



NPA Bulletin

National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory Inc

NPA OUTINGS PROGRAM

January 2011 — December 2011

Outings Guide

Distance grading (per day)

- 1 — up to 10 km
- 2 — 10 km to 15 km
- 3 — 15 km to 20 km
- 4 — above 20 km

Terrain grading

- A — Road, fire-trail or track
- B — Open forest
- C — Light scrub
- D — Patches of thick scrub, regrowth
- E — Rock scrambling
- F — Exploratory

Day Walks: Carry lunch and snacks, drinks, protective clothing, a first aid kit and any required medication.

Pack Walks: Two or more days. Carry all food and camping requirements. CONTACT LEADER EARLY.

Car Camps: Facilities often limited. Vehicles taken to site can be used for camping. CONTACT LEADER EARLY.

Transport: The NPA suggests a passenger contribution to transport costs of **forty cents per kilometre** for the distance driven divided by the number of occupants of the car including the driver, rounded to the nearest dollar. The amount may be varied at the discretion of the leader. Drive and walk distances quoted in the program are approximate distances for return journeys.

Other activities include ski trips, canoe trips, nature rambles, work parties and environmental and field guide studies.

Wednesday Walks are arranged on a joint NPA/FBI/CBC basis. Notification and detail is by email to registered members. Only NPA-run walks are shown in this program. For email registration, contact the *Outings Convener*.

Tuesday Walks are medium-hard to hard walks arranged on an ad-hoc joint CBC/FBI/NPA basis. Notification and detail is by email to registered members. Tuesday Walks are not shown in this program. For email registration, contact the *Outings Convener*.

Points to note

Please help keep our outings program alive by volunteering to lead outings. New leaders are welcome. The *Outings Convener* is happy to suggest locations suitable for a walk if you do not have something in mind yourself. Feel free to send in suggestions for outings with a suggested date to the *Outings Convener* at outings@npaact.org.au

All persons joining an outing of the *National Parks Association of the ACT* do so as volunteers in all respects and as such accept responsibility for any injury howsoever incurred and the National Parks Association of the ACT, its office bearers and appointed leaders, are absolved from any liability in respect of injury or damage suffered whilst engaged in any such outing.

In voluntarily participating in these activities conducted by the NPA, participants should be aware that they could be exposed to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to property. These risks could include but are not limited to slippery and/or uneven surfaces, rocks being dislodged, falling at edges of cliffs or drops or elsewhere, risks associated with crossing creeks, hypothermia, heat exhaustion and the risks associated with any of the Special Hazards listed on the '*Attendance Record and Risk Waiver Form*' provided by the leader at the activity.

To minimize these risks participants should endeavour to ensure that the activity is within their capabilities and that they are carrying food, water, equipment, clothing and footwear appropriate to the activity. Participants should advise the leader if they are taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect their participation in the activity. Participants should make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity and accept the instructions of the leader. By signing the '*Attendance Record and Risk Waiver Form*' participants agree that they understand these requirements and have considered the risks before choosing to sign the form and waive any claim for damages arising from the activity that they might have against the club, the leader or any other participants in tort or contract.

**3 January, MONDAY WALK (PUB HOL)
ORRORAL RIDGE**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 B

Leader:- Mike

From the old Honeysuckle Ck Collimation Tower we will wander along the ridge to the north-west for a few kilometres exploring the rock outcrops. I haven't been here before if you have come along and show me the way. Expect to be back in Canberra by early afternoon. Meet 8:00am at Bunnings Tuggeranong carpark, NE corner (corner of Anketell St and Sheerin St) opposite Supacheap Auto.

Drive 80-km, \$32 per car

**8-9 January, WEEKEND CANOE TRIP
TALBINGO PADDLE & WALK**

Joint CBC / NPA Activity

Map:- Yarrangobilly 1:100,000

Grading:- 1 C (for any walking)

Leader:- Mike

Paddle from "Sue City" (O'Hares rest Area) 4 km to the campsite on Talbingo Reservoir. Options for the afternoon and the next morning include paddling, swimming or walking up some of the many nearby hills for views over the reservoir. A beautiful location suitable for beginners. BYO canoe/kayak or hire in Canberra. Limit of 8.

Contact leader by previous Wednesday.

Drive 480-km, \$192 per car

**16 January, SUNDAY WALK
SMITH'S HUT SITE –
TANTANGARA, KNP**

Map:- Tantangara 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C/F

Leader:- Martin

This walk will visit two hut ruins in the Tantangara area – Traces and Smiths. The former is marked on the 1ST Edn of the Tantangara map sheet but the latter is not – but it is there. The walk in to Smiths, via Traces, will be exploratory along the ridge on the south-western shore of Tantangara Reservoir. The return will be along the water's edge. Afternoon tea at Adaminaby.

