

Brindabella Bushwalking Club provides a program of bushwalking and other activities that adults and children can enjoy, and promotes interest in bushwalking, safety and survival in the bush. We encourage minimal-impact bushwalking and preservation of the natural environment. Visitors are welcome, but should contact the leader beforehand. Please read the introduction to the program, particularly 'Enjoying bushwalking' and 'Rules for Walkers'.

BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JULY — DECEMBER 2021

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An abridged program is on the Club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Year is from 1 October to 30 September. The current Application for Membership (form) is available on the Club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

WEEKEND DAY WALKS

Meeting times and places

The normal departure time is 9.00am, unless shown otherwise (highlighted with ***). **Please arrive 10 minutes before the departure time to allow the leader time to organise the car-pooling.** The usual meeting places and their symbols are shown below. **Please do not stand on the roadway at the meeting place, obstructing traffic.**

- K:** Kambah Village shopping centre car park, corner Drakeford Drive and Marconi Crescent, opposite the petrol service station
- NL:** North Lyneham shops, Colville St, off Montford Circuit, off Cossington Smith Crescent
- Q:** Queanbeyan Swimming Pool car park, Campbell Street
- S:** Spotlight Queanbeyan car park, 6-8 Bungendore Rd (aka Kings Highway)
- W:** The Weston Creek Tennis Courts car park, in Dillon Close, which comes off Namatjira Drive directly opposite and north of McDonalds at Coleman Court.

Cancellation of walks

Walks are likely to be cancelled if heavy rain or high temperatures are forecast, or a total fire ban is in force. If warnings are issued or you are unsure about conditions, contact the leader at least a day in advance about possible changes. If there are fewer than four people the walk cannot proceed as an official club activity.

Transport

Car sharing is arranged at meeting places. The contribution for each passenger is shown in the walk description. It is currently based on 12 cents per passenger per kilometre, rounded to the nearest dollar. In addition, any National Park and Nature Reserve entry fees are usually divided equally among all people in the car.

Drivers unsure of the route should ask the leader to wait at significant corners. A tail car may be nominated by the leader. Convoys inconvenience other drivers, so please allow plenty of room for overtaking traffic.

Start and finish

Day walks usually leave the cars by 10.00am. The time of return to the cars cannot be guaranteed, but it will usually be by 4.00pm in winter and 6.00pm in summer. Some walks may start earlier and end later, and this will be indicated in the walk description. It is our custom to bring a thermos and enjoy a friendly chat after walks before driving home.

DAY WALKS ON WEDNESDAY

Short/Easy Wednesday walks

These half-day walks of 10km or less will be held throughout the year. The club would value your suggestions. If you are interested, come and try some of the walks.

Easy/Medium Wednesday walks

These are conducted every Wednesday in cooperation with the Canberra Bushwalking Club (CBC). BBC arranges walks on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, CBC on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays. They are graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. They will usually take most of the day, but will be easier than the Medium/Hard Wednesday walk to be conducted on that day.

Medium/Hard Wednesday walks

These walks are conducted in cooperation with CBC and the National Parks Association (NPA). BBC arranges walks on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, CBC on the second Wednesday. Walks on fourth and fifth Wednesdays are arranged by the NPA. These walks will be graded Medium (grade 8) to the lower end of Hard (grade 12) and sometimes difficult or exploratory.

LATE RETURN FROM A WALK

Let your family know where you are going and the contact details of the club's Emergency Officers – see the front cover for contact details.

There can be many simple reasons for a walk finishing later than expected and, if the group is beyond mobile phone coverage, they cannot tell anybody the reason. If it is many hours later than expected, family members can contact one of the club's Emergency Officers who can begin activating emergency procedures. The ACT and/or NSW Emergency Services will not initiate any search or rescue activities until the next morning unless a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) has been activated. Upon return, leaders of overdue parties must contact the Emergency Officers as soon as possible.

INSURANCE

All members of Brindabella Bushwalking Club are covered for public and product liability insurance through our affiliation with Bushwalking NSW. This insurance cover is negotiated for all bushwalking clubs throughout Australia by Bushwalking Australia. All members sign an acknowledgement of risk form as part of their annual renewal of membership process and each time they attend a club activity. Members are NOT covered for personal accident insurance, which remains the responsibility of individual members. Members may feel it necessary to insure themselves against any personal accident or injury that might occur while undertaking club activities.

Members and visitors participating in club activities are strongly advised that they should have some form of ambulance insurance in case of an accident requiring evacuation by emergency services.

DEVELOP YOUR BUSHWALKING SKILLS

The club wishes to encourage members to improve their skills in navigation, first aid and more advanced bushwalking. Further information is available on the Club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

WALKS LEADERS

The club welcomes new leaders and new ideas for walks. If you are interested in leading or in finding out more about it, please feel free to talk to walk leaders, the Walks Officer, or other Committee members. A Walks Program Meeting is held prior to the end of the current 6 monthly program.

From the Walks Officer you can also obtain a copy of *Guidelines for Leaders*, which contains detailed advice on what is involved in leading a walk. This information is also available on the club website. The Club has two Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) and an extensive collection of local maps, available for loan.

SAFETY ON WALKS

The club encourages safe bushwalking practices by asking that all individuals on any walk be aware of the need to look out for the welfare of others in the party, especially the less experienced members of the party. The leader will follow the leader guidelines set down by the club, but there is a mutual obligation on other walkers to raise any concerns they may have about the route, weather, tired walkers, etc. with the leader and fellow walkers. Don't suffer in silence.

