



Melton Bushwalkers Program July – Sept 2021

Please book with the Booking Officer.

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Bookings open, up to two days before each walk
eg. 5pm Wednesday for Saturday.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 3/4 JULY

No walk scheduled.

Social Dinner – Centre Thai

Organiser: Heather C

SATURDAY 10 JULY

Brisbane Ranges

Walk details: - The walk is multi grade on many tracks with hilly sections and off track sections.

Meeting Point: 9 am - Fridays Picnic Area on the Steiglitz - Durdidwarrah Rd, close to Sawpit Gully Rd.

What to take: Morning tea and lunch / Walking boots.

Facilities: Bush toilets at parking area.

Grade: Easy/Medium/Adventure About 14 km

Limit: No limit

Leader: Terry M. 0431 548 806

Start time: 9:00 for 9:15 am start.

SUNDAY 18 JULY

Razorback, Razorback Nth – Square Bottle Circuit, Lerderderg Gorge

Walk details: This is a hard grade circuit walk with 2 creek crossings, 3 steep hard hills and some rock scrambling/climbing that takes in Razorback, Razorback Nth, a small section of East track, the very memorable Kenworthy (eek its steep), Vodka and finally the long and undulating Square Bottle track.

Meeting Point: TBA closer to the walk

What to take: Morning tea and lunch / Walking boots.

Facilities: Nil.

Grade: Hard 13 km

Limit: 10 walkers

Leader: Lynda M

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 24 JULY

Buckertillible – Mt Cole

Walk details: TBC once survey walk is done

Meeting Point: TBC

What to take: Morning tea and lunch / Walking boots.

Facilities: Toilets located at the car park.

Grade: Hard – TBV

Limit: No limit

Leader: Bernard

Start time: 10am

SATURDAY 31 JULY

Toolangi State Forest

Walk details:

Toolangi State Forest, the big loop - this walk encompasses both the Myrtle Gully, and Tanglefoot Loops. And then the short but spectacular boardwalk section for those wanting to see this magical wonderland once more.

A short lunch stop will be had, and the walking time is expected to be 7 hours. This is a long day out, but very much worth it for those who love the tall trees, ferns, and fungi of the Yarra Valley forest.

Meeting Point 1: 9.00 am - Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery, 35 Old Healesville Rd, Yarra Glen VIC 3775

This is a great place for a quick coffee and loo stop before we head to Toolangi for a medium grade walk.

Meeting Point 2: 10.00 am – Wirrawilla Rainforest car park.

What to take: Morning tea and lunch / Walking boots an absolute must as the track is usually muddy in several sections.

Facilities: There is a drop toilet at the parking area.

Grade: Medium - 17.5km

Leader: Andy C

Limit: 20 walkers

Start time: 10:00 am

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

Tipperary Springs - Daylesford

Walk details: Starting at Tipperary Springs we head off to Bryce's Flat. Then on to The Blowhole. Taking in the Diggings Loop walk. Returning then to Tipperary Springs.

Meeting Point: 8:45 am - Tipperary Mineral Springs Car Park

What to take: Morning tea and lunch

Facilities: There are toilets at the parking area.

Grade: Medium / Hard 13 kms

Leader: Lynda K

Limit: TBC

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 14 AUGUST

ST GEORGES LAKE-CRESWICK

Walk details: A circuit walk. Various grades of tracks, including Great Dividing Trails (GDT), towards Eatons Dam and back, finishing with a walk around the lake.

Meeting Point: 8:45 am - St Georges Lake.

What to take: Morning tea and lunch / Suitable hiking footwear.

Facilities: There are toilets at the parking area.

Grade: Medium about 10 kms.

Leader: Terry M. 0431 548 806.

Limit: No limit

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST

Sailors Falls – Daylesford Area

Walk details: a long undulating walk that passes many relics of the gold mining era on a mix of tracks, closed roads & an abandoned railway line. There are some creek crossings and we also visit both Jubilee and Daylesford lakes on this circuit walk.,

Meeting Point: TBA closer to the walk

What to take: Morning tea and lunch.

Facilities: Toilets at start as well as Jubilee and Daylesford Lakes.

Grade: Medium 17 kms

Leader: Lynda M

Limit: 20 walkers

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

Blackwood (Hotel lunch option after)

Walk details: A gentle walk around the Blackwood area. The walk concludes before lunch on our return to the cars. I will be making a reservation for lunch at the Mt Blackwood Hotel for 12pm - a block booking. If you are intending to have lunch at the Hotel, it would help with the arrangements if you could please contact me by phone - 0419 558 824 - at least a week before the walk date. Of course, it is fine if you choose to do the walk and not attend the Hotel lunch. Everyone is welcome, including any Club members who do not attend the morning walk but want to go to the hotel lunch. The hotel's address is 22 Martin St, Blackwood.

Meeting Point: Blackwood Hotel

What to take: Morning tea.

Facilities: Toilets nearby

Grade: Mostly Easy 6-8 kms

Leader: Noel Cornish

Limit: No limit

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Two Ballarat Reservoirs - Gong Gong & White Swan

Walk details: The walk will cover a number of tracks in the forests surrounding two reservoirs to the immediate north east of Ballarat (Brown Hill area). It will be a circular walk from Gong Gong Reservoir and along the way will pass the White Swan Reservoir.

Meeting Point: Gong Gong Reservoir car park - Ballarat Daylesford Rd Pootilla.

What to take: Morning tea, lunch and suitable hiking footwear.

Facilities: There are toilets at the parking area.

Grade: Medium 15-16km

Leader: Brian Curtain

Limit: No limit

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Mount Beckworth Scenic Reserve

Walk details: A steady climb on various tracks up to Cork Oaks, where there is a toilet, and then on to the summit, 684 metres above sea level.

Meeting Point: Manna Gum Picnic Area at Mount Beckworth Scenic Reserve – 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start

What to take: Morning tea, lunch and suitable hiking footwear.

Facilities: There are toilets at the parking area.

Grade: Medium, Hard about 7- 8 kms

Leader: Terry M. 0431 548 806

Limit: No limit

Start time: 9:00 for 9:15 am start

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Lerderderg – Cowans / East-west walk

Walk details: The East Walk and Cowan Track hike follows the Lerderderg River downstream from O'Briens Crossing through to Mine Camp. The trail, which initially hugs the Lerderderg River is rough and narrow in places and subject to flood damage. The return part of the circuit via Cowan Track is steep and climbs more than 200 metres from the river to O'Briens Road. Return along O'Briens Road and Short Cut Track to O'Briens Crossing.

Meeting Point: - 9 am - O'Briens Crossing.

What to take: Morning tea, lunch and suitable hiking footwear.

Facilities: Toilets nearby

Grade: Hard 13-14 kms

Leader: Lynda K

Limit No limit

Start time: 8:45 for 9am start

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Woodlands Historical Reserve (Greenvale area) (Photography walk)

Walk details: This walk will focus on photography but is open to everyone, a mostly easy walk through grasslands and native forests but we'll be spending more time off track than on so surfaces will be uneven and 14km is still a decent walk. The parks well known for its amazing river red gums, large mobs of kangaroo's, abundant bird life including eagles, historic ruins as well as some beautiful secret billabongs, the old quarry that's become a lake and the City views from Gellibrand Hill.

Meeting Point: TBA closer to the walk.

What to take: Morning tea, lunch and suitable hiking footwear.

Facilities: There are toilets at the start, and the Homestead, and Weeroona Cemetery.

Grade: Easy/Medium 14kms

Leader: Lynda M

Limit: 20 walkers

Start time: 9:00 for 9:15 am start