Meet at Kambah Village shops at 8:30am

Drive 276-km, \$110 per car

**17-19 January, PACK WALK
MAIN RANGE, KNP**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25 000

Grading:- 3 B/C/F

Leader:- Brian

Three days in Snowy Mountains, departing Guthega, camping at Consett Stephen Pass and Anton Anderson Saddle, returning via Illawong. A walk of 17-km plus side trips to Tate West Ridge and peaks out from Anton Anderson. Expect wild-flowers, long days and an almost full moon.

Will only proceed if forecast is favourable.

Contact leader 5 days in advance.

Drive 410 km, \$164/car + Park entry fee

**23 January, SUNDAY WALK
SNOWY MOUNTAINS,
LOWER RAMSHEADS RAMBLE**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C/E

Leader:- Steve

A scenic day requiring some fitness and proceeding only if the weather is suitable.

From Deadhorse Gap we head directly up to "Middle" Ramshead (2070-m) for magnificent views and then wander along the ridge towards some tors below North Ramshead for lunch. We meet up with the famous Merritts Track to return to the cars.

Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday for details.

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car

**26 – 31 January, Car Camp
NORTH KOSCIUSZKO NP –
TANTANGARA AREA**

Map:- Rules Point 1:25,000

Leader:- Dianne

A six day, 5 night car camp in the Tantangara/Long Plain area of Northern Kosciuszko NP. Camp at either Coolemon Mtn, Long Plain Hut or Blue Waterholes to be decided closer to the event. Walks to huts, gorges, upper Murrumbidgee River, etc.

Contact leader early for more details and to register your interest.

**30 January, SUNDAY WALK
FOUR MILE HUT**

Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet at the Kambah Village shops at 7:30 am.

A walk from Kiandra to Four Mile Hut and back a distance of around 16-km. This summer walk starts early to accommodate the long drive and a break at Adaminaby. The walk traverses alpine grasslands and forest hollows and includes views to Mt Jagungal.

Expect a late return to Canberra.

Drive 300-km, \$108 per car

**6 February, SUNDAY WALK
MT TWYNAN & BLUE LAKE
WITH A DIFFERENCE**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C/E

Leader:- Steve

A big scenic day proceeding if the weather is suitable.

We park at Charlotte Pass heading via the Blue Lake lookout onto the Main Range for a progressive lunch on several Mt Twynan view points. We return via a scenic creek route to Blue Lake.

Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday for details.

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car

**13 February, Sunday Walk
MT PAINTER & SURROUNDS**

Map:- Canberra 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther

A walk through Canberra Nature Parks in south Belconnen, will start at Bindubi St. and include Mt Painter with views over Lake B-G and Molonglo Valley (100-m climb), the Pinnacle and/or Aranda Bushland. Route will be mostly on track and will depend on the weather.

Meet on the Aranda side of Bindubi St under the powerline (about 1-km from William Hovell Drive) at 8:30-am.

**20 February SUNDAY WALK
ANOTHER BRINDABELLA
RAMBLE**

Map:- ACT 1:100,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet at the forest car park on Uriarra Rd near the Cotter Road at 8:30 am.

A walk in the mountain forests along old Mill Road and Wark's Road in the Brindabella range. Visit the cooler south facing folds of the Brindabella range.

Drive 85-km, \$30 per car

**18-20 February, PACK WALK
THE HIGH COUNTRY**

Joint FBI / NPA Activity

Map:- Perisher Valley & Geehi 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 C/D/E

Leader:- Philip

This walk will mostly be above the tree line and take in some of Australia's highest peaks. Most of the walk will be off track, some of it will be scrubby and there will be rock scrambling. The first two days are likely to involve climbs of about 700m.

More details available from the leader closer to the date of the walk. Limit of 8.

Bookings close on Tuesday 15 February.

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car

**26 February, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
MOLONGLO NATURE RESERVE**

Leader:- Martin

This work party involves Willow control along the Molonglo River. Bring any of the following that you can: loppers, bush saw, gloves. Meet at Coleman Court carpark (near McDonalds) at 8:30am or Coppin's Crossing at 9:00am.