Walking in wilderness or remote areas also has its hazards if an emergency occurs. Walk leaders going into wilderness or remote areas may ask the club for the use of a personal locator beacon (PLB). For details contact the Walks Officer. Such an emergency beacon, however, should only be used in life-threatening situations since their activation triggers a national and international rescue procedure and actions by the police and rescue services. Walkers should consider all other options for the safe return of the party before considering the activation of a PLB.

ENJOYING BUSHWALKING

Bushwalking is an active recreation. The aim of the club is to facilitate enjoyment of the bush, safely and in good company. Each walker must be aware of the hazards and be prepared for them. If in the leader's opinion a walk is not suitable for someone, the leader has a right not to accept that person on the walk. The club expects all members and visitors to follow the advice given below:

- If you have doubts about your ability to undertake bushwalking, please consult your doctor beforehand.
- For your enjoyment and safety, and that of others, it is important that you read the walk descriptions carefully and understand them. If you have any doubts, phone the leader beforehand. Leaders' contact details are always given in the program.
- You should select an easy walk for your first walk, unless you are very experienced and the leader approves. Walkers with fitness problems and new members should stay with walks graded 'Very Easy' or 'Easy' until confident of their ability to undertake harder walks.
- If walking with children, make sure you choose a walk that they can manage comfortably. Most walks that are under 10 km and over easy terrain are suitable for children of, say, seven years and older.
- Most day walks take the party several hours away from car or phone, and pack walks often much further away.
- All walkers must take their own first aid kits – see the Rules for Walkers for details. The club cannot guarantee that there will be someone in each party with first aid qualifications.
- Bring sunscreen and insect repellent as appropriate. Flies are likely to be a nuisance in summer.
- Visitors are welcome on all walks, but they must discuss the walk and their own experience with the leader before going to the meeting point. If you have doubts about your ability to keep up with the group on a particular walk, do not attempt the walk.

RULES FOR WALKERS

- You (including visitors) must register on the Walk Report form, which includes a risk acknowledgement.
- Advise the leader of any physical or other limitation, or any dependence on medication, that may require urgent attention during the activity (eg insect allergy medication)
- There is a limit of 3 walks as a visitor - after this, visitors must apply for membership.
- Discuss your suitability with the leader beforehand if you plan on participating in a walk of a higher grade than you have done before.
- No person under the age of 18 can participate in a BBC walk unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult who is either a close relative, or authorised by the parent or guardian. This 'responsible person' must sign the Walk Report form.
- Dogs and firearms are not allowed.
- Bring lunch and plenty to drink with a minimum of 1 litre per adult and 1.5 litres per child in normal weather and 2-3 litres for hot weather. You may wish to have hot water for morning tea and lunch.
- Dress appropriately and always bring a hat, waterproof jacket or coat, and warm clothing, e.g., polar-fleece, thermals, gloves and warm headgear, for unexpected cold weather.
- Strong footwear with thick treaded soles is recommended. Walking boots with thick socks are best; joggers may be adequate for easy and medium terrain; if in doubt, contact the walk leader.
- Walkers must carry a first aid kit containing, as the minimum, a wide compression bandage (for snake bites, sprains and breaks), some wide micropore surgical tape (all-purpose), bandaids and pain killers. Some first aid needs arise more often than others: sunburn, thorn pricks, insect bites, abrasions and bruising from falls, blisters, heat exhaustion, and sprains and strains from slipping on rock or wet wood. Snake bite is always a possibility and tick bites can occur in NSW coastal areas.
- Carry everything in a backpack so that both hands are free.
- Keep together. Use the same route as the leader and do not get ahead of or behind the party. Keep the walker in front **and** behind in sight - call the leader to stop if necessary. If the party is large, a tail person is usually appointed to monitor slower walkers. The most common causes of separation are getting ahead of the leader, stopping to take photos or making a toilet stop without telling anyone. Do not assume you can drop behind and then easily catch up.
- If you do become separated, stop and call out. Do not keep walking. Wait in a visible place even if you have to wait some time. The leader will return for you. Call out at intervals.
- Be aware of fellow walkers – if a problem is apparent, advise the leader.
- Let the leader know if you are having any difficulties.
- If you want to leave the walk for any reason, you must consult the leader first – and abide by the leader's ruling. Do not assume you will get approval.
- The club endorses minimum impact bushwalking. Avoid damaging the bush environment, leave absolutely no litter, and do not burn plastics or aluminium in fires.
- Call for a stop at the first sign of a blister or other injury. The party will gladly stop for a rest while any necessary first aid is given. If you use someone else's supplies, replace them.
- If the leader is making a head count, assist by standing still.
- Avoid using mobile phones. If you must, then move well away from others.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Walks are graded by experienced walkers, but a grading will always be somewhat subjective. The difficulty of a walk can be greatly affected by changes in the weather, vegetation and track conditions. Note that the harder walks are carried out faster, with shorter and fewer stops.

Walk descriptions include the approximate distance, total climb and notes on the terrain, and are the best guide to the degree of difficulty. These factors are scored in the grading system, and the total score is used to grade each walk – see the tables below. Regular walkers will learn to match their capabilities to them.

