

WARBY RANGE
PROTECTION SOCIETY
1980-81

A PEEP INTO THE PAST-

a bushwalker in the Warbies in 1885 (from the Wangaratta Chronicle)

“A friend invited me to join him on a pedestrian excursion ... about 8 miles from the lively little town of Wangaratta. . . we set out and after nearly a mile of rising ground, reached the base of ‘The Gorge’. To the right of us a perpendicular wall of solid rock towers up fully 60 ft. over our heads, and on either side, rugged sides of the hill approach it and form a V. These sides are dotted with stupendous rocks, split and jagged by some great convulsion of nature and strewn about in wild profusion. From fissures, ferns protrude, myriads of beautiful flowers and herbs give forth a fragrant scent and the curious grass tree is in abundance. Overhead birds of gay and brilliant plumage poured forth their melodies.

We commenced an ascent (impossible for a lady) and reached the top of the rock and the series of pools of clear water, about a score in number – the first just on the brink of the cliff, then a flight of steps of solid stone waterworn and smooth, a few feet higher, then another pool, more steps, then another pool and so on. Pools range from 3 to 8 or 10 ft in depth and in winter unite to form a small cataract which rushes over the cliff like a diminutive Niagara . . . Continuing our ascent we disturbed several large goannas moving lazily through shallow parts of the pools. We smoked and drank . . . and surveyed the scene below us. In the centre, Wangaratta, hot and smokey Below lay the valley in its peaceful gradients, a peace only broken by the carol of birds and hum of busy bees. Nature in its entirety, unimproved, unaltered by the ravages of man. What a change from the city, and still there are many people in and around Wangaratta who tell you there is not any nice place in the vicinity where they can go for a picnic, and that the scenery is too flat. Is it?”

“Desdichads” 14 November 1885

SOME HISTORICAL STEPS TOWARDS SAFEGUARDING THE WARBY RANGE.

- May 1964, the Upper Goulburn Regional Committee proposed a Warby Range sanctuary and national park which ‘would have great recreational and educational value and serve the people increasingly as the years pass.’
- Victorian National Parks Association supports the above proposal.
- January 1972, Secretary of the Conservation Council of Victoria supports the permanent preservation of the range.

- August 1974, National Trust of Australia (Victoria) noted the floral and faunal attributes of the Warby Range, including the only known individual surviving Northern Sandalwood species, and two acacia species not found elsewhere in Victoria. It saw threats from subdivision, extension of orcharding and unmanaged tourist access.
- April 1975, concerned citizens of the Wangaratta area held the inaugural meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society, an event triggered by a mining lease taken out in the Range by ICI.
- September 1975, first land purchase by the Victorian Government to extend the Salisbury Falls Reserve.
- October 1975, appointment recommended for National Parks Service to manage crown lands in the Warby Range.
- September 1976, Warby Range Symposium held at The Centre.
- October 1977, first annual Warby Walkabout held.
- July 1978, Victorian Government purchased additional land to supplement the Jubilee (Brien's Gorge) Falls Reserve.
- March 1978, Benalla Shire joins Wangaratta Shire regulating minimum subdivision to 40 hectares.
- 1979, the Warby Range State Park declared.
- 2 September 1980, inaugural meeting of the Walking Group under the umbrella of the Warby Range Protection Society.

NOTES FROM THE WALKING CLUB'S EARLY REPORTS.

1981 "The Walking Club of the Warby Range Protection Society was formed in September 1980.

The group has enjoyed day walks in the North East. Walks have been held in the Warby Ranges, Mount Buffalo, Mount St Bernard – The Twins, Moyhu, Chiltern, and Eldorado and have been well attended.

The group would like to thank Helen Curtis for arranging the programme and to the leaders of each walk."

1984 "That lusty off-spring of the Society, the WALKING CLUB has again gone its pleasurable energetic way, with day and over-night walks conducted on a regular basis. The day walks have been most enjoyable, but probably the over-night walks and camps have been the high-light of the year. The trips to the Wabonga Plateau and Bogong High Plains were particularly memorable and educational for those who participated, and even for the 'drop-out' President (Paul Larkings). Many thanks to Arnold

Piesse for his efficient organization and to both Arnold and the willing group of leaders for their assistance in that direction.”

