

Brindabella Bushwalking Club

Newsletter and Program



Spring Creek Gorge

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Coronavirus Restrictions Update

From 19 June, restrictions will ease further, as follows:

- * Up to 100 people, plus a leader, can now participate in activities.
- * Car sharing is still problematic and it will take a large mental leap for some people to resume doing so. In the meantime the ACT Government says we should limit passengers from outside our household to one.
- * Physical distancing and hygiene requirements remain unchanged.

Please read the following notes carefully

All the information usually found in the preliminary pages of every program is available at the club's [website](#)

This newsletter includes a section showing the dates walks are planned for in the coming month or so, their grading and the leader's name. In time this will expand to include walk descriptions. All known trips away will also be listed. I'm delighted to add that the **Easy Wednesday walks and joint club walks will resume on 1 July**.

Car Parking at the Start remains an issue while the restrictions apply and, even though up to 100 people can engage in outdoor exercise, the leader might still have to put a limit on the number of participants.

If the walk description says you must pre-book by email (it might not if parking is not an issue), then do so by return email to the leader. Do not try to book a place **through the Walks Officer**.

As a **hygiene measure**, leaders will record your details on the **'sign-on' sheet** for you—no signature is required for the time being. They will remind you of the risks and obligations associated with the walk.

There is a very informative article by Leigh Hermann on walks along some minor routes on Mt Taylor in this newsletter, which should be useful to leaders planning walks, or members who just want some exercise.

Exploring Mt Taylor during Covid-19

Article by Leigh Hermann

I've lived beside Mt Taylor for very many years and have often taken the 4km, 200m ascent to the top. In all seasons it is a rewarding climb with superb views in all directions. The first paved walking track was established in the late 70s to reduce erosion and now there are now 3 main routes. But with greatly increased use there are many other tracks and footpads as well.

With lots of spare time this autumn, I decided to explore these minor routes with the benefit of avoiding the hordes using the mountain for their Covid-19 exercise. It has been encouraging to see epicormic and other new growth, and know the bush is recovering from the summer drought.

This map shows the routes I've tracked using Android App BackCountryNavigator. The first 3 are the official ones; the others follow fire-trails and footpads which are all are reasonably distinct. There are varying degrees of difficulty – those which do directly to the summit, not surprisingly are the steepest.

1. **'Zig-Zag'** – from the east with access from Parkhill St Pearce. The shortest route with an unrelenting climb. Includes interpretive signs.
2. **'Summit' track** – vehicular access road from Waldock St Chifley. Mostly sealed. Very steep.
3. **Western route** from the intersection of Sulwood Drive and Mannheim St, starting from the recently established one-way carpark which must be entered from the NW end on Sulwood Drive. Probably the longest, busiest but an interesting route to the top.

4. **Circuit route** – less climbing, but still some significant ups. On the eastern side you have the choice of the firetrail that backs Torrens and Chifley, or the path along the mound that borders the ditch. There are several tracks that will take you around to the western side to connect with the rather ordinary straight powerline track.