FACTORS					
Dist. (km)	Score	Total Climb (m)	Score	Terrain	Score
		900	6		
21	5	700-899	5	Mostly rough going	5
16-20	4	500-699	4	Moderately rough going	4
11-15	3	300-499	3	Some rough going	3
6-10	2	100-299	2	Mostly road, track or footpad, no rough going	2
0-5	1	0-99	1	All road, track or footpad, no rough going	1

Note. Rough going includes medium or heavy scrub; rocky, loose or slippery ground; rock scrambling; and stony creek crossings.

GRADING		
Total Score	Grade	Comment
15-	Very Hard	Strenuous walking. Fit and experienced walkers only.
12-14	Hard	Demanding walking. Fit and experienced walkers only.
8-11	Medium	Moderate fitness and bushwalking experience is required. People who have not been on a full day's bushwalk before will find these quite difficult.
4-7	Easy	At the lower end (Grade 4), these are suitable for people with little or no bushwalking experience. The degree of difficulty increases with the grading score.
3	Very Easy	Distances up to 5 km; urban or nature park rambles; suitable for family groups, including young children needing to be carried.

Note. Total scores are included with the grading in the walk descriptions, e.g. Medium (9)

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JULY – DECEMBER 2021

Important notice

BBC members and visitors participating in club activities are advised that they should have some form of ambulance insurance in case of an accident requiring evacuation by emergency services.

Book now for these upcoming trips away

Sun 10 – Tue 19 Oct – NADGEE AND WILSONS PROMONTORY – Easy and Medium

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We stay 5 nights in the caravan park at Wonboyn Lake and do walks in Nadgee Nature Reserve and Ben Boyd National Park. Then drive to Yanakie Caravan Park near Wilsons Promontory, where we will spend 5 more nights. You can do all or part of the trip. Please contact the leader if you are interested.

Thu 21 – Mon 25 Oct – MARIA ISLAND

Leader: Helen Locke (0412 727 161, hlocke76@hotmail.com)

Maria Island is a beautiful place off the east coast of Tasmania not far from Hobart. There is accommodation in the Penitentiary and camping is also available. There are many different walks on the island which vary in length and difficulty. The island can be reached by shuttle from Hobart (\$50 return) and ferry (\$45 return plus luggage costs). The Penitentiary has 9 rooms starting at \$44 a night for 2 people. Each room has 6 bunk beds and wood heater (the more people in the room the cheaper the room becomes - 6 people is \$80 per night per room). There is a large Mess hall at the Penitentiary with cooking facilities and drinking water. There are toilets and an outdoor shower. Camping is \$7 per night. As well as walks, there are bikes for hire on the island. Park fees apply (\$40 annual fee for seniors). Use this link to check out the options for accommodation and to book a room: [Maria Island Penitentiary accommodation | Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania](#). Contact the leader for more information.

Sat 13 – Mon 29 Nov – WALKING IN THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND – Easy and Medium

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We will be 5 days in the Bay of Islands at Kerikeri, then 5 days at the Coromandel Peninsula and finishing at New Plymouth to walk on Mt Egmont. We have to overnight at Auckland airport coming and going. Cars will be hired at the airport and we will need some of the group to drive. This is the same trip that had to be cancelled last year and the accommodation will be the same if possible. Please contact the leader if you are interested.

Sat 3 Jul – MT STROMLO AND MOLONGLO RIVER RESERVE (INCLUDING BUTTERS BRIDGE) – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). Walk involves a short car shuffle. From the ACT Bushfire Memorial car park, walk to the top of Mt Stromlo for lovely views and points of interest. Over to Molonglo River Reserve walking on various trails, finishing at Denman Prospect sops. Walking poles useful in some sections. Climb: 360m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at ACT Bushfire Memorial car park at 9.00am. Please note:** You **cannot** access the car park from Opperman Avenue (runs from John Gorton Drive to Stromlo Forest Park). **Directions:** Swallowtail Road runs from the Cotter Road to John Gorton Drive. From the Cotter Road end, turn left at the first roundabout in Swallowtail Road (the road does not have a sign). The road to the right is Peter Cullen Way.

Sun 4 Jul – NICE SLOW WINTER’S WALK UP MOUNT TENNENT FOR THOSE EASY WALKERS WHO HAVE NOT CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN AND FOR THOSE WHO CAN REMEMBER – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). We slowly walk, with lots of stops, from the Namadgi National Park Visitors Centre to the fire tower at the top of Mt Tennent for lunch and maybe a play in the snow. Return the same way. Climb: 832m. All on track and road. Great views from the tower. Cars: 40km (\$5). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Wed 7 Jul – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 7 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

Wed 7 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Sat 10 Jul – BOOROOMBA ROCKS AND GORILLA ROCK – 11km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start from the Honeysuckle Campground and then along the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. We then go up the short, but steep, track to the lookout and across to the large south-western Booroomba slab for lunch. After lunch we head westerly through scrub for about 2km to Gorilla Rock. It is then around 1km south to the AAWT, through lighter bush, before heading back to Honeysuckle Campground. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are strongly recommended. Climb: 630m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K leaving at 8.30am *****