A FORMER DROUGHT

At long last the Warbies are recovering from the droughts of the last decade. Drought has affected the Warbies before. It's interesting to read some thoughts relating to the 1982 drought, penned by Paul Larkins. Paul was a Wangaratta Shire Councillor, an avid conservationist, orchardist, and president for many years of the Warby Range Protection Society. Larkings Corner near Ryans Lookout is named after him.

“Our beloved Warbys”, writes Paul, “ seem to be going through a trying time, - life continues as it were, dependant on a dew-drop. A recent walk did not reveal the wet gullies and the soft springy feel underfoot, only an ominous crunching sound. The little winter plants seem reluctant to show themselves, and save for the occasional wattle, all is austerity.” (August 1982)

Helen Curtis - latter up.

1. Inaugural meeting 2 Sept 1980 of Walking Group of W.R.P.S.

- W.R.P.S. 'Walkabouts' Oct '77 annual event

Chm Paul Barkings suggested group

- further aspect of Warby's
- good recreational activity
- members to join W.R.P.S.
- seek exercise

- walk so easy for stiff abilities i.e. graded
- some in Warby's & more further afield
- confidence.

- open to all ages.

Order: Walks 2/mth. Concⁿ Spring & Autumn in W's

2. First Walk - Ledder's Pass & Helen Curtis

12 Oct

- ages 8-68

- over 8 kms & up 140m.

- Swamp Flat track to Pine Gully waterfall,
lunch on Skes Track

- 30 w/ flower species & 7 orchids.

- 12 walkers

3. Second Walk - Tarinish Gap to Mt Glimmer 10.5 km up 240m

2 Nov

- 21 walkers

✓ - compass bearings

- leader records plants.

4. Irish

- Vandward Whitfield Rd to Reticamps

- 24 walkers

3rd

✓ - missed fence line

4th

✓ - 24 Mt Buffalo

5th Mt St B

- Tracie Reticamps 11 km to Trinis

Clare, Chilton & Waverley - for

Inaugural Chair Paul Harkins
See Helen Curtis (WRPS
W.A.A.S.)

- further appraisⁿ of Warkys + good recreational area
- guide expertise encouraged
- gradual walks for abatement
- Warkys to further afield
- open to all ages.

meets - twice / week (except) Spring + Summer in Warkys

1st Walk - Helen & Peter Curtis

- ages 8-68 - 8 kms + 160m
- Swampy Flat track to Pine Gully Waterfalls,
lunch to Sheel track
- W' flora 30 species, 7 orchids

2nd Walk Mt Glenrowan 2/11/1980 10.5 km

10am start

Wife Ulma Spinks

✓ leader Arnold Preece - 21 walkers km, 240m

Tammindie Jags - fire Tower on Ridge Rd, Debon track
- Chook Hill

Compass bearing to Ridge Track → Mt Glenrowan (lunch
leader recorded plant species)

3rd Walk 7.5h + 17m Helen & Peter C - 5 walkers

missed fence line - named Rock Isotome Peak

4th Mt Buffalo - Arnold Preece - 24 walkers

5th Mt St Bernard - Trudi Hindman - 12 km to Twins 11 km

Wks 6 Whistled Rd to Adcomms
- creek crossing 24 Walkers when 160m
- Wymen Cemetery

Wk 7 Rob Parsons leader "Walker"
- overseeing maps of Warby's
- fine tower area
- comparis + map features
raining

Wks 8 Paul Hopkins from his property
to Mt Walby
Recent

June - cancelled some

Wk 9 - John Frobbish
Chelston 21 - 12km + 300m bush

Aug '81 leaders sought

Wks 10 - El Dondo 7-1/2h + 150m
- David Harris leader
✓ - history - tin mine, extractive process David
- new crushing basketry
- old bank hut

Wk 11 - Sept 6, 1981
H + P Curtis - 21
- Mt K
- compare course 2x
- Start Cox's Rd - Mt K - Chimneys' Ch
✓ Mt Feather-top outby proposed - A. Twitt details
private - Rotary Kx student!