Drive 12-km, \$5 per car from Coleman Court

**27 February, SUNDAY WALK
MUELLER PEAK, KNP**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Brian

Drive to Charlotte Pass, then walk Kosciuszko Rd to Seamans Hut for a break. Descend footpad to Rawsons Ck and climb steeply to Mueller Peak for lunch. Return via Mts Northcote and Clarke. Great views. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Depart 6.45 am. Contact leader for departure and weather check.

Drive 420 km, \$168/car + Park entry fee.

6 March, SUNDAY WALK

POUND CREEK

Maps:- Perisher Valley & Geehi Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/F

Leader:- Brian

Depart meeting place 7am. Drive to Guthega and walk south on track to Illawong Bridge. Climb west from there and north, off track, to Pounds Creek. Plan is to explore hills and gorges in this beautiful area, avoiding thick scrub. And to loll about in snow grass. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

Contact leader by Saturday for weather check and departure point.

Drive 410-km, \$164 per car +NP entry

13-March; SUNDAY WALK

GLENBURN HISTORIC SITES

Map:- Bungendore 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Col

Sunday half day walk - but bring lunch.

A pleasant stroll around several of the Glenburn historic sites. We will especially look at the recent work that has been carried out at both of the huts that make up Glenburn Homestead and at Collier's Homestead.

We will also be shown through the shearing shed by the leaseholder, Ken McInnes.

Meet at the Canberra Railway Station at 9:00am.

Drive 50-km, \$20 per car

**12-14 March, LONG WEEKEND WALK
MT SCABBY AND THE TARN**

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Steven

Walk from the Yankee Hat car park over the Gudgenby ridge to a campsite on Sam's Creek. The next day, walk to explore Mt Scabby, the headwaters of the Cotter and the Tarn before returning to camp. Walk out the third day. If the weather is right views from Mt Scabby to Yaouk Valley and Snowy Mts are grand. Contact Leader by Thursday 10-March.

Drive 120-km, \$43 per car

**20 March, SUNDAY WALK
GOSSAN HILL, BLACK MT**

Map:- Canberra street map

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Meet 9.30am at old Aranda Shops carpark, Bandjalong Cr (opp. Primary School). Walk north to Gossan Hill then east along Bruce Ridge and south up Black Mt. (steep but not difficult). Return via Aranda Bushland. Couple of busy roads to cross but bushland most of the way.

**26 March, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER
HERITAGE SITE**

Leader:- Martin

This work party involves travel along the Murrumbidgee River Corridor to the site of Unity Homestead. This site was part of the Cunningham property and now needs weed control work. Bring loppers, bush saw, mattock, gloves if you can.

Meet at Point Hut Crossing car park (western side of the river) at 9am.

**27 March, SUNDAY WALK
NORTH-WEST ORRORAL HILL**

Map:- Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/D/E

Leader:- Henry

From the former Orroral Tracking station, walk up the Granite Tors track (the old Lunar Laser Observatory track) as far as James Creek. Cross the creek and head up to the peak that is a km to the north-west of Orroral Hill. The top has extensive rocky outcrops and shelves where we will have lunch. Return down to the Granite Tors track and visit the tors if time and knees permit. 750-m climb.

Meet at Kambah Shops carpark at 8.00am

Drive 100-km, \$36 per car

**2 April, SATURDAY WALK
GORILLA ROCK AND
BOOROOMBA ROCKS**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/D/E

Leader:- Barrie

Mostly along tracks. We walk along the AAT from Honeysuckle Creek Camp Ground before heading off into the bush to Gorilla Rock for morning tea and then to Booroomba Rocks with a steep climb and perhaps some minor scrambling along the way. Great views from the summit of Booroomba Rocks where we will have lunch before returning to the cars along tracks. About 10-km and 500-m climb.

Meet at Kambah Village Shops carpark opposite the petrol station. Depart 9.00am.

Drive 75-km, \$30 per car

**10 April, SUNDAY RAMBLE
TIDBINBILLA EXCURSIONS**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Adrienne

Bring a hand lens, binoculars and your field guides and let's see what we can see at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. A relaxed day of walks in the Sanctuary and on various walking tracks through forest and open grassland.

Meet Kambah Village shops carpark at 9:00-am.

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car + proportion of TNR entry fee

**17 April, SUNDAY WALK
BIG BUGTOWN HILL**

Maps:- Denison, Tantangara 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Brian

Depart 7.00 am Kambah Village. Drive through Adaminaby and about 6-km west follow Bugtown Rd. north for about 8 km. Take Boundary Fire Trail, with some climbs, to Big Bugtown Hill (1624 m). After a break, proceed to Brayshaws (tiny) Hut on Nungar Plain for lunch.