Sun 11 Jul – HONEYSUCKLE CAMPGROUND TO BOOROOMBA ROCKS – 11km Easy (6)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). We walk from the end of Apollo Road along the foot tracks to Booroomba Rocks for panoramic views and return the same way. A pleasant walk in open forest. Climb: 340m. Cars: 80km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 14 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 14 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 17 Jul – BOBOYAN FOREST AND HOSPITAL HUT – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Lyn Willson (6281 5883). A pleasant walk, mostly on track, initially alongside Hospital Creek and through Boboyan Forest, with a side trip to the cascades, then on to Hospital Hut for lunch. The return walk is partly off track, roughly parallel to the creek, then along the Old Boboyan Road back to the starting point at Yankee Hat car park. Climb: 240m. Cars: 100km (\$12). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 18 Jul – ARBORETUM AND BARRER HILL – 15km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). From the National Rock Garden we circuit Lindsay Pryor Arboretum before taking a bike path to enter the National Arboretum via an underpass under the Tuggeranong Parkway. After crossing the Arboretum we enter the Molonglo River Reserve, following the river to reach Misery Point. Various sculptures, structures and interpretive signs will be of interest. On our return trip we climb Barrer Hill (see <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6225977/saving-the-molonglo-from-dead-trees-comes-new-life/> for more information), and visit Dairy Farmers Hill. Terrain is track and footpad. Climb: 250m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at National Rock Garden, corner of Barrenjoey Drive and Lady Denman Drive, on the lake side of the Parkway opposite the road entrance to the National Arboretum at 9.00am.**

Wed 21 Jul – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 21 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Peter Ford (0437 110 001.)

Wed 21 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 24 Jul – BANGO NATURE RESERVE NEAR YASS – 10km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). Bango NR is a small Nature Reserve, 11 km NE from Yass, with open forest with easy walking, about 140m relief, and about 4 x 2 km in size. I plan to explore this reserve, walking off track. Total climb about 300m. Maps: Tangmangaroo, Yass 1:25 000. Cars: 140km (\$17). **Meet at NL.**

Sun 25 Jul – LONDON BRIDGE, GELIGNITE CROSSING, CURLEY FALLS, WASHPEN CROSSING – 11km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden. (6231 0856). From London Bridge car park to London Bridge Arch, then on to Gelignite Crossing, Curley Falls, Washpen Crossing and back to London Bridge Arch. Climb: 430m. Cars 50km (\$6): Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 28 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 28 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 31 Jul – HERITAGE AND HISTORY IN OLD NORTH CANBERRA – 9km Easy (5)

Leader: Lyn Willson (6281 5883, 0417 418 837). A morning walk in some of Canberra’s older northside suburbs: we explore the heritage areas of Reid, wander through St John’s historic churchyard, continue along the lakeside, and finally make our way through the streets of Campbell to return to the cars. Bring morning tea. Map: Canberra UBD. **Meet at Reid Oval car parking area under trees, Euree Street near intersection with Elimatta Street, at 9.00 am.**

Sun 1 Aug – MT TENNENT AND BUSHFOLD FLATS – 19km Medium (11)

Leader: Margaret Power (0448 924 357). This is a joint walk with the NPA. Starting at Namadgi Visitor Centre, ascend to the summit of Mt Tennent on the main track. After enjoying a stop at the top, with views of the fire-damaged surrounds, we’ll descend on the Mt Tennent Fire Trail, and then take the Bushfold Flats Fire Trail. We’ll pass Reads Hut (still standing, but closed due to fire damage), then continue on the track through Bushfold Flats until we join the Australian Alps Walking Track. We might make a very small detour to see what’s left at the McMahon’s Hut site. We’ll follow the AAWT up to the ridge and then descend to the Visitor Centre. Climb: 950m. Map: Williamsdale. Cars: 40km (\$16 per car). **Meet at Kambah Village shops for a sharp 8.15am departure.*****

Wed 4 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

Wed 4 Aug – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Peter Kallio (0412 060 765).

Wed 4 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 7 Aug – MUGGA MUGGA AND CALLUM BRAE NATURE RESERVES. – 11km Easy (7) Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142). We follow the former route of the Centenary Trail around the southern side of the old Mugga Mugga Quarry to Mugga Lane which we cross over and into the Callum Brae Nature Reserve. We inspect the old powder magazines and then follow a variety of tracks throughout the Reserve. Crossing back into the Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve we join the new route of the Centenary Trail following it around the northern side of the mountain and back to O’Malley. Climb: 150m. Map: Canberra. **Meet in Akame Circuit, O’Malley at the lower entrance to the Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve at 9.00am.**

Sun 8 Aug – PUNCH BOWL CREEK AND BLYTHBURN COTTAGE – 12km Medium (8) Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). The walk starts in the forest off the Corin Road and proceeds down an old trail alongside Punch Bowl Creek to White Horse Flat and thence via open country to Blythburn Cottage. This was the home of a remarkable woman. Elizabeth McKeahnie lived there a century ago – hear her story. Return the same way. Climb: 400m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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Wed 11 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 14 Aug – HONEYSUCKLE CREEK TO LEGOLAND – 14km Medium (9) Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). Leaving the cars at Honeysuckle Campground, we’ll walk up Orroral Ridge Road to the Collimation Tower site (the only real climb of this walk), then along the top of the Ridge to some fantastic boulders and overhangs. Return the same way with a downhill finish. Climb: 450m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K leaving at 8.30am.*****