2.1.22 / 11/81 ✓
Just 20km - 90m Rayabach to Top Kossio in view
+ down Bengalen Spur
X Divided Hard to Hainville - say back to Dismantling

2.2.82 ✓
MT Coaker - Wally Mochimer (HWP)
- cars to Arthur Spinks dirt car
Rolf Valentin too low for rough
- Tami, Arnold, Jimmy, Megan swim in lake

Walk 16 ✓
Tony Burr notes, maps, instructions using
Ski route maps

3.1.83 ✓
Buffalo 0° magnetic? True south, didn't go far enough
Rolf at least & others up the pump to the top.

7/5/83 ✓
Garth Hodge ^{help?} Wenny Dae out of the above
cascades in deep & swift flowing pt. Spring Ch
Garth (later removed her wet shirt... dried her jeans...)
many & afternoon walks

16/8/87 ✓
Wet 3 of 16 path out uprid. Edin Hills

2/87 ✓
Day 1st ✓
Perisher to MT Whistler & the Pacific Shores ~~state~~
5 days.

mountain ✓
joint leaders.

Jan 16/17 1988 ✓
Bogong High Plains
Jan 88 ✓
Millions Gallies 1st repeat?
Feb ✓
Twin - 3 levels of ability
27/28/88 ✓
MT Buffalo Annual

13.3.88 ✓ Joy & Bill 1st Murray R. - Navin's Bend 14/21

19.6.88 Walker from game - Dundee & O'Day

19.6.88 Newslett of W.A.P.S.

6.88 Blue Ray Range Peter Curtis whale / turtle like a loco
✓ Gosh interrupted venison - handicap him

'88 ✓ Hawthorn - Maitland Nat. Park.
Payne Oset Oseta... longways

'88 ✓ Deer hunters encountered - isopry - guerrilla gear!

'88 Sept 18-24 Weyburn Wet Park

5.3.95 ✓ Adam's track to Peregony L'out & stop at Paul Lankings L/R
Paul Shute track - took to Pine Gully Nature Walk.
- had a job & climbed back.

19/25th ✓ Walk P. Fairy - through Murray

✓ 23 birds identified 13 walkers 5 children track.

Spring 95 12 species of orchids 16 walkers

19.11.95 ✓ 10 canals Mt Saurby - Alan Raison

13/25/1/96 ✓ Allan, Bill & David split from main group - again

4/2 Annual Mt Buffalo Camps-out

18/2 22 walkers - Buchanan's Bush - used for easier

1-3/3 ✓ Mountain Ch Allan stretched legs, could keep up, at 4th terrain marked.
smoke & benches Joan Butler

24/3 ✓ Daylesford - Varston Springs - Murray Shave. Hot Spas
- empty hole salt shake on his 2 eggs

Copy of the Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Walking Group of the Warby Range Protection Society, held on Thursday, 2nd. September, 1980, at the Centre at 8 p.m.

Present Mr. Paul Larkings (Chair), Mrs. Alma Spink, Mrs. Jan Croucher, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Miss Marianne Cussuben, Mrs. Trudie Kentman, Mrs. Roma Hodge, Mrs. Joyce Larkings, Mr. Arnold Piesse, Mr. Peter Foran, Mr. Peter Curtis, and Mrs. Helen Curtis (Sec. of W.R.P.S.)

Apologies Mr. Garth Hodge, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. Betty Heinze, Mrs. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Bea Ryan and Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Twitt

Mr. Paul Larkings welcomed everyone and outlined the reasons for forming such a group:- learning a further appreciation of the Warbys, and enjoying a good recreational activity. He suggested that the group be under the umbrella of the Warby Range Protection Society, and that members of the group join the Society.

He said the function of the Group would be to encourage people with expertise to help and guide the Group; that walks would be graded to cater for different abilities; that walks would at first be held in the Warbys, and would gradually move further afield; and that they would be open to all ages.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions and discussion.

There was general agreement that a Walking Group be formed under the umbrella of the W.R.P.S. with a Committee and convener of walks who would be elected at a later time. Walks to be twice a month, concentrating on spring and autumn in the Warbys.

The first walk was arranged for 12th. October - meeting at the Centre at 10 o'clock & led by Peter and Helen Curtis.

Notices to be sent to all interested people.

Clothing and equipment.

