

Brindabella Bushwalking Club

November 2017

Notices

While the next Newsletter isn't due yet, I needed to get this notice out to you now to inform you about a Flinders Ranges trip, for which the leader needs your expressions of interest by 1 November.

I've also repeated the advance notices and reminders that were included in the last newsletter.



Depot
Beach

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Depot Beach 4-day Camp - Mon 19 to Thu 22 Feb 2018

Easy grade with swimming, surfing and snorkelling.

An opportunity to enjoy 4 days' camp at the Depot Beach Campground. Activities include walking around to Pt Upright along a spectacular wave cut platform, walking along to Pebbly Beach for snorkelling, a short walk in the rainforest, a day spent at North Head, as well as gazing at the stars and doing nothing.

Campers need to bring own tent or van.

Accommodation for 3 nights (Powered sites \$34 p/n, Unpowered \$24 p/n - 2 people) + National Park Pass \$8 per car per night.

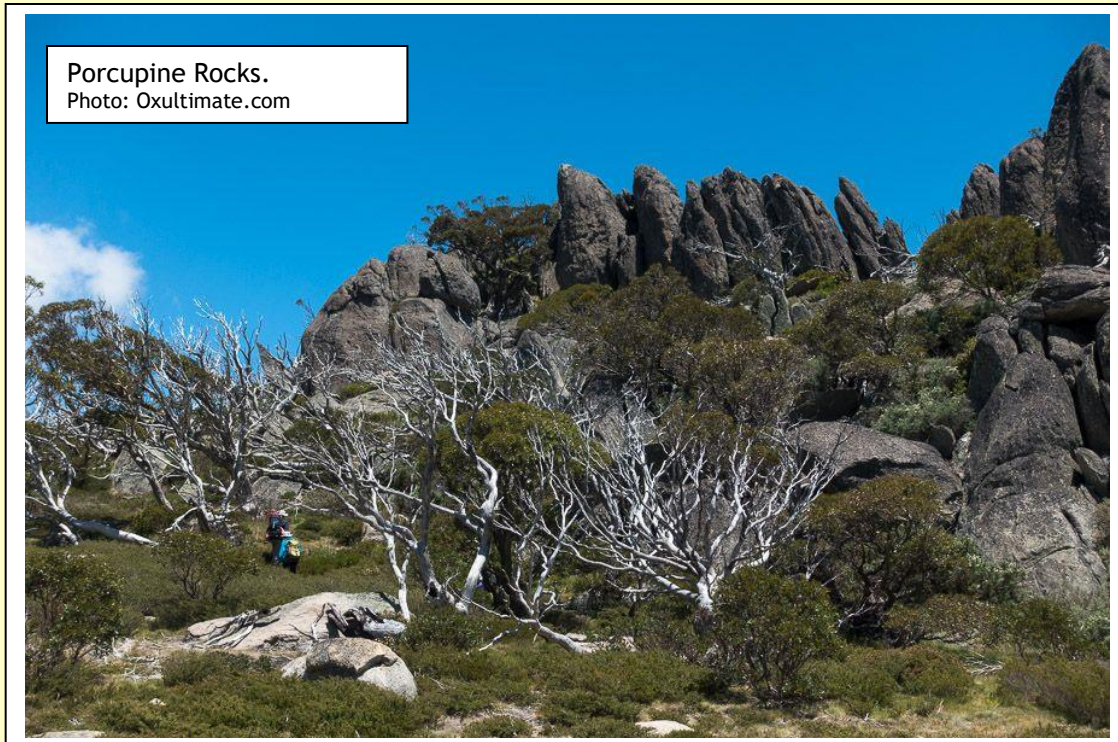
Cabins are available, but you'll need to book these yourself.

Self-catering - there are no shops. Hot showers \$1.

Depot Beach contact email: pass.depot.beach@environment.nsw.gov.au 02 44786582

Please book with me **ASAP** so I can arrange tent sites. Joint activity with CBC. Transport costs -\$55 each person includes travel to North Beach. (this time I hope it doesn't rain!),

Leader: Janet Duncan janet.nd58@gmail.com (0423 213679)



Thu 29 Dec-Wed 3 Jan - Gunuma Lodge at Smiggins. H/M/E walks

Fancy New Year's Eve at a lodge in the high country?

Join our group staying at Gunuma Ski Lodge situated at Smiggins for a week, celebrate New Year's Eve in the mountains and do a variety of activities - walking, fishing, coffee at Charlottes Pass or simply enjoying being in the mountains. Walks may include to Rainbow Lake, Porcupine Rocks, around Guthega, Smiggins, Mt Twynam, Blue Lake and others. Self-cater for breakfasts and lunches. People are organised into catering groups so you only need to cook for one evening meal, depending on numbers. Previously this has worked out extremely well, is fun and the meals superb! The kitchen is well equipped with storage space for your food. There are TVs, lounges and a deck to enjoy life! See www.gunumalodge.com.au Please email me **ASAP** to book, then I will email out Info about the Lodge and a Walks Itinerary.

Accommodation cost is \$34 p/n; i.e. \$204 per person for 6 nights and full payment is needed to book your **shared** room. Please book by 1st Dec - or earlier - to ensure availability of a room. National Park daily Vehicle Pass is \$17 per 24 hours = \$102 shared between all car passengers; a Yearly Pass costs \$190. Transport: 420 kms return Canberra to Smiggins (\$60 per car). Each day's walk will be charged via CBC rates.

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Blue Waterholes
Photo NSW NPWS

Blue Waterhole to Namadgi 21-24 Mar 2018

Would you like to spend a few days on the AAWT next autumn?

