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MONTHLY MEETING - 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The Compliments of the Season to All Members.

Please note that there will be no meetings in Decem-
ber and January. Look to pages 7 and 8 for outings
details.

Membership: Family subscription - \$5; Single - \$3;
Junior - \$1.20. The association welcomes the foll-
owing new members: Miss M. Grech; Mr. R. Jackson ;
Dr. C. McKnight; Miss R. Mathews; Mr. J. Robinson ;
Mr. J. Stevens; Mr. & Mrs. A. Thompson; Mr. & Mrs.
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 Mr. & Mrs. D. MacLean; Mr. & Mrs. I. McLeod; Prof. &
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P.3. Outings Programme

The dates listed are from the 1970 calendar. 1971 dates should read as follows:

Day Trips: February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd,
June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th

Weekends : January 30th - February 1st; February 13th - 14th;
March 13th - 14th; April 9th - 12th.

- January, Australia - Kosciusco - staying at the
Day Weekend Alpine Club Hut, Perisher
Valley (details page 8).
- February 14th - 15th - Tollgate Island (dependent on
transport being arranged).
- February 22nd - Yass (Wee Jasper area).
- March 14th - 15th - Gudgenby - Mt. Kelly (weekend
camp).
- March 29th - Dingo Flats.
- April 10th to 13th - Murrumbidgee National Park.
(Easter)
- April 26th - Tinderries (Queanbeyan River)
- May 31st - Coree-Blue Range area to hear
Lyrebirds.
- June 28th - To be arranged.
- July 26th - Smokers Flat.
- August 30th - Southern A.C.T.
- September 27th - Fishing Gap.

A week-end may be arranged in the Moreton National Park,
Kangaroo Valley area, in September.

October Long Week-end - Budawang Area.

The above programme may be subject to change, but the
dates are firm. Watch your Bulletin for details.

There will be a three term course in 1971 titled "Envir-
onment" at the Centre for Continuing Education, commenc-
ing early in March and finishing in November. Watch
newspapers for details.

Weekend Outings

To assist the leaders in planning and organizing the week-
end trips, members are asked to nominate for these trips
and to forward the information to reach the Club Post Office
Box 457, Canberra City, by the Monday before the outing.

Late nominations may be accepted by telephone at the discretion of the leader but should be avoided as much as possible.

Offers of help with transport for members without their own would be appreciated.

Nomination forms will be issued in the Bulletin from time to time. Additional copies will be available at monthly meetings. Bookings will not be necessary for day trips. Enquiries should be made to the leader whose name and telephone number will be given with the details in the Bulletin.

BLACK MOUNTAIN

Members will be deeply concerned at the proposal for the installation of a major T.V. complex (with restaurant!) for the P.M.G. department on top of Black Mountain. No doubt you will have followed the publicity in the press with interest and been heartened by the support given by the general public to the opposition to the tower.

Now that Black Mountain, after ten years, has been created a nature reserve, it is most gratifying that Canberra people appreciate its value as a natural reserve in the city environment and are prepared to oppose the despoilation of its naturalness.

Your committee has lodged the Association's objection to the tower with the Minister for the Interior and has given support to Senator Mulvihill's suggestion for a public hearing. Any pressure, public or private, which members can bring to bear against the construction of this tower on Black Mountain will be of considerable value.

Mt. Ainslie: The N.C.D.C. have advised that it is proposed to landscape the whole of the disturbed area around the loop road and the summit of Mt. Ainslie. The planting will be predominately native trees and shrubs and it is proposed to provide additional seating, drinking fountains and rubbish bins to the area.

FOR WEEK-END OUTINGS.

To: Outing Committee,
N.P.A. Inc. A.C.T.,
Box 457, P.O.,
Canberra City.

I/We wish to join the outing to
on I/We will be accompanied .
by

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I/We a) will proceed by private transport.
b) will need transport.
c) can provide transport for other persons.

I and my guests agree to be bound by the rules and by-laws
of the Association and to take part in the above field
outing entirely at our own risk.

Name: (please print)

Address:

Phone No.: Home Work:

Signature:

Please forward to reach organizers by the Monday pre-
ceding the trip.

Subscription renewals (cont.)

