

WARBY RANGE
PROTECTION SOCIETY
1982

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WALKING GROUP

PROGRAMME OF WALKS

for

FEBRUARY to JUNE, 1982

A MEETING will be held on Wednesday FEBRUARY 3rd. at the Centre at 8.00 for all interested walkers. See attached letter for details.

FEBRUARY 7th. SUNDAY. Mt. Cobbler - Dandongdale Falls. Day walk.

Leader: Wally Mortimer (P: H) 27 3269 (Milawa). Leaving Centre 9 am.

Please note The walk in March is on the second Sunday, as the first Sunday is in the long weekend.

MARCH 14th. SUNDAY. High Plains from Hotham to Mt. Loch. Day walk.

Leader: Tony Beer (P: H. 214292) Leaving Centre 8.00 am.

APRIL 4th. SUNDAY. Mt. Buffalo. Hollisona Galleries. Leader Rolf Hechel (P:B 212266) Day walk, but with the possibility of an overnight stay on Saturday night at either the Chalet or the camping ground. Contact Rolf for details. Leaving Centre Sunday 8.30.

MAY 2nd. SUNDAY. Beechworth. Day walk. Leader: David Harris (P:B 21 2414) Leaving Centre 9.30.

JUNE 6th. SUNDAY. Mt. Pilot. Aboriginal rock paintings & walk.

Leader: John Froelich (P:H 21 4200) Leaving Centre 9.30.

Please telephone the leader two days before the walk for confirmation of starting time, distance and grade of walk etc.

Good walking,

Arnold Piesse
(P) 21 3055

WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY - WALKING GROUP

Minutes of meeting held at the Centre 3rd. February, 1982 at 8 o'clock.

Present Mr. Paul Larkings (Chair)

Mr. Arnold Piosse (Convener of walks)

and 19 interested people as attached list.

Apologies Mr. Graham Fairley, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly

Mr Larkings outlined the background and activities of the Warby Range Protection Society, and explained how the Executive's belief that there was a need to nurture and encourage the interest of people in bushwalking led to the formation in September, 1980 of a walking group under the umbrella of the Society. He then outlined the type of walks which had been programmed and the public response to them.

This meeting was called to clarify aims and needs of the group.

Points of discussion

1. Length and difficulty of walks

Length of walks held has been from 8 kms. - 22 kms. with the average distance being from 10 - 12 kms.

It was expressed by David Harris, and generally accepted, that the type of walks provided had filled a need, as they had catered for a wide variety of age groups and allowed time for some interest in nature study.

It was agreed that a day walk of approx. 12 kms. was reasonable and that if longer walks are to be included there should be provision made for them to be broken so as to cater for members of the group wishing to walk a shorter distance. For example they could wait at a site and rejoin the group for the final stage. (e.g. Razorback - Cross saddle - Mt. Feathertop and back to Cross saddle before descent to Harriestville)

2. Types of walk suggested :-

(i) Day walk - length as previously described. Unanimously supported.

(ii) 1½ day walk with a base camp, e.g. Mt. Buffalo, with a walk on Saturday afternoon - return to base - and a full day walk on the Sunday, returning to base. Well supported.

(iii) Weekend, full pack trip. 14 of 21 present expressed interest in such a trip if held perhaps twice a year, particularly March & April. David Harris said he & Maureen Titcomb would be prepared to organize such a trip on 24th. & 25th. April.

For such a trip Trudi Kentmann suggested that people work in pairs re equipment.

It was suggested that there would be a need to have a meeting before such a trip to retain more re equipment etc.

(iv) weekend or longer trip with a base camp e.g. Mt. Gambier. Wolf Hestel suggested that Graham Fairley would be an excellent leader for a Mt. Gambier trip and Ian Spink also knows of a suitable leader.

3. Starting time

8 o'clock was considered a reasonable starting hour for summer trips, but decision will depend on leader, time of year and venue of walk.

