



# WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

## APRIL – JUNE 2015

If leader(s) cannot be contacted to book a walk ring Karen Davis, 5722 2540,  
or Jeanette Farquhar, 5721 6514.

If a walk needs to be cancelled (for example, due to weather)  
an alternative walk will be offered where possible.

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Australian Alps Walking Track: Taylors Crossing - Cope Saddle Long Distance Backpacking	Hard For information, and to book, contact Adele Ritchie, 5727 9501 by 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Mount Hotham - Pretty Valley (Falls Creek); drop off and pick up by mini bus.	Hard Book with Karen Davis, 5722 2540, or Kerri Davenport, 5725 1480 by 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Salisbury Track – Warby Ranges	Easy John Van Riet, 5725 7207
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Hume and Hovell Walking Track: Henry Angel – Clear Spring Road - Day walks with camping / accommodation	Easy / Medium For information, and to book, contact Adele Ritchie, 5727 9501 by 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April  Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Overnight Backpack to Mount McLeod – (Mount Buffalo)  OR ALTERNATIVE Wandiligong Heritage Walk	Medium / Hard Book by 12 <sup>th</sup> April, Cecily Fletcher, 5727 1340  Easy Jeanette Farquhar, 5721 6514ah
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Special Challenge Walk	Discovery Walk: Buckland Valley – Buffalo Valley	Hard Bob Shaw, 5766 2773
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Stanley Forest Walk	Medium Cecily Fletcher, 5727 1340
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting and Walks Planning	At Bob and Judy Shaw's – 16 Kingfisher Lane, Hamilton Park 7pm.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Mount Glenrowan, with Chick Hill option	Easy / Medium Margo O'Halloran, 5798 3223
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Wabonga Plateau Mount Warrack Area	Medium John Kirby, 5727 9166
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Beechworth – South West Townscape	Easy Adrian Twitt, 5721 5327
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Kelly's Cave / Lookout	Medium Chris McLaughlin, 5722 4876
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Yackandandah Ramble	Easy Helen Twitt, 5721 5327
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July (possible day walk only on Saturday)	Barmah Forest Weekend Camping or Accommodation	Medium grade walks Karen Davis, 5722 2540 or 0409 215 286. Book by 30 <sup>th</sup> June.

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tue 7<sup>th</sup> April – Next section of the Australian Alps Walking Track – Taylors Crossing to Cope Saddle (Falls Creek).** This is a hard, long distance, walk, backpacking and camping out. **It is important to contact Adele by 13<sup>th</sup> March, so that transport arrangements can be finalised.**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April - Mount Hotham to Pretty Valley Dam (Falls Creek)** – leaving Wangaratta at 6.30am. This is a 20km walk that includes Derrick Hut, the West Kiewa River, the Basalt Temple, the Bogong High Plains, Mount Jim and the Pretty Valley Dam. It is a hard walk for experienced and fit bush walkers. The walk should take 6-7 hours, and involves some extremely steep sections, both up and downhill, with expansive views. We will travel in a 23 seater bus (with trailer) driven by Club Member, John Gullock. John will drop us at Mount Hotham, and be at Pretty Valley Dam to transport us home.

**Please book with Karen, or Kerri, by 31<sup>st</sup> March to reserve your seat.** Approx cost will be \$20/person. If the weather is inclement on the High Plains. Plan B is to walk Goldie Spur to the back wall of Mount Buffalo.

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April – Salisbury Track** – An easy 8-10km morning walk to the Falls, and beyond, right at John's back door. Followed by morning tea in the Van Riet's magnificent native garden.

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – Hume and Hovell - Henry Angel – Clear Spring Road.**

Easy walking with day packs. Staying for the first two nights at Tumbarumba Caravan Park, and the third night at Blankey's Creek Bunk Accommodation. **To assist with organisation, please book by 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Option 1: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April – Overnight Backpack to Mount McLeod on Mount Buffalo** – A medium/hard 16km return walk. Hike to the most remote part of Mount Buffalo National Park. Mainly on old 4wd tracks – steep in places. Great views from Mount McLeod and along the way. This would suit beginner backpackers as a leisurely two day walk. Bush camp site is near Mount McLeod. **Book with Cecily by 12<sup>th</sup> April – number limits may apply.**

**Option 2: Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April – Wandiligong Heritage Walk** - An easy 8-10km walk through the autumn foliage along Morses Creek from Bright to Wandiligong. A chance to explore the history of the township, and former thriving gold fields.