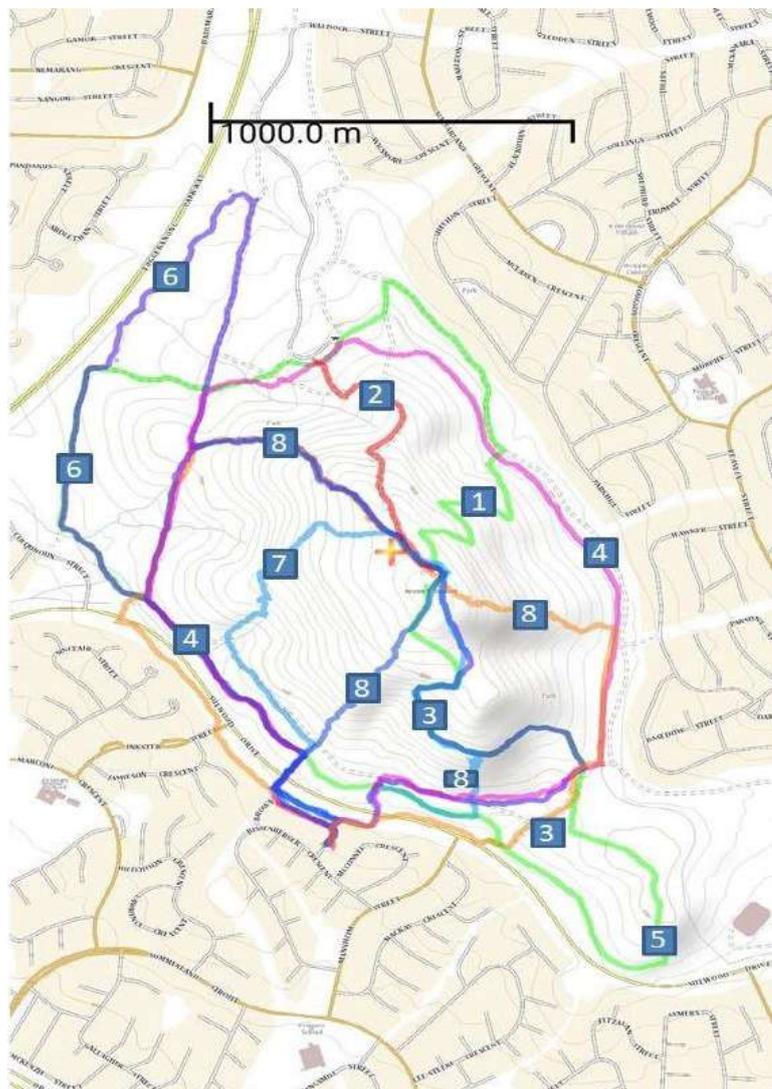
5. **The 'knoll'** overlooking Wanniasa, a shorter walk with great views to the south.

6. **The Dams** – a pleasant bushland walk from Colquhoun St Kambah area. Return route beneath the straight power-lines. Mostly flat.

7. **'Waterfall' route** – an interesting rock-hopping track ascending a watercourse that flows after heavy rain.

8. **Various rough tracks** that are steep direct ascents – good for an aerobic challenge!

Maybe the routes here will interest walkers keen for new routes to explore while life is still less busy than normal.



Social (physical) Distancing On some recent walks

Photos by Prue Deacon



Near Butters Bridge—Saturday 16 May



Callum Brae—Wednesday 20 May

Walks Program and Social Activities

Upcoming Day Walks

[If you don't receive emails about Wednesday walks, but would like to, just follow the instructions on the Club's [website](#)]

Leaders will not accept bookings until after the detailed description has been emailed to you

Date	Grade	Leader
Wed 17 Jun	Easy/Medium	John Kelly
Wed 17 Jun	Medium/Hard	Prue Deacon
Sat 20 Jun	Easy/Medium	Robyn Gallagher
Sun 21 Jun	Medium	Jillian Bellamy
Wed 24 Jun	Easy/Medium	Doug Finlayson
Wed 24 Jun	Medium/Hard	John Ellis
Sat 27 Jun	Medium	Robyn Gallagher
Sun 28 Jun	Easy	Ken Hird
Wed 1 Jul	Short	Robyn Kelly & Colleen Fox
Wed 1 Jul	Easy/Medium	Elaine Atkinson
Wed 1 Jul	Medium/Hard	Prue Deacon
Sat 4 Jul	Easy	Davinia Wells
Sun 5 Jul	Medium	John Clune
Wed 8 Jul	Easy/Medium	CBC
Wed 8 Jul	Medium/Hard	CBC
Sat 11 Jul	Easy	Elaine Atkinson
Sun 12 Jul	Medium	Leigh Hermann
Wed 15 Jul	Short	Robyn Kelly & Colleen Fox
Wed 15 Jul	Easy/Medium	John Ellis
Wed 15 Jul	Medium/Hard	Peter Ford
Sat 18 Jul	Easy	Colleen Fox
Sun 19 Jul	Medium	Bob Chittenden
Wed 22 Jul	Easy/Medium	CBC
Wed 22 Jul	Medium/Hard	NPA
Sat 25 Jul	Easy	Jillian Bellamy
Sun 26 Jul	Medium	Bob Chittenden
Wed 29 Jul	Short	Robyn Kelly & Colleen Fox
Wed 29 Jul	Easy/Medium	CBC
Wed 29 Jul	Medium/Hard	NPA
Sat 1 Aug	Easy	Nishat Mueller