4. New leaders

a request was made for anyone prepared to lead future walks to notify Arnold.

5. Talk on Equipment and Leaders Responsibilities was given by David Harris. Basic points mentioned :-

- (i) Don't litter - no paper tissues, please
- (ii) Equipment for day walk
 - Good strong light pack
 - Footwear - no elastic sided boots
 - socks
 - good boots or sneakers advisable
 - Clothing - shirts (adjustable)
 - shorts
 - long pants
 - jumper
 - japara coat (hip length)
 - waterproof pants
 - shady hat
 - bandana

First aid kit

First aid kit
 Water
 Fruit & nut mixture
 Toilet paper
 Map in plastic bag
 Compass & whistle
 Insect repellent
 Folding cup
 Matches

Survival kit to be carried on person rather than in pack. Wrapped in large plastic bag - stock cubes, bandaids, candle, matches etc.

Leaders' responsibilities

- (i) Recognize the needs of the group
- (ii) The group should be advised of the necessary requirements
- (iii) Number of walkers should be counted
- (iv) Walk should be outlined before starting.
- (v) Leader should be in control, although not necessarily in front.
- (vi) The person's hand should always be in sight.
- (vii) Know where you are, and don't panic group if temporarily unsure.
- (viii) Don't lose control towards the end of walk.

Emergencies

There should be a knowledge of 1st aid procedures
 " " " " " all possibilities

The meeting agreed that members should be circularised with this information.
 given to us by David Harris.

6. rGAR expenses

There was almost unanimous agreement that the following scheme be tried:-
 that on all future trials passengers pay the driver a levy of 1c per. km.

7. Mr. Larkings suggested that another meeting should be held to discuss:-

- the meeting
- trips
- the recording of the walks

Walk N° 15. Sunday 7.2.82. Mt Cobler.

Leader Wally Mortimer (4WD) Total = 18.

Participants Peter Curtis (4WD) Bob Thomas, Doug Sunderland,
Arthur Spink, Alma, George + Noel (Sedan) Romi Kodge, Graham Fairley,
Joan Bretegh, Bill + Joy Rossiter (Sedan) Treda Kenton,
Ralf Hecht (Sedan) Janney Mullender, Meequn Ward, Arnold Pison (Camper Van)

Dep Centre 0805. From Cheshunt to South Arnie Gap to
Upper Rose River junction - 0910. Joined Wally Mortimer there, crossed
Joan Bretegh from Beechworth. Set off at intervals to Benmies
+ continued on the gravel road to Cobler - 20 km take - 20 km.

Road mostly in good condition, except for last 5 km, which was
steep + rough in places. Also many trees + bushes down from
snow in winter - trees had been cut leaving a narrow
gap requires care - bushes scraped cars. Artness car
dinged near-side mudguard at one narrow gap.

Ralf's Valiant was rather too low for the rough places.

Arrived Cobler Lake about 10.40. N.B. Drive around
head of lake - i.e. keep left at first sight of lake, then
right at fork (left fork is very rough vehicle track to
Cobler Plateau which we joined after 2 km walking).

This road would be difficult for 2WD vehicles if wet.

1100. Started walk up good track which was banned
vehicles by several steep banks. Steady gradient,
not steep, to join vehicle track, + then turned right sharply
at junction of foot-path to Mt Cobler - 4WD vehicles
had apparently made a track generally following this footpath

and this was easier walking for much of the way.

Roma + Joan found the walk too much, and stopped about 1 km from the summit, at the foot of the final steeper ascent.

From the foot path junction, the walk was through snow gum woodland, with scattered everlasting 3 and a few other flowers still to be seen, continuing at an easy gradient. The last kilometre was steeper, leading to the open, rocky ~~summit~~ top. The flat summit ~~at~~ (1628 m) was separated from the main bulk of the mountain by a narrow col, about 5 m deep, followed by 25 m. of steep rough rocky climb, covered in alpine oxycobium and other low shrubs - steep but not difficult. Most of the ladies stopped short of this last climb. Parts reached the top after a spread-out, 1330-1345

The views from the summit were good in all directions, + even from the lower spot, views to the south + east were excellent. More everlastings and also Small Browea in flower here.