Clothing and equipment form your protection from heat, cold, wind and rain as well as physical injury when bushwalking. There is nothing worse than struggling in the bush with badly blistered feet or freezing due to inadequate gear. A well equipped bushwalker will not necessarily have spent a lot of money on their equipment, but they are organized to cope in a range of weather conditions.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS FOR A DAY'S WALK :

BOOTS: These should have a solid nonslip sole with a well defined tread. They should be comfortable and well worn in. Runners are not adequate for some walks.

SOCKS: Thick woollen socks such as Explorers are ideal. Some walkers advocate wearing a thin pair underneath their thick socks.

PARKA: Materials include oiled or waxed Japara, proofed nylon, or Goretex. It is essential that the parka be waterproof. If the parka is old the waterproofing may have worn out so should be checked. The design is also important. There should be a hood, the length should be long enough to sit on and the cut should be generous. A parka should always be carried.

TROUSERS: Woollen trousers are recommended. Long trousers are advisable in summer if walking through long grass or blackberries. Kneehigh gaiters with shorts are an adequate alternative. Waterproof over-trousers are necessary if rain is expected.

SWEATER: Plan to wear and carry a number of thin layers including a woollen layer. This enables the walker to adjust clothing with great flexibility.

HAT: A shady sunhat in summer and a woollen cap for winter.

SNOW COUNTRY WALKING:

When walking in the high plains or on Mount Buffalo extra care is needed with clothing as conditions can change so rapidly: balmy one minute and a blizzard the next. Extreme drops in temperature can happen very quickly so you must have sufficient warm clothing and waterproof gear to avoid suffering from cold and possible Hypothermia. These comments apply even in the middle of summer when the weather is lovely in Wangaratta.

You will need : Warm layers of shirts and sweaters preferably wool. Trousers should also be wool. Jeans are not suitable for cold wet conditions as they cause valuable heat to be lost when they are wet. You may like to wear thermal underwear (brands include HallyHansen and Peter Storm).

Warm woollen hat and gloves
Waterproof parka and trousers

DAY PACK CONTENTS:

A daypack is desirable as it leaves your hands free. It should fit comfortably.

CONTENTS should include:

A litre of fluid in a water tight container. You will probably drink more than you expect and water may not be available along the way.
A cut lunch, snacks and a little extra in reserve in case the group returns late for some reason.

Dried fruit and nuts are ideal.
Sunscreen

EXTRAS: Band-aids, Asprin or similar, Matches, Safety pins for repairs, extra shoelaces, notebook and pencil, toilet paper, an elastic bandage for first aid and a whistle.

You may like to carry a compass and a map so you can learn the skills of navigation in the bush from experienced members of the group.



The W.R.P.S. Inc. aims to conduct walks on a fortnightly basis in North East Victoria. eg. Warbies, Mt Buffalo, High Plains, Eldorado etc. Weekend camps and an annual trip are also organized.

ARRANGEMENTS: Contact people are nominated for each walk in the clubs' yearly program. You should phone for details if you would like to participate in a walk.

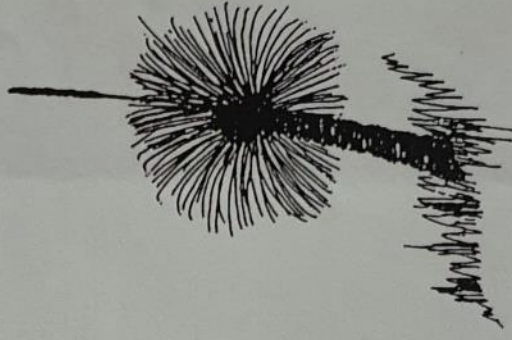
MEETING PLACE: The group usually meets at the Centre in Wangaratta before each walk.

TRANSPORT: Is arranged on the day to minimise the number of cars taken and to accommodate those people who would like a lift.

Guide lines for

SAFE

Bushwalking



with the
**Warby Range
Protection
Society Inc.**

The Warby Range Protection Society Inc.

welcomes interested walkers to its
bushwalking activities.

Contacts:

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Every person participating in a walk conducted by this group does so as a volunteer in all respects and as such accepts responsibility for any injury to her/himself however incurred. This Society, its Office bearers and walk leaders cannot accept liability in regard to any injury or damage suffered by any persons whilst engaged in any W.R.P.S. Inc. Walking Group activity.

