



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

Great South West Walk Week Away : Sunday 15th April-Sunday 22nd April 2018

FACT SHEET

The Club has booked accommodation at Portland Bay Lodge, east of Portland. It is about a 588km, 7 hour drive from Wangaratta, via Melbourne and Geelong (Hume Freeway, Western Ring Road, Princes Freeway, Geelong by-pass and then the Princes Highway). If you are sharing a vehicle to/from the Lodge, then the normal 8c/km would be applicable.

Accommodation style is similar to the Talbingo Week Away in 2017, with single beds and bunks. The Lodge can accommodate up to 100 guests, but we must have a minimum of 20. We should be able to have two people per room, however there is no prior allocation of rooms. Cost is \$35 pp per night. There is plenty of room, and good access for caravans, tents etc, but the cost is still \$35 pp/night. We have the lodge to ourselves. There are plenty of bathrooms and showers. The kitchen is quite small, but adequate.

A variety of easy/medium/hard walks will be offered from the four radically different sections, the Forest Walk, the Glenelg River Gorge, the Discovery Bay Beach and the Capes and Bays Walk. Members can explore the immediate region (information on a variety activities including canoeing, and a Geotrail will be provided) on the dedicated mid-week rest day.

The team system will again be utilised to prepare, cook, serve and clean up a three course dinner on one night only. More information will be provided closer to departure. Simple and wholesome meals will be the go, and will equate to a cost per person of \$10 per day. We will also have one night dining out (at the historic Macs Hotel) probably on the "free Day" which will avoid the shower rush after a long day of walking.

It is expected that the first night's meal (that is, the Sunday night) will be self-catered, and that the five meals prepared in-house would be, BBQ, Pasta, Lasagne Chicken Kiev, and a rice meal.

What to you need to provide:

- Your own dinner for Sunday 15th April - please plan to be there by 6pm
- Your own breakfast, lunch and snacks for the week
- Appropriate walking clothing, including wet weather gear
- Sharp knife, and a cool bag that zips up
- Your own alcohol, and wine glass, if required.

Please note:

- We can access Portland Bay Lodge from 3pm Sunday 15th April, and must leave by 10am on Sunday 22nd April
- A bottom sheet, and pillow with pillowslip, are provided. BYO towel and sleeping bag/ doona and top sheet, if required
- A choice of supermarkets and shops are within 15-20 minutes our accommodation, in nearby Portland, which we will be passing through most days.

- Tea, coffee, milk, butter and margarine, and mayonnaise, will be provided by the Club.
- Happy hour will be held at 5.30pm each evening in the Dining Room. This will be followed by a meeting at 6pm each evening, to plan walks for the following day – commencing on Sunday 15th April.
- Car pooling to travel to Portland Bay Lodge is encouraged, and will be finalised closer to departure date. The expectation is that passengers will contribute to petrol costs.
- The highly successful “Meter Maid” system will again be used to cover daily walks’ petrol costs.

How to Book:

Please provide a completed Registration Form and deposit of \$50 per person **By 30 NOVEMBER** as per the attached form. \$10 per person per meal for five evening meals will be collected by the Catering Coordinator on the first night.

Any queries can be directed to members of the Planning Committee:

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