After lunch, an easy walk back the same way to the cafes for a cup of tea before returning home about 1630. Trade: Arnold, Jimmy + Meagan had a swim in the shallow lake - refreshing but a bottom consisting of humus was stirred up. About Return time - about 2 1/4 hours.

N.B. It was a very hot day in Wangaratta - high 30° - but very pleasant walking conditions on Cobble.

Total walking distance ca 16 km. Total altitude climbed 550 m. but mostly spread over, so that the walk was only medium hard.

A.P.

Tony Beer provided professional leadership, with duplicated notes & instructions, and map, (from Algona Map showing ski routes & tour notes for Hunt Alpine Club, "Mt. Nathan - Falls Creek - Bogong High Plains". \$3-95. 1:25,000). See copy attached.

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Why hasn't Wangaratta got a bushwalkers' club?

That's the question local man Norm Sharpe wants an answer to.

Sharpe, a fitness enthusiast, is amazed at the fact that with all the ideal bushwalking territory in the Wangaratta district, there isn't a bushwalking club in the town to take advantage of it.

"Wangaratta people

WANGARATTA . . . A TOWN WITH NO BUSHWALKERS?

are renowned for their keen enthusiasm in sporting activities, which increases the likelihood that there would be citizens of the community interested in establishing a bushwalking club.

"Surely there are

people in Wangaratta with a love of the bush and clean, fresh, open air," he said.

There are very few pre-requisites that an interested person needs other than a reasonable level of fitness and a good pair of shoes.

Bushwalking is a pastime that can involve the whole family due to there being no restrictions on what age, size or weight each individual member of the group may be. Spending a day or up to five nights in the bush

away from the constant ringing of telephones or traffic zooming past your front door could be just what a lot of people in the Wangaratta area need.

Experience is not necessary but could

prove to be an asset for interested persons.

If the challenge of coming head-on with nature gives you a real sense of adventure don't hesitate in ringing Norman Sharpe.

He is very keen to establish a Wangaratta Bushwalking Club. If anyone would like to be a part of such a program they should ring Sharpe on 21 4489 or A.H. 21 4211.

Walk No 16 Mt Loch & Swindlers Spur.

Tony Beer - Leader.

Paul Larking, Trudi Kentman, Ernie McKenzie, John + Tony Froehlich, Alma + Rhonda Spink, Joan Canny, Wally + Val Mortimer, Wendy Dace, Rolf Keeler, Peter Curtis, Wallace Bruce, with Terry Lyons + Germaine O'Dwyer, Geoff McGinness, Denise Perkin, Gillian Sandford Elise Incoll, Arnold Purse.

Lexi Aclit, Graham + Nancy Fairley came for the ride but did not walk.

Met at Centre 08.00, arrived Mt Loch carpark 09.30 - 09.45.

Cool Sunny weather, hazy, east wind, cloud increased during day.

Walked along the 4WD road to Mt Loch (1878 m) then returned to Derrick Col + turned left on foot track + snow pole line to Derrick Hut for lunch. Then down Swindlers Spur to GR 158 096 whence we could look down on Cobarragra Gap. (Bidgee-widgee very prevalent and ripe!).

Return along the same route (except Mt Loch) - all reached cars by about 16.30. Some walkers did not go the whole way along Swindlers Spur, but stopped short of the descent into the saddle. The party was rather spread out on the return due to some being less in training than others. This is a ~~grass~~ good wild-flower area, but there would have been a better show about 2-3 weeks earlier.