Recommended Reading: Bushwalking and Mountaincraft Leadership.

Handbook of the Victorian Bushwalking
and Mountaincraft Training Advisory Board

ISBN 0 7241 8682 4

Pub: Dept. Youth, Sport and Recreation.

LEADERSHIP

All Leaders on Warby Range Protection Society Inc. Walks are volunteers

Being a leader of a bushwalk involves many responsibilities. The leader plans the trip, chooses the route, organizes transport, carries a map, compass and the clubs first aid kit, informs all walkers about special requirements and generally ensures the safe conduct and the return home of the group.

Of the many factors that the leader must consider, the adequate equipment and fitness of each walker for a particular walk is of prime importance. The overall safety of the group is paramount. A lack of equipment or adequate fitness may jeopardize the entire groups' safety in the event of problems such as sudden inclement weather or a forced change of route.

The Committee support the Leader's right to refuse to accept a walker for a particular walk if the Leader believes that the walker is inadequately equipped or is not fit enough to complete the planned days walk within a reasonable time. Committee members are available to discuss any disputes in this very sensitive area.

Your co-operation with the leader is required at all times during a walk. Please let the Leader know if you develop any problems so that your wellbeing and the groups' wellbeing is ensured.



Walks held by Committee of W.R.P. Society.

4th May, 1980. Met at 1.15 Jubilee Falls Reserve.

Walked up escarpment to examine the group of Sandalwoods (*Santalum lanceolatum*) & their recovery from the fire damage of 1979. (The large one recovering, some smaller ones shooting from ground level, one or two dead)

We continued up the escarpment to the top, noting a large acacia triptera near top of a gully. Worked our way down & back to Falls area.

Paul, Trudy, Helen & Peter attended & we met National Park Service rangers at the top & talked together.

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Walk 1. Oct. 12th. 1980.

headers Peter & Helen Curtis
approx 8 km. + 140 m.

The newly formed Wangaratta Walking Group started its activities with an easy walk in the Warby Range last Sunday.

Led by Helen and Peter Curtis, 13 people ranging in age from eight to 68, covered a leisurely eight kilometre route.

Swamp Flat track was followed to the Pine Gully Waterfall. After a picnic lunch, a compass course through open forest led to Skeet track for the return walk.

Wildflowers were plentiful, with over 30 species, including seven types of orchids, noted.

The next outing will be to Mount Glenrowan on Sunday, November 2, leaving the Centre at 10 a.m.

With sufficient support, it is expected that two grades of walks for both the stronger, and the less active, will be arranged for next year.

Further information on the club can be obtained from Mrs. Alma Spink, phone 213487 BH.

Walk 2

2nd. November, 1980

leader Arnold Piesse
approx. 10 km.

Started Tammie's Gap - to fire tower
along Ridge Rd. to Detour Track along
Detour Track + Chute Hill track to Chute Hill.
Compass bearing to take us back onto Ridge
Track which we followed to Mount Gleniswan,
where we had lunch. Down track about
distance + round top of escarpment back to
Ridge track + returned to cars.

21 people attended walk which was
greatly enjoyed

Many flowers observed which Arnold made
note of, including sun orchids + one of the
lilies. 10.5 km + 240 m.

yellow tussocks on edge of Black Spring.
Viminaria juncea
Swamp Isotome

The weather was pleasant with a cool breeze. Plenty of grass seeds were collected but did not cause any worry.

Only 5 people attended, probably because it was Saturday, including Almar + ~~Ronda~~ Sprink + a new walker Mrs. Weldon.

Walk 3 Sat. 29th. November, 1980

leaders Helen + Peter Curtis ^{Distance} approx 10 k.
7.5 Km + 170 m.

Started at northern end of the Heysted track circle along the western branch to Link Th - to Post Patch track - to Griffiths Track + off to left to Baele Spring for lunch; back along Link Th. ^{and then} fence line in South westerly direction, ~~to~~ having missed the fence leading in a westerly direction which we had intended to follow. At the intersection of 3 fences we headed west for approx $\frac{1}{4}$ km. + took southerly direction to top of peak 389 which we named Rock Isotome Peak because of the large number of beautiful clumps of these flowers. From the top we had a view to Mt Wierley in the east, Lake Maloan in south + Mt Bruno to north west. There is a lovely stand of She oaks on western side of top. We then took an easterly compass bearing which brought us back to Heysted Track where we turned left back to car.