Sun 15 Aug – HELLS HOLE-GOOGONG DAM – 15km Medium (9) Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). We start on Bradleys Creek Walk from Googong Dam and continue to Queanbeyan River Fire Trail. About 3km along this trail we come to an unnamed track to the right leading to Hells Hole. We lunch at Hells Hole and return the same way. Climb: 640m. Cars: 26km (\$3). Map: Hoskinstown. **Meet at Q.**

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Sat 21 Aug – MT AINSLIE – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Lana Burmester (0401 178 120). A half day walk exploring Mt Ainslie. An easy walk on trails including the quarries and to the top. Map: Canberra. **Meet at War Memorial car park opposite Campbell High School. Starting time 9.00am.**

Sun 22 Aug – THE PINNACLE TO KAMA – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: Davinia Wells (0439 424 834, daviniawells@hotmail.com). We begin our walk from the parking area at the start of Drake-Brockman Drive. From there we walk into The Pinnacle Reserve and head for The Pinnacle. We make the short climb to the top of The Pinnacle and then head towards the Kama property. We will use the ‘right of way’ crossing until we reach the underpass that leads to Kama Nature Reserve and make our way towards the Molonglo River. You can choose to follow the leader in some easy rock scrambling down to the river or follow along on the fire trail. Lunch will be at a spot where we can enjoy river views. We will return through Kama via a different track until we reach the Kama property where we will retrace our steps back to the cars. The climb will be approximately 250m. Map: Canberra. **Meet in the parking area on the left of Drake-Brockman Drive, close to the roundabout that joins Kingsford Smith Drive with Drake-Brockman Drive. Starting time 9.30am.*****

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Wed 25 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 28 Aug – REEDY CREEK AND BILLY RANGE – 11km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Glendale Depot car park, we start on the Brandy Flat Hut footpad and soon climb off-track over a saddle to Reedy Creek. We then climb off-track up onto the Billy Range and continue along the range. After lunch with views, we descend to the valley and return to the cars, partly on fire trails and partly along the creek. This walk is in a bushfire affected area and you will need to watch your step around burnt spikes and rocks. Gloves and long trousers and/or gaiters recommended. Climb: 500m. Cars: 85km (\$10). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K.**

Sun 29 Aug – GOSSAN HILL AND BRUCE RIDGE – 10km Easy (5)

Leader: Lana Burmester (0401 178 120). A half day walk exploring Gossan Hill and Bruce Ridge. An easy walk on trails with some ups and downs. Climb: 200m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at Banaga Pl, Aranda. Starting time 9.00am.**

Tue 31 August – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – at St Margaret’s Uniting Church Hall at the corner of Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, HACKETT. The entrance to the church grounds is off Antill St and there is plenty of parking at the back of the church. Arrive from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and the meeting should end no later than 9.30pm. Usual business will include the delivery of annual reports and election of office holders, followed by supper. Under current Covid 19 restrictions appropriate check in, hand sanitising, social distancing and food serving arrangements will be in place.

Wed 1 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 1 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Peter Kallio (0412 060 765).

Wed 1 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 4 Sep – BILLY BILLY ROCKS AND BOGONG CAVE – 8km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We park alongside Corin Dam Road on a disused section of dirt road (GR 746690), and head off through an open area for a while before starting the climb to the south-west through a heavily burnt and therefore open section. This is a new route, is partly exploratory and is all off-track. The climb is not too steep and there is a good morning tea spot after about an hour. Then it is on to the massive Billy Billy Rocks. We will go around to the back, or northern side, and work our way to the top for magnificent views (weather permitting). We'll continue the circumnavigation around the western end and then head roughly south to Bogong Cave, where we'll have lunch and a good exploration. Next we head generally easterly for about 1200m, where we intercept the outbound route and return to the cars. Gaiters and gloves recommended. Climb: 550m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 5 Sep – PALMERVILLE, PERCIVAL HILL, GUNGAHLIN HILL – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). From Palmerville Heritage Park we head north, crossing the Barton Highway to climb Percival Hill. After checking out the view, we descend to the north, taking the bike path east to enter Crace. Here we visit the Hilltop Reserve, the Gungaharra Grasslands and Gungahlin Hill. We then return to Palmerville. Terrain is a mixture of urban paths and nature reserve tracks. Climb: 150m. Map: Hall. **Meet at Palmerville Heritage Park, Owen Dixon Drive at 9.00am.**

Wed 8 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 8 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 11 Sep – SHERWOOD FOREST AND MT DOWLING – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). A pleasant walk to see the Daffodils at the site of Sherwood Homestead and the views from Mt Dowling. Climb: 200m. Map: Cotter Dam. Cars: 50km (\$6). **Meet at W.**

Sun 12 Sep – BULLEN RANGE SOUTH – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). From the Tidbinbilla Tracking Station, walk along the Bullen Range to the stock route on the Tidbinbilla Road. Climb: 350m. Car shuffle required. Cars: 32 km (\$4). Maps: Tuggeranong, Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Wed 15 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 15 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133).

