



WALKS PROGRAM, OCTOBER –DECEMBER 2018

If the walk leader(s) cannot be contacted to book into a walk,
phone Jeanette, 0417 546 974; or Michael, 0447 617 880.

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

AWTGS = Australian Walking Track Grading System (see under 'Walks Program' on website for details)

Day/Date	Walk	Grade	Leader
Sunday, 23rd September	Warby's North to South, Mt Glenrowan Ridge Track	E/M	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Thursday, 27th September	McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga	M	Chris, 0418 503 802
Sunday, 7th October	Strathbogie's surprise	M/H	Michael, 0447 617 880
Wednesday, 10th October	Beechworth Bush Circuit	E / M	Lesley, 0439 77 66 87
Sunday, 14th October	Bartleys Block, Magenta Mine, Chiltern Forest	E / M	Karen, 0409 215 286
Saturday, 27th October	Buckland Gap to Stanley pub	M	Cecily, 0490 024 471
Tuesday, 6th November Cup Day	Footgolf at Boorhaman.	E	Adrian, 5721 5327
Sunday, 11th November	South Buffalo Track	E	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Saturday, 24th November	Day walk to Og, Gog & Magog then Eagle Point.	M	Lesley, 0439 77 66 87
Saturday, 24th & Sunday, 25th November	Mt Buffalo Rocky Creek camp		Cecily, 0490 024 471
Friday 7th December	Christmas Party at the Bowmans-Murmungee Hall, Bowmans Forest Road.		Judy, 5766 2773. BYO BBQ, contact Judy to book in; bring either a salad or sweet to share.
Sunday, 9th December	Mystery Rocks	E & M	Adrian, 5721 5327
Friday, 14th December	White Box Walk, Chiltern	E	Chris, 0418 503 802
Monday, 19th November	General meeting		Michael, 0447 617 880