Among the flowers etc. observed were blue pinushion, everlasting, fine specimens of *gerardia alpina* on tracks between Griffiths Rd. + Baele Spring. Slender tree with

WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY

WALKING GROUP

PROGRAMME OF WALKS
for
JUNE to DECEMBER, 1981

PLEASE NOTE change of date for June walk.

JUNE 14th. SUNDAY. Eldorado area. Distance approx. 10 km.
Leader: David Harris (P) 21 4747. Meet at Centre at 9.30.

JULY 5th. SUNDAY. Chiltern area. Distance 12 km.
Leader: John Froelich (P) 21 4200. Meet at Centre at 9.15.

AUGUST 2nd. SUNDAY. Whitfield area. Distance approx. 12 km.
Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis (P) 21 2937. Meet at Centre at 9.15.

SEPTEMBER 6th. SUNDAY. Warbys, Chinamen's Creek. Distance 12 km.
Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis (P) 21 2937. Meet at Centre at 9.30.

SEPTEMBER 19th. SATURDAY. Springtime Walkabout in the Warbys.
To be arranged. Members will be notified.

OCTOBER 4th. SUNDAY. Warbys. Distance approx. 12. km.
Leader: Arnold Piesse (P) 21 3055. Meet at Centre at 10.00.

NOVEMBER 7th. & 8th. SATURDAY & SUNDAY. Razorback. Mt. Feathertop.
Distance 24 km. Leader: Adrian Twitt (P) 21 5327. Phone Adrian 2 weeks
before if you are interested, and for further details.

NOVEMBER 22nd. SUNDAY. Warby half-day walk ending at Joy's with a barbecue lunch. B.Y.O. food etc. (Fire restrictions permitting) Distance 8 km.
Leader: Joy Rosser (P) 25 7272. Meet at Centre at 9.30 or at Joy's in Cox Rd. at 9.45.

DECEMBER 6th. SUNDAY. Mt. Buffalo. The Sentinel & The Castle in morning.
Distance 4 km. Dicksons Falls in afternoon. Distance 4 km.
Leaders: Elizabeth & Brian Kelly (P) 21 6992. Meet at Centre 8.45.

NOTES: Please notify leader if intending to participate in walk in case of alterations in arrangements, and to find out any further details.
2. On all day walks, carry lunch, water, waterproof parka & wear stout shoes or boots. Leaders will advise on equipment for overnight walks.
3. New leaders are needed, and will be very welcome. Please contact Helen if you would like to lead a trip in the future.
N.B. If you are not a financial member yet, and you are still interested in walking, please send your subscription of \$2.00 individual or \$3.00 family to Mr. Garth Hodge, 18 Chisholm St., Wangaratta.

Good walking, Helen Curtis
(P) 21 2937

1981

Walk 4 Sunday 1st February, 1981

Mt. Buffalo

leader: Mr. Arnold Piesse Distance: approx 12 km

No. attending 24

+ 240 m

From^{er} Reservoir Rd. at car park along right hand side of reservoir to Jesse's lookout and Eagle Point for lunch back to fire trail, descending to Devil's Cuck + back to cars.

Many flowers were in bloom including everlastings + wahlenbergia glauca in large patches. Also noted was prostanthera walteri (monkey mint bush), trigger plant, goodenia hederacea var. alpestris, leptospermum grandifolium, yams, brachycome cuneata (coarse daisy)? mountain gentian,

Walk 5 Sunday 1st March 1981

Mt. St. Bernard to the Tunnis

Leader: Mrs. Trudie Kentman Distance: approx 11 km

No. attending: 26 of all ages.

From Mt. St. Bernard to the Tunnis along
the Alpine Track.

The climb up track from the jeep track
to the top of the 1st turn was fairly steep
but the view was well worth it. The
steep track down from the 2nd. turn was
steeper, but the 6 who took this route
found it worthwhile.

Most of the spring flowers were finished
but the ^{monks} gentians were at their peak on the
ridge between the 2 turns.

