walk, returning back via Cowans Track. East Walk has lots of challenges and obstacles, and if wet, lots of rock which can be slippery. Good walking boots are a must to avoid slips. Cowans Track involves two steep inclines, followed by half a dozen gentler inclines. At the end of the walk, there is a long, sometimes steep decline down a track to O'Briens Rd where walking poles will be beneficial.

**Grade:** Medium/Hard – 14km

**SATURDAY 21-24 MAR**

**High Country**

**Walk Details:**

Bookings are closed for the walk weekend, as the limit number for the walks has been reached.

Those attending will be aware that periodic Bulletins continue to provide information on the weekend walk activities.

In early March 2025, a Bulletin will be emailed out, giving complete details on the planned walks and social activities - and get across the issue of those people requiring a lift to and from Bright. The walk details will essentially be a fuller version of those listed in the (email) Mt Buffalo Bulletin (No.1) of 5 July 2024.

**Grade:** Various

**SATURDAY 29 MAR**

**Anglesea**

**Walk Details:**

A walk along the Perimeter West track.

**Grade:** Medium - 12km

## SATURDAY 12 APRIL

## Indented Head

### Walk Details:

A walk from Indented Head to Portarlinton and return - is all on gravel paths along the coastal trail. It starts at the boat ramp at Wrathall Reserve where we had lunch on the St Edward's/ St Leonard's walk early 2024. It is mostly level with only slight inclines with views of sea all the way. This walk is long in kms but due to the ambling coastal track, is no longer in time than a normal walk.

**Grade:** Easy/Medium – 20km (6 hours - Medium because of length – very flat track)

## SATURDAY 26 APRIL

## Toolangi

### Walk Details:

Morning tea is before we even start walking – at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie. Then we drive to this magical forest. There is a boardwalk section, followed by 10km of forest walking through the fabulous, ferny, fungi filled forest. For the photographers, there will be plenty of time to pause and capture images. Roughly half the walk is a gentle climb uphill, and the loop peaks and we return downhill. If there have been heavy rains grade would change to Medium as can get very boggy – details will be finalised closer to the walk.

**Grade:** Easy/Medium – 11km

## SATURDAY 10 MAY

## Lal Lal Ranges

**Walk Details:** A walk through this delightful area south of Ballarat. Details TBC

**Grade:** 10.2km total - 7km Easy - 3.2km Med/Hard

## SATURDAY 24 MAY

## Chettle Rd

### Walk Details:

This walk shows you a series of tracks in The Lerderberg that you might otherwise not see. The first track has deep ruts due to erosion, steep ascents and descents and the walk itself has 2 short creek crossings that are normally dry. Weather pre-walk date will determine if we need to take boots off to cross either creek ... hopefully not, I've done this 3 times & never had to. Third Track has an uphill section, but after that it's pretty average until final track back to the car park which is uphill but very short ....

Length is 17.2klm which designates the grade as Hard, however I'm confident practically every member is capable of doing this distance. Breaks will be slightly shorter than normal.

**(Please Note:** if there is heavy rain forecast this walk could be postponed for safety reasons - if that happens an alternative walk will be proposed)

**Grade:** Hard – 17.2km

## SATURDAY 7 JUNE

## Pascoe Vale/Jacana

### Walk Details: .

A figure eight walk from the Boeing Reserve carpark along the Moonee Ponds Creek trail to the Jacana Wetlands and then to Pascoe Vale.

**Grade:** Easy – 14km

## SATURDAY 21 JUNE

## Sugarloaf – Pyrete Ranges

### Walk Details:

The walk starts with a steep climb up Antimony Mine track until we come to the intersection with Chapmans Rd and then we head along Chapmans Rd for a short distance. We then follow a couple of trail bike tracks and wander through some lovely gulleys, before a steady climb to the top of Mt Sugarloaf with views of the city and the You Yongs on the way up to the top. We then take a different path back to Chapmans Rd and return to the cars

**Grade:** Medium 11km