Return via Circuits Fire Trail. Bit over 15 km. Afternoon tea Adaminaby. Bag a peak!

Drive 230 km, \$92 per car.

**30 April, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
SHERWOOD HOMESTEAD SITE**

Leader:- Philip

Some will be familiar with the Sherwood Homestead site off Mountain Creek Rd. However, NPA has not previously visited the site for a work party. The activity involves pine wilding control, so please bring loppers, bush saw, gloves.

Meet at Coleman Court (behind MacDonalds) at 8:30am

Drive 46-km, \$18 per car

1 May, Sunday Walk

SPLIT ROCK

Map:- Corin Dam & Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000
Grading:- 4 A/C/D/E
Leader:- Henry

From the former Orroral Tracking Station, walk up Cotter Hut Road, then the Australian Alps Walking Track to Cotter Gap. Climb to Split Rock (in Cotter Rocks) – may be some heavy regrowth. Return via Orroral Valley. Mostly on track apart from short, steep climb to Split Rock. 650m climb.

Meet at Kambah Shops car park (across from Woolworth's petrol station) at 8.00am

Drive 100-km, \$36 per car

8 May, SUNDAY WALK

BOBOYAN REGENERATION

Map:- Yaouk 1:25 000
Grading:- 2 A/B/C
Leader:- Brian

Meet at Kambah Village, departing 8am for Yankee Hat car park. Follow firetrails south past Forestry Hut and Eleanors Grove then off trail to Hospital Creek Hut for break. Return to firetrail and climb over saddle to Frank and Jacks Hut (views of Namadgi peaks) for lunch. Return to car park via Bogong Ck. See rapidly regenerating native forest in former pine plantation. Afternoon tea Lanyon.

Drive 120 km, \$48 per car.

6-8 May, PACK WALK

BUDAWANGS

Map: Endrick 1:25,000
Grading: 2 A/D/E
Leader: Philip

A three-day walk in the Budawangs, starting from the Nerriga entrance to Morton National Park. The plan at this stage is to visit The Vines, Hidden Valley, Quiltys Mountain and Round Mountain.

More detail available from the leader closer to the date of the walk. Bookings close by Tuesday 3-May.

Drive 240-km, \$86 per car

15 May. Sunday Walk

RIDGES ABOVE NURSERY CK

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000
Grading:- 3 A/B/D/E
Leader:- Martin

This walk will visit the length of Nursery Swamp as well half of the Nursery Hill ridge. After climbing the Nursery Swamp track we will proceed to the saddle above Rendezvous Creek and thence climb the ridge to the south. It will afford grand views across Gudgenby from a lunch spot that are hard to beat.

Meet Kambah Village shops carpark at 8:30am.

Drive 85-km, \$34 per car

22 May, SATURDAY WALK

CAPTAINS FLAT PANCAKES AND THE BIG HOLE

Map:- Kain 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A
Leader:- Steven

A short walk to the 'Big Hole' to walk off the mountains of pancakes and coffee consumed as a late breakfast at Captains Flat on the way.

Meet at the Canberra Railway station at 8:30am.

Drive 180–km, \$72 per car

28 May, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

STOCKYARD ARBORETUM

Leader:- Martin

We last visited this site in August 2009. This work party will continue the task of searching for and removing pine wildings. Some tools will be provided but suggest you bring work gloves, loppers, bush saw. Approximately 40min walk to work site. Work party will be subject to good weather.

Meet at Cooleman Court (behind MacDonalds) at 8:30am

Drive 120-km, \$48 per car

29 May, Sunday Walk

RENDEZVOUS CK VALLEY

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/B
Leader:- Mike S

A relatively easy walk along the Rendezvous Creek valley to an interesting rock shelter. On the way pass the burnt out remains of Rowley's Rendezvous Creek hut and adjacent yards. Walk mainly on vehicle track to hut then across open grassland and forest. Ascent of 150-m.

Return back down valley but if time permits those interested may divert to climb adjacent western ridge to view large rock formations, overhangs, etc. An additional 400-m ascent involved.

Meet Kambah Village Shops carpark at 8.30am.

Drive 100-km, \$40 per car

5 June, Sunday Walk

THE PYRAMID

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000
Grading:- 1 A/D
Leader:- Mike B

Meet at 8:20am at Bunnings Tuggeranong carpark, NE corner (corner of Anketell St and Sheerin St) opposite Supacheap Auto.