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REVISED PROGRAMME OF WALKS FOR

APRIL TO JUNE, 1982

APRIL 24th.-25th. Overnight full pack walk on Bogong High Plains from Falls Creek. Early start on Saturday morning; return about 6 pm, Sunday.
Leader: David Harris (Phone H. 214 747)

Note: This walk will require suitable clothing and equipment, and is best arranged in pairs to share tent, cooking etc. Please contact the leader early for details, transport arrangements etc.
There will be some participants who are not members of our group.

MAY 2nd SUNDAY Easy day walk to Mount Killawarra. 12 km.
Leader: Arnold Piesse (Phone, H. 213 055)
Leaving Centre, 9.30.

JUNE 6th. SUNDAY Mt. Pilot. Aboriginal rock paintings and walk. 9.30
Leader: John Froelich (Phone, H. 214 200)

Please telephone the leader at least two days before the walk, for confirmation of starting time, distance and grade of walk, transport etc.

Arnold Piesse
213 055

3+4th of April 82

Eagle Point & Morrison's
Galleries

The first group met at the centre at 2 pm on Saturday. Of this group 4 stayed at the Chalet & 16 camped at Lake Catani overlooking the lake all enjoyed sleeping in the mountains

We split into 2 groups the 1st left the Reservoir at 9am. Starters were Helen & Peter Curtis, Wendy Davis, Dennis Perkins & Jeff McLanes with their 5 boys. David Morris drove up this morning & Rolf Huetel was the leader of this group. We followed the track past Og, Cog Magog & Eagle Point to the Galleries. The scenery ranges from alpine ash to snow gums interspersed by grassy clearings with extensive views to the western hills & plains. From the Galleries the views are magnificent and overlook Lake Buffalo. On the way back some detoured a little to climb the ladders of Eagle Point, from these large boulders one gets a 360° view of the plateau. We returned via the 4 wheel drive track on the eastern side of the reservoir at 13.30 - The second group left at 10am for Eagle Point & 14+ Dunn & returned by 3.30 this group comprised of Maurice & Margaret Sharp, Arthur & Jean Carey, Betty Hünz & Alma & Rhonda Spink, Joan Canny, Nancy & Graeme Fairley as leaders

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PROGRAMME OF WALKS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER, 1982

- JULY 4th. SUNDAY Day walk from Warby Fire Tower - 12 km.
Leader: Graeme Fairley (Phone H. 215-752)
- AUGUST 1st. SUNDAY Day walk in Whitfield area - approx. 15 km.
Leaders: Peter and Helen Curtis (Phone H. 212-937)
- SEPTEMBER 5th. SUNDAY Day walk to Mt. Glenrowan.
Leader: Arnold Piesse (Phone H. 213-055)
- SEPTEMBER 25th. SATURDAY. Warby Walkabout. Details-Helen Curtis (212-937)
- OCTOBER 3rd. SUNDAY Day walk - Upper Rose River
Leaders: Bill and Joy Rosser (Phone H. 257-272)
- OCTOBER 8th.-10th. Wangaratta Show weekend.
Weekend camp in Grampians - day walks, wild flowers and birds. Please contact the leader by Sept. 24th. to indicate your interest.
Leader: Graeme Fairley (Phone H. 215-752)
- NOVEMBER 6th.-7th. Weekend on Mt. Buffalo. Camp or Chalet with day walks.
Day walkers welcome.
Leader: Rolf Heetel (Phone B. 212-266. H. 214-130)
- NOVEMBER 13th.-14th. Weekend beginners' overnight pack hike - Wabonga Plateau.
Early start Saturday morning. This walk will replace that arranged for last April, cancelled because of weather. It will require suitable clothing and equipment, some of which may be borrowed. Please contact the leader well ahead for details.
Leader: David Harris (Phone H. 214-747)
- DECEMBER 5th. SUNDAY Day walk on Mt. Buffalo
Leader: Trudi Kentman (Phone H. 213-922)
- DECEMBER 11th.-12th. Weekend base camp near Mt. Speculation.
Tough day walk to Mt. Howitt and return, and alternative medium day walks. 4 WD transport advantageous but not essential. Contact leader at least one week early.
Leader: Wally Mortimer (Phone H. 273-269)

Arnold Piesse
213-055

P.T.O.

