



Melton Bushwalkers Program Jul – Dec 2023

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 8 JULY

Wombat Forest near Barkstead

Walk Details:

Same walk we took in April last year, but this time in reverse. The walk includes 4 kms of Rail Trail, parts of the Great Dividing Trail and some road walking.

Grade: Medium - Approx 15 kms.

SATURDAY 22 JULY

Little River Gorge

Walk Details:

There will be a steep climb and later a steep descent and parts of the track will be slippery. The walk will take in part of the Wadawurrong walk, Switch Rd, Burchill Trail and McLeans Hwy. There will be some road walking. Working our way along Reilly Creek will involve 10 Creek crossings.

Grade: Medium / Hard – 15kms – 6hrs.

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

Watties Creek Loop

Walk Details:

A circuit walk starting along link tracks between Blue Gum Track and O'Briens Rd. We then walk for a short distance along O'Briens Rd before heading up Lerderberg Track to the Watties Creek trailhead. From there it is a sometimes steep decent to the creek and then an extremely steep climb out of the gully. We then continue along Watties Track and down Hogans Track to the cars.

Grade: Medium / Hard – 12.4kms.

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

Falcons Lookout and The Granites

Walk Details:

From the Ironbark Gorge Track car park, we'll walk to Falcons Lookout and then backtrack a little way and head to the Granites before returning. Part of the track will be rocky and uneven.

Grade: Medium - Approx 8kms.

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Trentham Rail Trail (Domino Trail) and luncheon afterwards

Walk Details:

A return walk from the Trentham Railway Station along the Domino Trail on the old railway track and meandering through the tall timbers of the Wombat Forest. Lunch will be at the Pig and Whistle Hotel, Trentham East, for those interested.

Grade: Easy / Medium - Approx 9 kms.

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Wombat - Daylesford Circuit

Walk Details:

A new circuit walk which includes sections of the Wombat Forest, the Lerderderg Track, Wallaby Track and parts of Daylesford.

Grade: Medium – 12 to 15kms.

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Angahook - Aireys Inlet

Walk Details:

An anti-clockwise circuit walk gently climbing towards the Currawong Falls. The track is narrow and mostly single file. Once past the Falls we continue our ascent, walking through the beautiful surf coast hinterland.

Grade: Medium – Approx 11kms.

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

Chewton - Sailors Gully and the Welsh Village

Walk Details:

Starting from the Pennyweight Flat Childrens Cemetery, part of the walk follows a section of the Goldfields Track where old water races, stone ruins, mine shafts and empty quarries can still be seen. We'll stop for morning tea at what's left of the 22m Garfield Water Wheel and have lunch at the Welsh Village. After lunch we'll return to the cars along Quartz Hill Track.

Grade: Easy / Medium – 10.5kms

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Slaty Creek Creswick

Walk Details:

The walk crosses the road from St Georges Lake, past Blue Waters (small lake) following Slaty Creek Track to a picnic area and the Melton Bushwalkers Gazebo. After morning tea, we walk a few more kms, do a loop and return on original track.

Grade: Medium – 12kms

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

The Tunnel via O'Briens Rd and Amblers Lane

Walk Details:

Starting at Amblers Lane walking towards O'Briens Crossing along O'Briens Road. Over the link track to walk west along Byers Back Track to Gribble Track and down to The Tunnel. Then back all the way to the top of Gribble to O'Briens Road, finishing up back at Amblers Lane. The walk involves a couple of steep hills on rocky surfaces.

Grade: Medium / Hard – Approx 10kms.

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Bullarto Forest and local train ride

Walk Details:

The walk will commence at Musk and go on to explore the Bullarto Forest near Daylesford. Lunch will be at Bullarto Reservoir, after which we will walk to the little township of Bullarto. We will return to Musk on the volunteer run heritage Daylesford Spa Country Railway.

Grade: Easy / Medium

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

The Monk Chewton

Walk Details:

A circuit walk from Chewton, going anti-clockwise this time. Following various tracks in this former mining area and up the hill known as The Monk.

Grade: Medium – 12kms.