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# BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB

## Newsletter and Program



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## Important News

With Coronavirus restrictions expected to be with us for a while to come and with Namadgi National Park being off limits, we haven't been able to produce a Walks and Social Activities program for the second half of this year.

All the information that normally appears in the first 8 pages of preamble to every program is available at the club's [website](#)

The Walks Officer and his Sub-Committee, in conjunction with our walk leaders, are instead implementing a rolling program of 'short-notice' walks. Detailed descriptions of each will be distributed by the leader by email in the week before the date of the walk.

One benefit of this is that the leader will know the weather forecast and will be able to plan accordingly. For the time being, Wednesday walks will not be joint club walks, as the limit of 10 people would disappoint too many intending walkers.

Additionally, every monthly newsletter will have a section that shows the dates walks are planned for in the coming month or so, their grading and the leader's name. All known trips away, no matter how far into the future, will also be listed and all social activities will be shown. In time this will expand to include walk descriptions.

This will provide an opportunity for hopeful visitors to contact the leader in advance, **but nobody will be able to book a place until the leader emails the detailed description out.** You book directly with the leader by return email.

Some leaders might appoint an assistant leader, who will lead a second group at a safe distance behind the first and so the limit of 10 walkers might be doubled. This will depend on the availability of a second leader and on there being enough car parks at the start point.

You will all have been practising physical distancing (1.5 m) and relevant personal hygiene measures — obviously these same requirements apply to everybody participating in club walks.

Remember to thank your leaders.

Peter Dalton

## Some walks for the times

With the PM's exhortation to 'get out from under the doona', it's timely to consider the role that a few short walks can play. The article by Prue Deacon and David Wardle in the May Newsletter on a circuit around Wanniasa Hills and Isaacs Ridge evoked a comment from Lyn Wilson wondering if we could have more articles of the same kind - descriptions of different walks we might attempt as day walks with a friend or partner during the Covid period. In this spirit, I offer the following comments on a few such walks that Truus and I did when we were limited to a maximum of two.



*Enjoying the view from Wanniasa Hills*

### **Wanniasa Hills, Farrer Ridge, Isaacs Ridge, Mt Mugga**

As is apparent from Prue's and David's article, a multitude of walks within these reserves are possible and can be made more interesting and extensive by ignoring the boundaries between the different reserves. There are also many access points that can be used on different occasions. Details of these can be found online.

### **Red Hill**

A circuitous route of about 7 km, runs east from the lookout to the Davidson trig and then along the ridge towards Hindmarsh Drive, returning on different tracks.

The western section offers a route of similar length around the Federal Golf Course and returning by a well defined foot track traversing the hills above Garran.