Mrs. K. Masterman; Miss M. Mills; Miss K. Moriaty; Mr. &
Mrs. H. Oakman; Mr. J. O'Brien; Mr. M. O'Connor; Mr. & Mrs.
K. Paijmans; Miss V. Pocknall; Mr. E. Pook; Miss N. Price;
Lady Raggart; Miss P. Rothwell; Capt. & Mrs. W. Rourke;
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& Mrs. E. Walker; Mr. & Mrs. D. Wark; Mr. & Mrs. W. Watson;
Miss G. Watt; Mr. & Mrs. J. Webster; Mr. & Mrs. J. Webb;
Miss M. Weishar; Mr. J. Whelen.

Camping and Field Trip Etiquette

1. Always leave gates as you find them. Make sure the last man knows whether to close or leave it open.
2. Don't drink water if there is any doubt about it. Boil it first.
3. Burn, bash and bury all tins except aluminium tins which you take home with the bottles. Burn and bury all food scraps. If unable to bury rubbish - e.g. in the high country - take it home.
4. Where no toilet facilities are available, cover all refuse.
5. Don't deliberately dislodge rocks on, or roll them over, cliff edges. Someone may be below. Treat cliff edges with caution at all times.
6. If a rock or sizeable stone is accidentally dislodged, call "ROCK" immediately.
7. Get through rather than over fences. If impossible to climb through, climb over at a post.
8. In scrub, walk a few paces behind the one in front of you. It is the business of the second to avoid the springing twigs, not of the first to hold them back.
9. Always consider the feelings and comfort of other people; avoid making undue noise, particularly late at night or early in the morning.
10. Don't build fires too close to tents as sparks burn holes.
11. Always make sure your fire is out when leaving camp. Use earth or water or both.
12. Replenish the wood supply if you use any at recognised camping spots.
13. Clean a campsite before you depart. Leave it as tidy as you would wish to find it.
14. Carry matches at all times and make sure they are dry.

O U T I N G S

DECEMBER:

DATE: Saturday, 12th December, 1970

PLACE: Uriarra Crossing (left hand side)

FEATURE: Christmas Barbecue

Come during the afternnon for a swim and commence cooking your meal about 5 p.m. Wine, biscuits and cheese will be served.

JANUARY:

DATE: Australia Day Long weekend - 30th, 31st Jan., 1st Feb.

PLACE: Kosciusco National Park.

MEET: Reception centre at Waist Point at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. Allow 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours for the trip from Canberra.

ACCOMODATION: By the kind permission of the Canberra Alpine Club, this will be at the Club's Lodge at Perisher Valley. The numbers which can be accomodated are limited so early applicat-ions will be given preference. A charge of \$2.00 per head per night for adults, and \$1.00 for juniors (under 17 years). Club members pay their usual fee.

TRIPS: The main trip will be on Sunday from Rawson's Pass to Carruthers Peak with a choice of re- turn via Mt. Twynam and Headley Tarn to Char- lotte Pass or the shorter route via Blue Lake. Saturday afternoon Spencers Creek will be foll- owed down to its junction with the Snowy River. Monday morning if there is enough energy left, we may climb Back Perisher or Mt. Stillwell.

It is hoped there will be a show of flowers to equal last season. However, there is a heavy late snow cover so flowerings may be a

little late in the coming season.

Map and General Information:

A copy of the Snowy Mountains Authority General Map of Kosciusco or the National Park General Map (available at the reception centre) will add interest to your visit. Members who have a copy of the "Snowy Mountains Walks" issued by the Geehi Club, should bring it. It covers geology, wildlife, climate and history of the area. Another useful reference is "Australian Alpine Life" by John Child. One of the best references for flowers is Nuri Mass's small booklet "Flowers of the Snowlands" (taken from her Australian Wildflower Magic). Flowers and Plants of Victoria, by Cochrane, Furhe Rotherbam and Willis is also excellent for the high country flowers.

LEADER: Julie Henry. Phone: 48.1530.

NOTE: Don't forget to nominate for this trip, using the form included in this Bulletin.

Correction to a Definition of a National Park.

We have been advised that the definition of a National Park we printed in the last Bulletin was the original motion submitted to the Ministerial Conference. This motion was in fact amended and finally passed.

The amended motion commences - "A National Park is a relatively large area set aside for its features ..." etc.