Jen is an avid bushwalker and friend of the Brindabella club on Facebook. She lives in Queensland and has contacted us via Facebook as she's trying to find some buddies to walk with her from Blue Waterhole to Namadgi next autumn. She plans to walk from Cowombat Flat to Taylor's crossing on the AAWT from March 15-18 then make her way through Corryong (overnight transfer) to rejoin the walk at Blue Waterhole and continue on the track through to Namadgi. She plans to leave Canberra by 25 March and then head to Sydney. If you're interested, then please contact Jeni Ward mobile 0410 189212. She says she's "happy to walk with anyone, am fairly experienced and has all her own gear!" Contact details: jeninicoleward@gmail.com or 0410 189212

Wilpena Pound
Photo: Australian Traveller



15-28 May - JANET'S FOURTH & FINAL FLINDERS RANGES FORAY

Joint activity with CBC - Grade 9-12 walks and an optional one at 14

Enjoy walking and driving in the beautiful Flinders Ranges and Heysen Trail within the Mt Remarkable and Wilpena National Parks in SA.

Leader: Janet Duncan janet.nd58@gmail.com (0423 213679). Please email your expression of interest **ASAP (by 1 Nov if possible)** to secure accommodation.

Accommodation: Cabins, your van or tent at two campgrounds - Melrose situated at the foot of Mt Remarkable and at Rawnsley Bluff 17 km south of Wilpena Pound. Self-cater and with several group meals. Allow two days for travelling to the Flinders and return. Although we walk mostly on tracks you will need to be fit, please. There will be an Information Evening later in March 2018.

Tuesday 15th May: arrive at Melrose for 6 nights, with Day Walks including climbing Dutchman's Stern, walking in Alligator Gorge and Hidden Gorge, climbing Mt Remarkable and, a rest day to explore Melrose, surrounds or even drive to see the Pt Augusta Arid Lands Botanic Gardens.

Monday 21st May: We drive north to Rawnsley Park campground for 7 nights. Day Walks include climbing steep/rough Rawnsleys Bluff for stunning views of Wilpena Pound, sightseeing and walking in Aroona Valley, Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges, Blinman Pools, Wilpena Pound Lookouts, along Black's Gap to Wilpena Pound and a rest day - you will need this after climbing a steep rocky track 700m to St Mary's Peak!

Mon 28th May - leave to return to Canberra.

Transport: Note; most roads are sealed. Mileage, roughly 3500 km from Canberra to Melrose /Wilpena Pound and return, plus another ~ 900 km travelling to the walks. Transport Costs approx \$600 each person.

Maps: HEMA map. NRMA have a reasonable Flinders Map.

Accommodation Costs:

- Cabins (per person for 6 nights - 2 to 3 people sharing): Melrose - approx. \$250; Rawnsley - approx. \$500.
- Powered sites (per person per night): Melrose \$27; Rawnsley \$38.
- Tents Melrose (per person per night): \$12; Rawnsley \$14.

Perisher Valley
Photo: Walkabouters



Perisher Valley Lodge - 4 to 8 January

Leader: Judy Lejins

A trip for easy walkers from 4 to 8 January in Perisher. Temperature is about 10 degrees cooler than Canberra. Walks will be from 3 to 8km with the option one day of doing a long walk to Mt Kosciuszko. The cost will be around \$124 per person, couples own room, singles share 2 or possibly 3 to a room (same sex). Cost will be more if we book exclusive use of the lodge.

Dinners would be shared on a roster basis, BYO breakfasts, lunches and drinks. Possibly the option of a dinner or lunch at a restaurant on one day. Cars \$60 per person return and share of park entry (free if there is a pensioner in the car).

Some limit on numbers, so will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please email me: judylejins@ozemail.com.au or phone 62515882 if you interested.

25 DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY WALK AND 'FEAST'

Wonder what to do on Christmas Day?

Please join me in walking around the attractive area at the Cotter Reserve and then enjoy a Christmas luncheon about 1 pm.

Please bring food for yourselves and maybe something to share.

Meet at Coleman Court by 9.30 am or at the Cotter Bend Picnic area by 10 am.

From there I plan to walk along to the Dam area, up the hill to the Lookout then across to the Cotter Dam Viewing Platform. From there walking along near the River to the camping area and then return to our lunch area.

Or if you prefer you are most welcome to meet at about 12.30 pm at the Cotter Bend Picnic grounds where we plan to have Chrissy Lunch.

Bring swimwear as there are plenty of lovely swimming spots.

Please let me know if you are intending to come.

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Jan - Jun 2018 Walks Program Reminder

The Walks Committee will meet on **Thu 9 Nov** to develop the Walks and Activities Program for Jan to Jun 2018.

If you would like to lead a walk or two, please send the description and your preferred date(s) to one of the Walks Committee members (whose contact details appear below) before 9 Nov.

- Easy Weekend Walks - Jillian Bellamy geoffb@apex.net.au
- Med Weekend Walks - Robyn Gallagher gallagher.robyn@gmail.com
- Easy Wed Walks - Robyn Kelly rkelly13@tpg.com.au
- Easy/Med Wed Walks - Kathy Handel khandel@bigpond.net.au
- Med/Hard Wed Walks - Peter Wellman wellmanp@iinet.net.au
- Social activities - Elaine Atkinson elainem.atkinson@gmail.com
- All other activities - Peter Dalton daltons2@tpg.com.au

There will not be descriptions in the program for Weekend walks in January, just the leader's contact details. This will allow the leader to decide on the walk about three days beforehand, based on the weather forecast. The walk details will then be emailed to all members.