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Sun 2 Aug	Medium	John Clune
Wed 5 Aug	Short	Robyn Kelly & Colleen Fox
Wed 5 Aug	Easy/Medium	Graham Chalker
Wed 5 Aug	Medium/Hard	Peter Kallio
Sat 8 Aug	Medium	Peter Wellman
Sun 9 Aug	Easy	Elaine Atkinson
Wed 12 Aug	Easy/Medium	CBC
Wed 12 Aug	Medium/Hard	CBC
Sat 15 Aug	Medium	Jillian Bellamy
Sun 16 Aug	Easy	Bob Chittenden
Wed 19 Aug	Short	Robyn Kelly & Colleen Fox
Wed 19 Aug	Easy/Medium	Peter Ford
Wed 19 Aug	Medium/Hard	Peter Wellman
Sat 22 Aug	Medium	Robyn Gallagher
Sun 23 Aug	Easy	Leigh Hermann
Wed 26 Aug	Easy/Medium	CBC
Wed 26 Aug	Medium/Hard	NPA
Sat 29 Aug	Medium	Prue Deacon
Sun 30 Aug	Easy	Bob Chittenden

Laces keep coming undone?

The method shown in this video almost always prevents it from happening: [Shoelaces](#)

Advance Notices—subject to coronavirus restrictions

AGM—Tuesday 8 September

Being hopeful that there won't be a second 'wave' of coronavirus to interfere with our plans we have booked St Margaret's hall for the AGM. There will be more advice in future newsletters.

As usual, all committee and sub-committee positions will be declared vacant. We will definitely be needing a new Walks Officer and Weekend Medium Walks Coordinator; if you are interested in these or any other committee positions, please contact the president soon to discuss what is involved.

Trips Away

Thu 15 - Thu 22 and Thu 22-Thu 29 Oct 2020 — WILSONS PROMONTORY AREA, VICTORIA — lower Medium walks. Leaders: Peter Wellman (62885985), Peter Ford (61612470, pford@pcug.org.au). Two parties will go to the area, the first week led by Peter Wellman and the second week by Peter Ford. The walking groups will stay near Yanakie just north of Wilsons Promontory and for 6 days will go on lower medium grade walks.

The main accommodation will be in three cabins, with four people in each, at a cost of about \$63.75 per person per night (Buln Buln Holiday Cabins www.bulnbuln.com). Others may stay at other local accommodation/motor camps (there is at least Telstra phone coverage). The walks will be mainly Wilsons Promontory NP, with one in the Strzelecki Ranges and another in Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. This is the main flowering time. The distance from Canberra to the accommodation via Cann River Valley is about 665 km, supposedly 7 h 40 min driving, but with stops it takes about 9 h 10 m. The cabin accommodation needs to be held by a deposit, so you will have to pay soon a deposit of \$171. Interested walkers should contact Peter Wellman by email: wellmanp@iinet.net.au.

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May 2021 – Walking in Austria, Stubai and Zillertal Alps - Easy and Medium walks.

Leader: John Clune. One week at Mayrhofen in the Zillertal Alps, possibly staying in Hotel Garni Hubertus. These towns are south of Innsbruck. It is likely that we fly into Munich and take a train or bus to our accommodation. Both towns are in valleys near Innsbruck and are at the end of train lines. Contact John at j.clune@bigpond.com if you are interested in going.

Facebook

Our Facebook Manager is regularly posting photos, walk reports and information about upcoming activities. Please pay a visit and see what our members are planning or have recently have been up to.

<https://www.facebook.com/BrindabellaBushwalkingClub/>

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BBC Website

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