Wed 15 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 18 Sep – APOLLO ROAD, BUSHFOLD FLATS, MT TENNENT – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). Park cars on Apollo Road and follow the fire trail to Bushfold Hut for morning tea. We will then join the Australian Alps Walking Track to ascend to the saddle below Mt Tennent. After lunch we will return to the cars along the Mt Tennent Fire Trail. Total climb: 660m. Map: Williamsdale. Cars: 60km (\$7). **Meet at K.**

Sun 19 Sep – BLACK MOUNTAIN RESERVE, ARANDA BUSHLAND – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). From the car park, we take the Caswell Drive underpass, then left into Black Mountain Reserve via the Woodland and Lakeview trails. This is a steep rough fire trail up before turning right onto a pretty footpad to a lookout with lovely views across the lake (poles useful for this section). Continue following the Bushland Nature Walk through the Botanical Gardens to the Centenary Trail. We climb Little Black Mountain and follow a bush track to the underpass into the Aranda Bushland. Explore this reserve including the Frost Hollow to Forest Walk before heading back to the cars. Climb: 400m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the Black Mountain Reserve car park. If coming from the south, the carpark is on the left heading north between Glenloch Interchange and Aranda (no sign). If coming from Belconnen exit William Hovell Drive onto Old Caswell Drive.**

Wed 22 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 22 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 25 Sep – BROWN HILL TRIG AND STROMLO – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). Early in the walk we will traverse the western side of Stromlo Forest Park before ascending to Brown Hill Trig. We will also visit the Space Weather Monitoring Site and the Duffield family grave overlooking picturesque Spring Valley. Heaps of vistas and some panoramas. There are some sections across open grass, otherwise we use fire trails. Parking is limited at the walk start, so we will car pool for the short drive. Total climb: about 300m. Cars: 14km (\$2). Maps: Cotter Dam, Canberra. **Meet at W.**

Sun 26 Sep – SHEPHERDS LOOKOUT TO URIARRA LOOP AND RETURN – 9km Easy (7)

Leader: Davinia Wells (0439 424 834, daviniawells@hotmail.com). The walk begins at the Shepherds Lookout parking area on Stockdill Drive where we will head for the lookout. We will then pick up the track that leads to the Uriarra Loop. This is a scenic track for most part that follows a path above the Murrumbidgee and along the side of the Molonglo Treatment Works. The junction of the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee rivers can be seen from this track. A crossing will take us across the Molonglo River. We will then veer towards West Uriarra and end up at East Uriarra for lunch. Continuing along the loop will bring us back to the Molonglo crossing. From there we will retrace our steps back to the cars. There is a sharp climb towards the end of the walk and a little rock scrambling on the Uriarra Loop. The total climb is approximately 350m. Map: Umburra. **Meet at the Shepherds Lookout parking area on Stockdill Drive. Drive along Drake-Brockman Drive to Stockdill Drive. Continue on past the turnoff into Ginninderry, and turn left on to the extension of Stockdill Drive. The parking area is approximately 3km along this road. Meet at 10.00am.*****

Wed 29 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 29 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 29 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 2 Oct – THE PINNACLE TO MT PAINTER LOOP – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). We'll do a westwards loop around The Pinnacle Reserve, then follow the Equestrian Trail to Mt Painter Reserve. After climbing Mt Painter we'll loop back to The Pinnacle to return to the cars. All walking on tracks or across open grass. Climb: 350m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the water tanks on Springvale Drive (cnr De Salis St) at 9.00am.**

Sun 3 Oct – BACK OR GRASSY CREEK – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). The walk starts at the Mt Clear car park. We go upstream alongside Grassy Creek. Follow Grassy Creek towards the Boboyan Road. We will have lunch as we return along Grassy Creek. After lunch we follow a fire trail going east. After about 3km we go off-track north towards the Naas River. We rejoin the Naas River track about 1 km from the cars. Variety of scenery from narrow wooded valleys to open grassland. Climb: 250m. Cars: 130km (\$16). Maps: Yaouk, Shannons Flat. **Meet at K.**

Wed 6 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 6 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658).

Wed 6 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Fri 8 Oct – SPRING FAMILY PICNIC. Weston Park from 4:30pm. Follow the signs to the miniature railway. Plenty of parking at the railway and the BBQ area is on the right as you approach the car park. BYO meal/drinks and something to share for dessert or nibbles. BBQ facilities are available. Bring portable chair and cardigan. This is a family event. **Contact: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133).**

Sat 9 Oct – A walk for this date will be sent out to members by email

Sun 10 Oct – MOUNT DOMAIN – 12.5km Medium (10)

Leader: Andrew and Jenny Cupit (0478 309 791). From the Fishing Gap car park we follow the fire trail, climbing to the saddle at Fishing Gap. After morning tea, we follow an at times indistinct footpad that takes us to the summit where we will enjoy views over Tidbinbilla, north along Tidbinbilla Range, and west to the Brindabella Ranges. After lunch, we return the same way. There are steep and uneven sections and some scrub; gloves and gaiters are suggested. The climbing is demanding, but the bush is lovely and the views, when we get there, superb. Climb: 700m. Cars: 70km (\$8 plus Park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 10 – Tue 19 Oct - NADGEE AND WILSONS PROMONTORY – Easy and Medium

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We stay 5 nights in the caravan park at Wonboyn Lake and do walks in Nadgee Nature Reserve and Ben Boyd National Park. Then drive to Yanakie Caravan Park near Wilsons Promontory, where we will spend 5 more nights. You can do all or part of the trip. Please contact 9fernyhough@gmail.com if you are interested.