ELSE WHERE

The following activities organised by other bodies are listed for the benefit of anyone who would like additional walks. There may be fees, (\$1 or \$2) for non-members. Orienteering meets usually welcome walkers as well as runners, and provide good practice in map reading as well as interesting walks.

- JUNE 27th. SUNDAY Border Bushwalking Club - Easy day walk in Whitfield area. Contact Arnold Piesse (213-055)
- JULY 11th. SUNDAY Warby Orienteering Club Event - Warby Ranges
- JULY 18th. SUNDAY Albury-Wodonga Orienteering Club Event - Chiltern State Park.
- AUGUST 15th. SUNDAY Albury-Wodonga Orienteering Club Event - Magenta Mines area/ Chiltern State Park.
- AUGUST 22nd. SUNDAY Border Bushwalking Club. Easy day walk in Chiltern Forest. Contact: Glen Wallace, Chiltern Park Ranger (Phone H. 281-848)
- OCTOBER 24th. SUNDAY Warby Orienteering Club Event - Skeleton Hill area/ Chiltern State Park.
- NOVEMBER 20th.-21st. Weekend base camp, Burrowa - Pine Mt. National Park area - with day walk.
Contact: Arnold Piesse (Phone H. 213-055)

N.B. Orienteering events start at 10 am. Participants can set off any time thereafter. Anyone interested should contact :-
Arnold Piesse (Phone H. 213 055)
or Stuart Walker (Phone B. 216-988
H. 216-249)

Walking Group. CLUB

CLUB

The Walking Group of the Warby Range Protection Society was formed in September 1980.

The group has enjoyed day walks in the Parish East. Walks have been held in the Warby Ranges, Mount Buffalo, Mount St. Bernard - The Twins, Boyer, Chiltern, ^{Colorado} and have been well attended.

The group would like to say thank you to Helen Curtis for arranging the programmes and to the leaders of each walk.

We would like to begin arranging the 1982 programme soon. We need leaders to volunteer so that planning can be completed for 1982. Please contact Elizabeth Kelly ^{Phone} 216992 if you would like to lead a walk.

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NEWSLETTER

President: Mr. Paul Larkings

Secretary: Mrs. Helen Curtis,
24 Riverview Cres.
Wangaratta, Vic. 377.

August, 1982

OVENS SOFTWOOD ZONE Our interest in conservation matters over the year has included concern regarding the continued clearing of native forests for pine plantations. Meetings were held last year to air the matter and submissions were written. Time will tell whether the new government will be able to follow its sound policies in this regard. A letter from you to The Hon. Rod Mackenzie, Minister for Forests and Lands might help.

SOUTH-WEST TASMANIA Also of great concern, although further afield, is the threat to the Tasmanian wilderness. The proposed Gordon-below-Franklin dam is of national importance, and we hope that you will write to your Federal member, (Mr. Ewen Cameron in Indi), stressing the importance of protecting Australia's last major temperate wilderness. South-West Tasmania is a part of the National Estate and is of equal importance to all Australians as the Great Barrier Reef.

The Australian Democrats and the Labour Party both have No-Dam policies. The Federal Government will not intervene, and yet it has nominated this area for the World Heritage List! It can and should implement legislation to safeguard this unique and beautiful area.

Latest power demand figures clearly indicate that the 3% growth rate per annum in overall demand, forecast by the Hydro-Electric Commission for the 1979-1982 periods has not eventuated and there is evidence to prove an actual decline in major industrial demand.

THOUGHTS OF THE WARBYS THIS SPRING from Paul Larkings

Our beloved Warbys seem to be going through a trying time, - life continues as it were, dependent 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.

Perhaps not all. The attractive vistas remain; the open bushland areas with those graceful gums, smooth, imposing; shades of silver, delicately merging into patterns of olive, brown and where the bark has lifted, a richer shade of ochre.

