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WALKS PROGRAM, JANUARY – MARCH 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	Proposed walk
Friday, 8th December	Warby Ovens NP (AWTGS 1)	E	Karen, 5722 2540
Friday, 8th December	Christmas Party, Glenrowan Rifle Range		Judy, 5766 2773
Saturday, 16th December	Mt Emu discovery walk (AWTGS 4)	Н	Bob, 5766 2773
Saturday, 6th January	Myrtleford loop 8km, followed by BBQ lunch (AWTGS 1)	E	Erin, 0419 200 998
Sunday, 21st January	Mt Buffalo Plateau (AWTGS 3)	E	Karen, 5722 2540
Saturday, 3rd February	Beechworth Tree walk (AWTGS 1)	E	June, 0434 338 404
Friday 16th, Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th February	Mt Buller Weekend (AWTGS 3)	ЕМН	Glenda, 5721 5114
Saturday, 3rd March	Nail Can Hill, Albury (AWTGS 3)	E/M	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Sunday, 18th March	Dickson Falls and the Back Wall, Mt Buffalo (AWTGS 3)	М	Michael, 0447 617 880
Wednesday, 21st March	Buckland Gap to Stanley via Lady Newton Drive (AWTGS 3)	E/M	Lesley, 5728 1740
Saturday, 31st March	The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo. (AWTGS 3-4)	M & H	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Monday, 12th February	General meeting		Michael, 0447 617 880
Monday, 26th March	Annual General meeting, Wangaratta Club, Victoria Parade, Wangaratta. Arrive for dinner between 6 &6.30, meeting at 7.30pm.		Judy, 5766 2773
15th to 22nd April	Portland, Great Southwest Walk our week away 2018. (AWTGS 1-3)		See website for details.

Friday, 8th December. Warby Ovens NP. Karen, 5722 2540

An easy 9.5km loop track on 4 wheel drive tracks off the Yarrawonga Road. Basically flat walking between the Ovens River and its anabranch. River vistas, wetlands and riverine red gum forest. Habitat for water birds and kangaroos.

Friday, 8th December 2016. Contact Judy, 5766 2773, to book in, and arrange to bring either a salad or a sweet to share. The Warby Walkers Christmas party is being held again this year at the Glenrowan Rifle Range, Rifle Range Rd, Glenrowan. BYO meat for a BBQ and a salad or sweet to share. Crockery, cutlery and chairs are provided.

Saturday, 16th December. Mt Emu Discovery walk. Bob, 5766 2773.

A hard walk of approx 21km on 4WD tracks. From Mountain Creek carpark we climb approx 700m in altitude to Mt Emu 1360m, the launching pad for hang gliders. Views to Mt Bogong, The Fainters, Mt Buffalo and Mt Feathertop, and distant views of Lake Mokoan and Mt Buller. Then along the Eskdale Spur to overlook Tawonga, Dederang and the Kiewa Valley. A steep descent on 4WD tracks to the Redbank area in the Kiewa Valley. This walk will involve some early morning car shuffling. A medium/hard option of a return walk to Mt Emu, approx 15km, is available if there is sufficient interest.

Saturday, 6th January. Myrtleford river walk. Erin, 0419 200 998

BYO BBQ lunch to eat following an easy mostly flat loop walk of approx 8km at Myrtleford, with a chance to cool down, or just get the feet wet in the Ovens River.

Sunday, 21st January. Mt Buffalo Plateau. Karen 5722 2540

A series of short walks combined into a loop on the Mt Buffalo Plateau, in the vicinity of the Gorge. A chance to cool off at Lake Catani if it's hot. Clear tracks, mostly undulating easy walking.

Saturday, 3rd February. Beechworth tree walk. June, 0434 338 404

Beechworth is renowned for the diversity, majesty and beauty of its old trees - an urban forest. Enjoy respite from the heat on this shaded walk at 500m elevation. From Beechworth Station we have maps, species notes and some anecdotes for the Silvia Banksia Walk along Spring Creek, some byway streets in the town, and in Mayday Hills. Morning tea at Lake Sambell, lunch optional (depending on heat of the day). An easy walk of approx 6km at Beechworth.

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February, Mt Buller weekend. Glenda, 5721 5114, OR 0499 535 202, OR

email: glendahall848@gmail.com no later than the Christmas Party on Friday, December 8. Adrian has organised this weekend at Mt Buller with easy, medium and possibly hard walks. Accommodation at Benalla Ski Club Lodge (<u>www.benallaskiclub.com.au</u>). A 13 bedroom/49 bed lodge with ensuite bathroom to each bedroom, and no bunk beds. BYO meal Friday, and a shared meal (cost TBA) on Saturday night. Register by 12th January 2018 to enable calculation of accommodation (b/w \$80-\$110 pp for two night stay). Payment due by 24th January.

Saturday's walk from Mt Buller to Mt Stirling is expected to be a highlight (both a medium distance and longer hike offered). Sunday walks will offer Little Buller; Buller summit walk; village walk.

Saturday, 3rd March. Nail Can Hill, Albury. Jeanette, 0417 546 974

An easy to medium walk of approx 10km on gravel roads and bush tracks. Following the Ridge Track in the Nail Can Hill Reserve through to Monument Hill. Some steep sections on this walk, but with great views available.

Sunday, 18th March. Dickson Falls and The Back Wall, Mt Buffalo. Michael, 0447 617 880

Rescheduled from December 2017, when the road was closed. A medium walk of approx 15km on bush tracks from near Cresta Valley to Dickson Falls. We pass through the Giants Playground, before reaching the southernmost point on the Plateau with stunning views from the Back Wall.

Wednesday, 21st March. Buckland Gap to Stanley. Lesley, 5728 1740

An easy/medium walk of approx 7km along gravel roads from Buckland Gap to the Murmungee Lookout along Lady Newton Drive, then onto Bates Dam, where there is evidence of early mining activity, and onto Stanley via Clarkes corner picnic area. After a steady climb to Murmungee Lookout, great views are to be had over the floodplains of the Ovens and King Rivers, and to Mt Buffalo.

Saturday, 31st March. The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo. Jeanette, 0417 546 974

A walk of approx 11.5km from the entrance gate of the National Park to the Chalet Visitor area. A hard walk for those taking the UP option, and a medium walk for those taking the DOWN option. Shorter option downhill to Rollasons Falls. Spectacular views along the way.