



Melton Bushwalkers Program Jan – June 2024

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 6 JAN

Pt Addis and Bells Beach

Walk Details: Surf Coast Walk. The walk will start from Pt Addis and initially head through an attractive forest area before descending to the beach. We will walk on the sand all the way to Bells Beach. Depending on tides, some rock scrambling may be necessary. The stairs at Bells will enable us to get up to cliff level for the return walk to the cars. Great views over the ocean.

Grade: Medium 11 km circuit

SATURDAY 20 JAN

You Yangs

Walk Details: A circuit walk from Turntable Car Park.

The walk is a rather hilly walk but mostly modest hills with a few that are steep but not very long. Some tracks covered are: Branding Trail; Saddleback; and Northern Range Track. Also visiting the Bungil Geoglyph (Stone Structure in the form of a Wedge-tailed Eagle)

Grade: 9 km - Medium

SATURDAY 3 FEB

Brisbane Ranges

Walk Details: Red Iron Bark trail.

Grade: 11.5km or 14.9 km – weather dependant

SATURDAY 17 FEB

Torquay - BBQ

Walk Details:

Torquay walk is from Bird Rock carpark to Bells Beach on a well-formed track. If tides permit there may be some beach walk going down via steps. The walk is easy and 6&1/2 km round trip. Morning tea is only needed as a short drive to Vicki's place for a bbq lunch.

Grade: Easy 7-8km

SATURDAY 2 MAR

Mt Macedon

Walk Details: The walk will visit several locations on top of the mountain, including the Cross, McGregors Picnic Ground and Days Picnic Ground. The forest itself is always an attraction, as are the views from the Lookouts.

Grade: 12-13kms – Easy / Medium

SATURDAY 16 MAR

Sugarloaf Reservoir

Walk Details: Meet at Saddle Dam Picnic Area, a long but straightforward circuit walk through lots of different terrain around the reservoir.

Grade: 16km – Easy/ Medium

SATURDAY 30 MAR

Portarlington / St Leonards

Walk Details: Edward's Point walk in St Leonards. It is a loop walk that is easy of 3.4 km. We will walk through coastal woodlands and then along the beach of swan bay. Morning-tea will be at the cars and then a short drive to Portarlington for another walk along the foreshore.

Grade: 10-11km total - Easy

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

Daylesford and Wombat Forest

Walk Details: A circuit walk from Jubilee Lake, that was created by my survey team and I, covering sections of Wombat Forest and parts of Daylesford.

Mostly easy walking with a few hills here and there, but nothing too demanding.

A few creeks to cross but very easy crossing providing we don't get heavy rain prior to the walk.

Flush toilets at parking area and Lake Daylesford.

Grade: 14km – Medium

SATURDAY 20 APRIL

Photography Walk

Walk Details: Likely a walk in the Macedon Ranges – a slow walk with lots of photo stops.

Grade: TBC

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Kinglake West

Walk Details: A circuit walk from Mount Sugarloaf, along Running Creek Track to Masons Falls. Return along Boundary Track and Sugarloaf Ridge Track.

Grade: 13km – Medium / Hard 5+ hours

SATURDAY 11 MAY

Byers Back Track

Walk Details: Meet on Golden Point Rd, walking along Golden Point road and then Byers Back track to the Tunnel and back.

Grade: 14km – Medium

SATURDAY 25 MAY

Brown Hill - Ballarat

Walk Details: The walk will commence near Gong Gong Reservoir and follow the Yarrowee Creek Trail to meet the Great Dividing Trail (GDT). Thereafter, our route will head in a northerly direction on various tracks, not always on the GDT. At Swan Road, we commence the return to the Gong Gong area, mainly using the same tracks from earlier in the day.

Grade: 14km-15 – Medium

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

Maribyrnong River

Walk Details: A circuit walk along Maribyrnong River from Edgewater with a detour through Kensington, then onto Footscray and return on the other side of the river.

This is not a bush walk and is mostly on hard surfaces but is quite surprising if you don't know the area.

Grade: 12km – Easy/Medium 4.5 hours

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

Long Forest

Walk Details: Meet at Happy Valley carpark, a short walk along a few different tracks and along the creek. Suitable for anyone

Grade: 12km – Medium