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Discovery Walk** – A hard 25km walk from the Buckland River Bridge, up Goldie Spur, past Mount Buffalo's South face, and along the SEC Track to the Rose/Bufalo River confluence. Extensive views of the Dandongadale area, Rose River, Mount Buffalo Plateau and across to Mount Feathertop and the Fainters. This is wilderness country, but mainly on 4wd, and old SEC tracks. There will be two groups – the second will begin at the west end (the Rose/Bufalo confluence), with an exchange of car keys half-way through the walk. **We will need to leave Wangaratta at 6.30am.**

Plan B, if the weather is inclement, is the Flagstaff Range area near Gapsted

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May - Stanley Forest Walk** – This is a medium 12km walk on good tracks through open forest, with some hilly sections, with views over the Murrungee Basin. A new variation on an area that we have enjoyed in the past.

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May – General Meeting and Walks Planning – 7pm. All members welcome.**

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mount Glenrowan (with return option via Chick Hill and Taaffe Road).** An 8-10km walk commencing at, and returning to, Taminick Gap. The walk follows the ridge line, and is gently up and down after the initial climb to the Tower. The Chick Hill return option involves some steep sections. A Club favourite with attractive vegetation, and views over Glenrowan, the Ovens Valley and Alpine Ranges.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May – Wabonga Plateau** – A medium grade 16km walk in the Mount Warrack area of the Plateau. Prior to the walk, John will investigate an easier path to the top of Mount Warrack (that is, easier than Club members experienced on our last attempt four years ago). If this is not possible, a similar walk in the same area will be offered. Some walking will be on forest tracks, but there will be some cross country navigation to add interest. View points along the way.

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June – Beechworth South West Townscape** – An easy 10km circuit taking walkers south and west of the town. The early part of the walk goes through the Gorge, passing the Powder Magazine, old Tannery site, then past Pennyweight Winery, using a section of the rail trail to return to town. Like several of the walks on this program, Evan Willis' new book '20 Walks Around Beechworth' was utilised to research this walk.

**Sun June 21<sup>st</sup> - Kelly's Cave Walk** – A medium grade circular walk of up to 14km, mainly on rough 4wd tracks in the Woolshed Valley, but will also entail some cross country navigation to add interest. The area was once frequented by the Kellys, Byrnes and Sherritts; it also has a rich mining history, evident along the way, as well as wonderful vistas over the mountains and the Woolshed Valley.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June – Yackandandah Ramble** – A pleasant 6km walk covering the outskirts of "Yack" and it's Gorge. Explore lesser known parts of the town. Afterwards enjoy a light lunch in one of the High Street eateries, or BYO to eat in the Park.

**(Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>) Sat 4<sup>th</sup> and Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July – Barmah Forest Weekend** – Enjoy a winter getaway exploring the largest Red Gum Forest in the world – some trees are over 300 years old. Internationally significant wetlands – bird breeding grounds and flight path for migratory birds. Barmah is about 170km from Wangaratta via Yarrawonga and Cobram.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Moira Lake circuit**, 15km medium, using walking and 4wd tracks – starting point about 20km from Barmah. **Meeting at Barmah Caravan Park by 9.30am, so we can be walking by 10am.**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> – Murray River circuit**, about 10km, just north of Barmah township.

**Accommodation** is available at the **Barmah Caravan Park**, Murray Street (5869 3225) – powered or unpowered sites plus some cabins (can sleep 4/5 in cabin - \$95 - \$110 for 2, plus \$15 extra person). **The Barmah Pub** in Maloney Street also has 4 rooms for \$75 (will sleep 3 in each) phone 5869 3270. A booking will be made at the Barmah Pub for the Saturday evening meal – or you can self-cater if preferred. Please make your own booking for accommodation (check with Karen before making payment, and for possible room-mates).

**Karen will check access with National Parks by walk booking date (30/6) and arrange Plan B if too wet in the Forest.**