11 km + 360 m.

Walk 6 Sunday April 5th 1981

Leader: Peter Curtis Distance approx 12 km
No. attending 24 +160 m

Hills between Whitfield Rd. + road to Redcamp.

Parked cars approx. 1 km. from Whitfield Rd.,
along the Hyem Cemetery Rd.

Walked approx ^{2 km} along this road crossing
creek bed at fence line + joining a
road which climbs gently. Following forestry
roads we walked a ^{rough} circle along pleasant
ridges. The descent was along the road
which comes onto the Whitfield Rd. near
the Edi crossing. About 1 km before the
Whitfield Rd. we walked around the hill
on the upper side of the fenced property,
back to the Hyem Cemetery Rd. + the cars.

Walk 7 Sunday May 3rd 1981

Leader: Rob Parsons

No. attending 10

Rob instructed the group in following an orienteering map of the Wairarapa (the fire tower area) with the use of compass + features on the map.

The group found it very interesting & instructive.

Walk 8 Sunday 14th May, 1981
leader: Paul Laidemings

No. attending 22 7th k + 260 m

Starting from Paul's, proceeding up the waterfall on his property to Mt. Warby for lunch + back.

The blackboys looked very fine + many fine specimens of Blackley's gum were seen.

Paul entertained with many yarns as we paused for rests.

June walk cancelled because of rain, deferred to Aug. 2nd.

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WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY

WALKING GROUP

PROGRAMME OF WALKS
for
JUNE to DECEMBER, 1981

PLEASE NOTE change of date for June walk.

JUNE 14th. SUNDAY. Eldorado area. Distance approx. 10 km.
Leader: David Harris (P) 21 4747. Meet at Centre at 9.30.

JULY 5th. SUNDAY. Chiltern area. Distance 12 km.
Leader: John Froelich (P) 21 4200. Meet at Centre at 9.15.

AUGUST 2nd. SUNDAY. Whitfield area. Distance approx. 12 km.
Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis (P) 21 2937. Meet at Centre at 9.15.

SEPTEMBER 6th. SUNDAY. Warbys, Chinamen's Creek. Distance 12 km.
Leaders: Helen & Peter Curtis (P) 21 2937. Meet at Centre at 9.30.

SEPTEMBER 19th. SATURDAY. Springtime Walkabout in the Warbys.
To be arranged. Members will be notified.

OCTOBER 4th. SUNDAY. Warbys. Distance approx. 12. km.
Leader: Arnold Piesse (P) 21 3055. Meet at Centre at 10.00.

NOVEMBER 7th. & 8th. SATURDAY & SUNDAY. Razorback. Mt. Feathertop.
Distance 24 km. Leader: Adrian Twitt (P) 21 5327. Phone Adrian 2 weeks
before if you are interested, and for further details.

NOVEMBER 22nd. SUNDAY. Warby half-day walk ending at Joy's with a barbecue lunch. B.Y.O. food etc. (Fire restrictions permitting) Distance 8 km.
Leader: Joy Rosser (P) 25 7272. Meet at Centre at 9.30 or at Joy's in
Cox Rd. at 9.45.

DECEMBER 6th. SUNDAY. Mt. Buffalo. The Sentinel & The Castle in morning,
Distance 4 km. Dicksons Falls in afternoon. Distance 4 km.
Leaders: Elizabeth & Brian Kelly (P) 21 6992. Meet at Centre 8.45.

NOTES: Please notify leader if intending to participate in walk in case
of alterations in arrangements, and to find out any further details.
2. On all day walks, carry lunch, water, waterproof parka & wear stout
shoes or boots. Leaders will advise on equipment for overnight walks.
3. New leaders are needed, and will be very welcome. Please contact Helen
if you would like to lead a trip in the future.
N.B. If you are not a financial member yet, and you are still interested
in walking, please send your subscription of \$2.00 individual or
\$3.00 family to Mr. Garth Hodge, 18 Chisholm St., Wangaratta.

Good walking,
Helen Curtis
(P) 21 2937

Walk 9 Sunday July 5th. 1981

Leader: John Frohlich
no. attending 21?

12k + 300m.

Clifton area. Sandra Bardwell's
walk.

Pleasant walk along forestry roads
and through the bush.

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