<p>Sunday, 23rd September. Warbys North to South. Mt Glenrowan Ridge Track. Jeanette, 0417 546 974 A steep start at the Taminick Gap Road end, through to the towers; this short easy to medium walk takes in approx 6km along Ridge Track to Morgan's Lookout at Mt Glenrowan, then descends through the bush to Morrisons Winery. Bring along the walking poles for the descent to the winery. AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Thursday, 27th September. McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga. Chris, 0418 503 802 A medium walk of approx 10km at McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. McFarlane's Hill forms part of an isolated block of high country to the west of Wodonga, and along with other nearby hill country provides about 10km of walking tracks. Great views of the urban area, the Murray River and the Alpine Ranges. The walking will be mostly on ridgetops, with a side trip to the adjoining Swainsonia Reserve. AWTGS 3</p>
<p>Sunday, 7th October. Strathbogies surprise. Michael, 0447 617 880 This medium-hard walk of approx 14km is along dirt roads, and 4wd tracks, to the summits of Mt Strathbogies and Golden Mountain. An ascent of about 250m over 2kms at the summit will offer views of Lake Eildon and surrounds. AWTGS 4.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 10th October. Beechworth Bush Circuit. Lesley 0439 77 66 87 An easy to medium loop walk of approx 7kms starting and finishing at Gorge Road. The walk is on fire trails, and bush tracks, and takes in the old tannery ruins and the Cascades. The walk includes some hilly terrain, and although the track is well formed but steep near the cascades, there will be ample time for walkers to take rests on the way up. Poles are recommended for this walk. Lunch at Lake Sambell, or one of the Beechworth cafes. AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Sunday, 14th October. Chiltern. Karen, 0409 215 286 Bartley's Block, Magenta Mine, Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park. An easy to medium circular walk of approx 10 to 12kms on forest tracks, and some foot tracks recently constructed by the Friends of the Park. Wildflowers and birds abound in Spring. The walk takes in the historic areas of Bartley's Block – site of former Brewery, and featuring a seasonal watercourse and several dams attracting wildlife. The route provides views over the surrounding plains from high spots on Bartley's Track, and Stringy Bark Track, before reaching Magenta Mine. This area is well worth exploring, before turning west and returning to the Block. If time permits a visit to Chiltern Township where the Annual Stringy Bark Festival is being held that day. AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Saturday, 27th October. Buckland Gap to Stanley Pub. Cecily 0490 024 471 A medium walk of approx 9kms through Stanley Forest along the edge of the Murmungee escarpment. From Buckland Gap Rd, at Beechworth, along well graded gravel roads, with short sections of steep ascent. Stopping for views from Murmungee Lookout, and morning tea at Clarkes Corner picnic area. Visit Landcare's project "Spring Ditch" and enjoy lunch at the Stanley Pub. An alternative option of a longer walk, taking in sections of the forest less commonly visited will be provided, taking the walk to 9.3km one way. Option of a return walk if you're up for it! AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 6th November, Cup Day. Boorhaman Footgolf, and lunch at the Boorhaman Hotel. Adrian, 5721 5327 Looking for a fun way to spend Cup Day, come and give footgolf a go. Footgolf is a combination of golf and soccer. The Boorhaman Footgolf course is one of few in Australia. It is now an international sport. You don't have to be good at either sports to enjoy the game. Bring a soccer ball if you have one, but if not, ball hire is \$5. Kick off will be at 10am, with teams chosen on the day. Match cost is \$10 pp. A grazing lunch for \$15 per person at the nearby Boorhaman Hotel (vegetarians and coeliacs catered for) followed by Melbourne Cup celebrations. Book before Cup Weekend.</p>
<p>Sunday, 11th November. South Buffalo Track, Mt Buffalo. Jeanette, 0417 546 974. An easy walk of approx 8km along a bush track from Cresta Valley, initially climbing a ridge then meandering through snowgum meadows and small snow plains, past the tombstones, and onto the South Buffalo viewpoint. Fantastic views. AWTGS 43.</p>
<p>Saturday, 24th November. Og, Gog & Magog then Eagle Point, Mt Buffalo. Contact Lesley, 0439 77 66 87 for the day walk. A medium loop walk of approx 10kms to Og, Gog & Magog, then onto Eagle Point. Mostly walking on bush tracks in undulating terrain, with rock and ladder climbing. Fantastic views. AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Saturday, 24th & Sunday, 25th November. Rocky Creek Camp, Mt Buffalo. Contact Cecily, 0490 024 471 for the overnight /backpacking walk. For a backpacking camping weekend at Mt Buffalo's Rocky Creek Camp. Approx. 6.5km from the Reservoir Picnic Area to the camp ground, along a management vehicle track. The campground has unpowered sites and pit toilets. Fuel stoves only. From the campsite visit Mollisons Galleries, Eagle Point and Og Gog & Magog via bush tracks. Return walk on Sunday. A great opportunity to try out the overnight backpacking gear (and legs) on a short walk. We will not be in a hurry, but enjoying the experience - come sleep under the stars with us. Book early to secure the campsite. 5 sites limited to 2 persons per site. Approx. \$10 - \$13 per person per night, subject to numbers. AWTGS 4.</p>
<p>Sunday, 9th December. Mystery Rocks. Adrian, 5721 5327. In the upper Middle Creek area, high up on an isolated hilltop, are perched several carefully built stone cairns. Are they Aboriginal, Chinese, or a hoax? They have clearly been there over generations of time. Geoff and Adrian will guide you to the location. Wear long sleeves, but not good clothing as the shrubbery is very thick on the steep, but quite short, climb. A good level of dexterity is required initially, but otherwise this is not a difficult walk. BYO lunch which will be at Geoff's bush block in Greta South, and afterwards we will have an exploratory, but easy, walk. When booking, please indicate whether you have a 4WD vehicle available. AWTGS 3.</p>
<p>Friday, 14th December. White Box Walk, Chiltern Mt Pilot NP. Chris, 0418 503 802 An easy 8km loop walk on bush tracks in Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park. AWTGS 2.</p>