Always the little plants bloom, wet or dry; and of course this Spring, no matter what, some will show through. The pleasure gained from walking can only be enhanced by their presence.

P.T.O.
for information on Walks and
Springtime Walkabout.

WALKING GROUP REPORT from Arnold Piesse

August 1982

Since my last report on 29th. March, our regular monthly day walks have continued to attract about 20 walkers. In May we walked to Mt. Killawarra; in June John Froelich led us up Mt. Pilot and gave us the chance to view some Aboriginal rock paintings; in July Graeme Fairley took us on a course in the north-east of the Warby Range, finishing at the Fire Tower; in August, Peter & Helen Curtis led us into the clouds at Whitfield.

In April, Rolf Heetel organised our first weekend base camp at Mt. Buffalo, with walks on the Sunday to Eagle Point and Mollison's Galleries. This was very successful and we shall repeat the idea.

Please note that the dates of the next two Buffalo walks, in November and December, have been reversed, so that now the Mt. Buffalo base camp weekend is programmed for the 4th./5th. December, and the day walk on Mt. Buffalo will take place on 7th. November. This should ensure better weather for the week-end camp. Please alter your programme accordingly

In response to interest expressed by a number of members, an overnight, pack hike was arranged for April last, but had to be cancelled because of the weather. A similar weekend has been scheduled for 13th.-14th. November, in the Wabonga Plateau area, to give those interested a chance to try this form of bushwalking. David Harris will lead, and will be able to help with equipment. Please contact him at least two weeks in advance.

Please note that a meeting of all those interested in the weekend camp in the Grampians has been called for 8 pm, Wednesday, 8th. September, at Arnold Piesse's home, 17 Warwillah Avenue. Graeme Fairley would like all those interested to come, so he can plan the weekend to best advantage.

THE SPRINGTIME WALK IN THE WARBYS organised by the Society in conjunction with the Centre, will be held again this year and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Date September, 25th.

Meeting time and place 9.30 at the Centre, Chisholm St., Wangaratta.

Cost (includes barbecue lunch) \$5.00 per head
\$2.00 per child

Please bring a cup for hot drinks

Enrolments at the Centre, Chisholm St., phone 21 4191, by 21st. September, please.

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Enrolment form for Springtime Walk in the Warbys

Name.....

Address.....

Number in family: Adults

Children.....

NEWS FROM THE WALKING GROUP of the WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The walking group finished 1982 with a weekend camp at Mt. Buffalo on Saturday and Sunday, 4th.-5th December, with Rolf Heetel as leader.

After an 8 am start from Wangaratta and setting up camp, the rest of the morning was spent in exploring the massive rock-pile of the Old Galleries. After lunch, a longer walk took us to the Chalet and the Underground River, which we penetrated far enough to see glow-worms on the roof. A short steep climb led on to the View Point look-out over the Buckland Valley.

On Sunday, we drove to the reservoir, met Karen & Bill Wilson, who had driven up for the day, and set off at 8.15 on our main walk to the North Buffalo Plateau and Mt. McLeod, about 20 km. for the round trip. Perfect weather, plenty of wild flowers and birds, and new country for most of us made a very enjoyable day.

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Past Year's Activities

Our 1982 programme broke new ground by providing for:-(1) week-end camps with day walks, (2) an "easy" grade over-night back-pack hike for beginners, and (3) a "hard" day-walk from below Mt. Speculation to Mt. Howitt and return, with ~~WD~~ approach and over-night camp before the walk. Also, the average standard of the normal day walks has been rather harder than in 1981.

The response from members to (2) and (3) was disappointing, so, in next year's programme, we shall concentrate on day-walks, and also make sure that there is provision for those who prefer the easier type of walk. We will include several weekend camps, but walkers who can come for only one day will also be welcome. Enquiries to Helen Curtis (212-937) or Arnold Piesse (213-055).