## Some walks for the Times (continued)

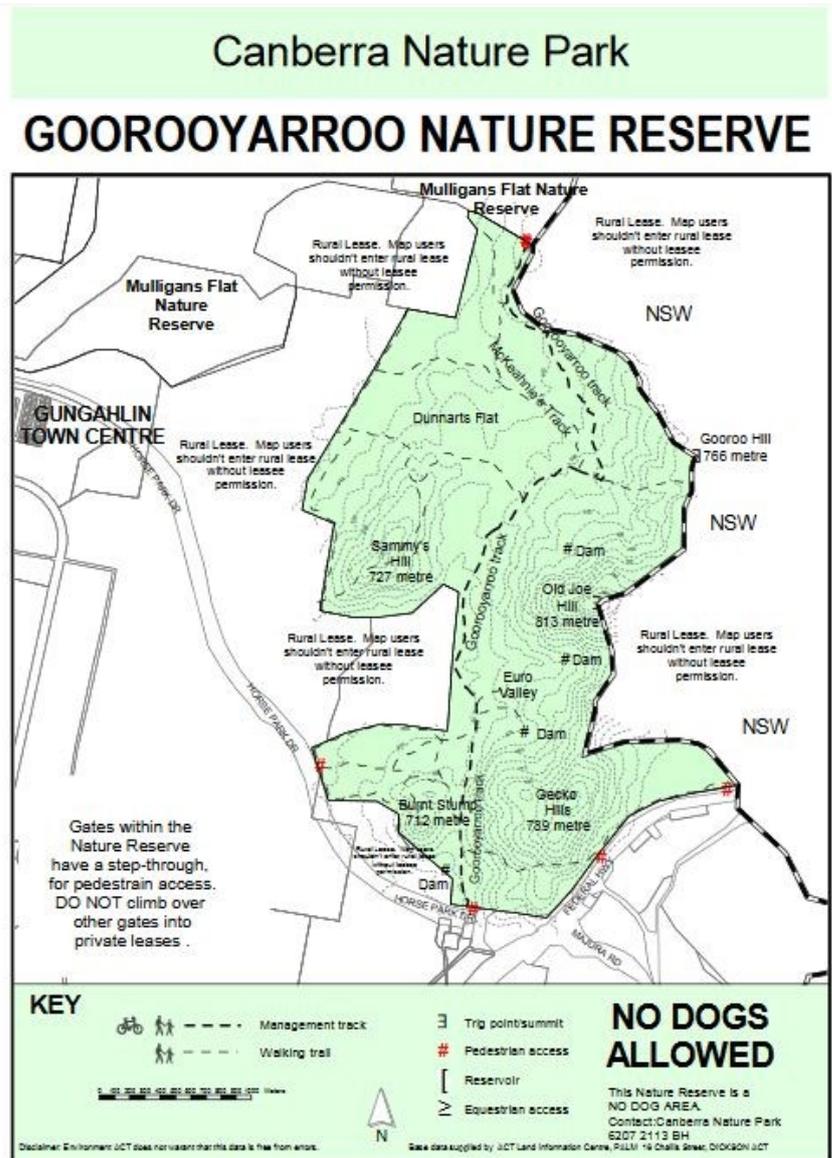
### Goorooyarro Nature Reserve

A predator proof fence was constructed within the reserve in 2018 and work is underway to remove pests before introducing threatened species. The access point has been moved further east and there are some gates within the reserve which allow walkers to move from the protected area to Old Joe Hill and return by a different route. The new fence was reminiscent of a Detention Centre but it's no doubt all in a good cause.

### Bullen Range

Bullen Range is open to walkers and is criss-crossed by fire trails which are accessible from the Space Tracking Station, Murray's Corner and a stock route off the Tidbinbilla Road. Another access point from the Cotter River camping ground is not presently available due to the footbridge having been destroyed by flood waters. However, access across Paddys River is possible.

Peter Ford



# Walks Program and Social Activities

## Upcoming Day Walks

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

Date	Grade	Leader
Wed 20 May	Easy/Medium	David Wardle
Wed 20 May	Medium/Hard	Peter Wellman
Sat 23 May	Medium	Prue Deacon
Sun 24 May	Easy/Medium	John Clune
Wed 27 May	Easy/Medium	Peter Wellman
Wed 27 May	Medium/Hard	Prue Deacon
Sat 30 May	Easy/Medium	Elaine Atkinson
Sun 31 May	Medium/Hard	Peter Wellman
Wed 3 Jun	Easy/Medium	Kathy Handel
Wed 3 Jun	Medium	Prue Deacon
Sat 6 Jun	Medium	Phillip Hope
Sun 7 Jun	Easy	Ken Hird
Wed 10 Jun	Easy/Medium	Leigh Hermann
Wed 10 Jun	Medium/Hard	Peter Wellman
Sat 13 Jun	Medium	Jillian Bellamy
Sun 14 Jun	Easy/Medium	John Clune
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

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## Upcoming Day Walks (continued)

Date	Grade	Leader
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

### Advance Notices—subject to coronavirus restrictions

**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](mailto: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](http://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@inet.net.au](mailto:wellmanp@inet.net.au).

**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](mailto:j.clune@bigpond.com) if you are interested in going.