Wed 13 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 13 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 16 Oct – MT MAJURA AND MT AINSLIE NATURE RESERVES – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). We climb Mt Majura following a pretty zig-zag path. Short rough scramble down the side to pick up a track around the back of the nature reserves to the lookout at Mt Ainslie. Retrace part of this track before heading down a roughish track back to the cars. Poles are recommended. Climb: 480m. Maps: Canberra, Hall. **Meet at the car park at the corner of Phillip Avenue (end) and Kellaway Street, Hackett for a starting time of 9.00am.**

Sun 17 Oct – QUEANBEYAN RIVER GORGE – 9km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Boyland (0413 378 684) An attractive walk along a stretch of the Queanbeyan River, the highlights being a pretty little gorge and a pleasant river lunch spot. The walk is not long, but the terrain is scrubby and difficult in places. Climb: 400m in small chunks. Cars: 100km (\$12). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 20 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 20 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

Wed 20 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Thu 21 – Mon 25 Oct – MARIA ISLAND

Leader: Helen Locke (0412 727 161, hlocke76@hotmail.com). Maria Island is a beautiful place off the east coast of Tasmania not far from Hobart. There is accommodation in the Penitentiary and camping is also available. There are many different walks on the island which vary in length and difficulty. The Penitentiary has 9 rooms starting at \$44 a night for 2 people. Each room has 6 bunk beds and wood heater. Camping is \$7 per night. As well as walks, there are bikes for hire on the island. Park fees apply (\$40 annual fee for seniors). Further information under Upcoming trips away on page 7. Contact the leader for more information.

Sat 23 Oct – A walk for this date will be sent out to members by email

Sun 24 Oct – A walk for this date will be sent out to members by email

Wed 27 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 27 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 30 Oct – MULLIGANS FLAT TO HALL VIA ONE TREE HILL – 16km Medium (8)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). The walk begins at Mulligans Flat car park (just north of Henry Williams Street) climbing up to near Oak Hill. We continue aligned with the ACT/NSW border heading to/climbing One Tree Hill and then on to Hall Village. We walk on well-maintained tracks/foot pads through open undulating woodland with many magnificent views of rural and city scapes. Map: Hall. Climb: 400m. **Meet at the car park in Hoskins Street, Hall near the Old Primary School at 8.30am.*****

Sun 31 Oct – MT TIDBINBILLA, TIDBINBILLA PEAK VIA SNOWY CORNER – 9km Medium (11)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004, pchope128@gmail.com). From the car park at Mountain Creek in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, the walk to Snowy Corner is a steep 500m climb on a developing footpad off Lyrebird track. From Snowy Corner to Mt Tidbinbilla expect a further steep climb of around 200m. Return by the same route. Almost all off-track but on a good footpad. Gloves and walking poles for downhill could be advantageous. Some scrub and steep in parts. Climb: 800m. Cars: 70km (\$8 plus Park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Wed 3 Nov – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 3 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596).

Wed 3 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 6 Nov – TIDBINBILLA RAMBLE – 6km Easy (7)

Leader: Eric Pickering (6286 2128). This is a delightful walk within the Tidbinbilla Valley. It will take in some well-known landmarks and some surprises for those who have not explored this area. Much of the walk will be off-track in grassland so gaiters are a good idea. I hope to avoid thick scrub but there may be some very minor rock scrambling. The walk will be at a slowish pace. Make sure you bring a sit-upon, to enjoy some quiet, silent contemplation in this beautiful area. Bring morning tea and lunch. Climb: 200m. We start and finish the walk at the Dalsetta car park within Tidbinbilla but will first meet at the Visitor Centre. Park entry fees apply after 9.00am - \$14 per car, \$8 for Seniors. **Meet at the car park at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre 8.50am. *****

Sun 7 Nov – FOUR HUTS WALK, NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK – 16km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). A combination of two walks in Namadgi NP. A pleasant walk in open and unburnt countryside. We drive to Old Bobeyan Homestead carpark, then do a short car shuffle to position the cars at our finishing point at Brayshaws Hut. We visit 4 historic structures, 3 of which have been restored by the KHA. Maps: Rooftop’s Namadgi – ACT South Activities Map 1:50,000, Yaouk, Shannon’s Flat. Climb: 350m. Cars: 120km (\$14). **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Tue 9 Nov – WALKS PROGRAM MEETING AT 2.00pm. RSVP on 6286 1573 or walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au if you wish to attend to assist with the Jan-Jun Program.

Wed 10 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 10 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 13 – Mon 29 Nov – WALKING IN THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND – Easy and Medium

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We will be 5 days in the Bay of Islands at Kerikeri, then 5 days at the Coromandel Peninsula and finishing at New Plymouth to walk on Mt Egmont. We have to overnight at Auckland airport coming and going. Cars will be hired at the airport and we will need some of the group to drive. This is the same trip that had to be cancelled last year and the accommodation will be the same if possible. Please contact 9fernyhough@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sat 13 Nov – A walk for this date will be sent out to members by email

Sun 14 Nov – MT ROB ROY – 10km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). We walk to the weir above Banks and then follow the creek first through a gorge and then all the way to the eastern border of the Rob Roy Reserve. We climb steeply to reach a track for the final part of the climb to Mt Rob Roy for lunch. We return a short distance and then follow a creek down to the lower track. We climb to Big Monks, then go off-track down to the original creek to return to the cars. This walk is mostly off-track through rocky, lightly-wooded areas. Long pants and/or gaiters recommended. Climb: 500m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at south end of Jane Sutherland St, Conder. Turn from Tom Roberts Ave into Jane Sutherland St and park just after the roundabout. Be ready to start walking at 9.00am.**

Wed 17 Nov – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 17 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Margaret Power (0448 924 357).

Wed 17 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 20 Nov – HILL 1288 AND OLD STONE WALLS – 10km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363255). We start at Glendale Crossing and follow the Brandy Flat Hut track until we take the turn to the north on the track beside Reedy Creek. After morning tea by the creek, we’ll continue north for about 2 km before turning west off-track and climbing to the top of hill 1288, where we’ll hopefully get some views north into the valley and probably have lunch. We then descend to the north-west to the saddle and turn south-west for our return - we will visit the mysterious old stone walls on the way. From here it is about 2km of steady descent to the cars. Climb: 450m. Cars: 80km (\$10). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 21 Nov – SQUARE ROCK – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Ken Hird (0417 247 065). We start at the new Square Rock car park on the Corin Road. This is an easy walk on track to Square Rock via the Orroral Valley lookout. Good views from both the lookout and Square Rock. Lunch at Square Rock. Climb: 270m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 24 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 24 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Sat 27 Nov – MOLONGLO GORGE MORNING WALK – 7km Easy (6)

Leader: Jillian Bellamy (6286 3766 or 0433 588 252). From the picnic area in the Molonglo Nature Reserve near Queanbeyan we walk the length of the gorge to Blue Tile picnic area where we have morning tea. We return the same way. Some of the track is rocky and slippery when wet. Climb: 150m. Maps: Canberra, Bungendore. **Meet at the Molonglo Gorge Recreation Reserve car park at 9.00am.**

Sun 28 Nov – PARROT AND CHALET ROADS, BRINDABELLA TOPS – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). We will drive to near Bendora Arboretum and drop a car, then drive to Aggie Gap. We walk to Mount Aggie for the view and back, then along Parrot and Chalet Roads to Bendora Arboretum for lunch, and then to the car. All on roads. Lovely recovered forest. Climb: 300m. Map: Tidbinbilla. Cars: 120km (\$15). **Meet at W.**

Wed 1 Dec – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 1 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Graham Chalker (0428 854 957).

Wed 1 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 4 Dec – HALL TO ONE TREE HILL MORNING WALK – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Jillian Bellamy (6286 3766 or 0433 588 252). A return trip along part of the One Tree Hill section of the Centenary Trail. We will enjoy the varied countryside and great views. Climb: 210m. Map: Hall. **Meet at the parking area in Hoskins Street, Hall at 9.00am.** This walk can be extended if the weather is pleasant and walkers would like to reach the halfway point before returning.

Sun 5 Dec – TIDBINBILLA SHORT WALKS – 6km Easy (6)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). A selection of short walks in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, such as the Rock Wallaby Wander, Church Rock Heritage Loop, and Cascades and Lyrebird trails. We will start early to avoid the heat and will finish before lunch. Morning tea snacks will be provided. Climb: 150m. Cars: 70km (\$8 plus park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K at 8am.*****

Wed 8 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 8 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 11 Dec – ISAACS RIDGE CIRCUIT – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From O'Malley we walk towards the old riding school and then follow the lower part of the Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve parallel to Mugga Lane. We then parallel Long Gully Road to the Isaacs Pine Forest and follow tracks through the forest and back to the cars. This walk is mostly on tracks or fairly open woodland/grassland. Some care may be needed where grass obscures rocky ground. If it is hot, then the walk will be shortened and we will have lunch close to the end point for an early finish. Climb: 50-100m. Maps: Canberra, Tuggeranong. **Meet at: Akame Circuit, O'Malley, north east of the Dalman Crescent intersection at the lower entrance to the Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve at 9.00am.**

Sun 12 Dec – BORDER WALK FROM MT CLEAR CAR PARK – 18km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). Starting near the Mt Clear car park, we turn onto the Long Flat Fire Trail. ‘Potters Chimney’ all that remains of an old hut is seen across the creek. On leaving Grassy Creek the fire trail climbs and zig-zags steeply until it reaches higher ground. The fire trail continues to climb. Previously it traversed the Long Flat, a grassy, boggy frost hollow. However it now follows an adjacent ridgeline to the Carey Fire Trail running along the ACT/NSW border. Upon reaching Burnt Hill we follow the lightly timbered grassy clearing/creek-line northwards back to the start. Map: Rooftop’s Namadgi - ACT South Activities Map 1:50,000. Climb: 490m. Cars: 120km (\$14). **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Wed 15 Dec – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 15 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142).

Wed 15 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Fri 17 Dec – CHRISTMAS PARTY. We will hold the picnic/barbecue at the home of Rene Lays, Kaleen, from 5:30 pm. BYO food (something to share for dessert), drinks and portable chairs if you have them. Also bring a jumper/jacket. A three-burner barbecue is available. **Enquiries to Rene (0424 465 418).**

Sat 18 Dec – No walk is scheduled for today.

Sun 19 Dec – BRANDY FLAT TRACK FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH – 9km Easy (7)
Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We walk from the car park on the Boboyan Road near Gudgenby north to Brandy Flat Hut. Lunch at Brandy Flat, then on the track to Glendale Crossing. Climb: 430m. Car shuffle is necessary. Cars: 100km (\$12). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K.**