Walk 2-km up the Devils Gap fire trail and then steeply through the bush for about 1-km to the top of the Pyramid on the southern boundary of the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. 370m total climb. Expect some thick regrowth. Expect to be back in Canberra by early afternoon.

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

11 to 13 June, PACK WALK

FOLLY POINT AND THE VINES

Map:- CMW Budawangs
Grading:- 3 A/D/E
Leader:- Steven

Contact leader by prior Wednesday.

A walk from the Sassafras track head out to Folly Point overlooking the Holland Gorge. Spectacular views over gorge to the back of the Castle and Pigeon House mountain. After several kms of open exposed fire trail the walk takes us over the mountain on a prepared trail cut through the tea tree then it is clamber out to the point. Next day walk to a campsite in the Vines. Walk out on the third day.

Drive 250-km, \$100 per car

19 June, SUNDAY WALK

SOUTH TUGGERANONG

Maps:- Canberra street map
Grading:- 2 A
Leader:- Brian

Meet 9:00am at the Lanyon Marketplace, Tharwa Drive entrance.

Walk west to Point Hut and north on Bicentenary Trail to Mt Stranger for a break; then on to Stranger Pond for lunch. After-wards wind back thru Bonython and Conder. Afternoon tea at the Marketplace. About 14-km

25-June, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

GIBRALTAR CREEK VALLEY

Leader:- Martin

Meet Kambah Village Shops at 8:30am.

The area from Woods Reserve upstream towards Gibraltar Falls has become subject to pine wilding growth. The objective of the work party is to locate these wildings and remove them where practicable. Please bring gloves, loppers and/or bush saw (some tools will be provided). An alternative activity will be clearing the Square Rock Walking Track.

Check NPA website for any late changes

Drive 65-km, \$26 per car

2 July, SATURDAY WALK

SUBURBAN RAMBLE WITH VIEWS

Map:- Tuggeranong & Canberra 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C/E

Leader:- Barrie

Meet at **8:30am** on Perry Drive, Chapman at Chapman Primary School.

Walk through Chapman to Cooleman Ridge Fire Trail and along the ridge to visit Mt Arawang, Mt Neighbour and McQuoids Hill. Back to the Parkway, along edge of Kambah and then climb steeply up Mt Taylor through scrub, and rock. Return to start via Mt Arawang, Kambah Fire Trail and some more of Cooleman Ridge.

This walk includes something for everyone – scrub, off-track, horse paddocks, foot tracks, fences, fire trails and roadside verges as well as good views. The walk is about 18-km and involves a total climb of 800-m +.

3 July, SUNDAY WALK

SAWYERS CK AND ORRORAL

Map: Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading: 2 A/C

Leader: Mike S

Meet at Kambah shops at **8:30am**.

A walk from the old Orroral tracking station site along Cotter Hut Road, Smokers Trail and then down Orroral Valley back to cars. Mostly on track with total climb of about 250-m. The walk will pass the new Fishloch Yards in Orroral Valley. On way we will look for the original Fishloch Yards site, marked by a 30-m long x 10-m high distinctive rock (see sketch), reportedly near Sawyers or Prairie Dog Creeks. The rock has a large 3-4 person sized overhang and is said to resemble a fish.

Drive 100-km, \$40 per car

10 July, SUNDAY RAMBLE

FROST HOLLOW TO PEAK

(ARANDA BUSHLAND to BLACK Mt)

Map:- Canberra 1:25,000

Canberra Nature Park Maps

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther

Take a walk close to home on a short winter day. Explore the Forest to Frost Hollow track in Aranda Bushland and wander around Black Mountain Nature Reserve with lunch at the top before returning to the cars by a different route.

Meet on the Aranda side of Bindubi St under the powerline (about 1-km from William Hovell Drive) at **9:00am**.

16 July, SATURDAY WALK

THE LONG FLAT

Map:- Colinton & Bredbo 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B/F

Leader:- Martin

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8.00am**.

The walk will start at the Mount Clear camp ground. We will travel south along Grassy Creek to the NSW border, and then follow it to the most southerly point in the ACT looking at border markers along the way.

The return will be along the peaceful length of the Long Flat and then either along the bush track back to Grassy Creek with an options ascent and descent of hill 1364 to the east of Grassy Ck.

This walk guarantees secluded valleys, open forests, history and a dose of heavy breathing.

Drive 160-km, \$64 per car

18 to 25 July, CAR CAMP

CRESCENT HEAD

Leader:- Di

Meet Monday 18th July at the 'Crescent Head Ashore Holiday Park'. Escape part of the Canberra winter and enjoy the coastal national parks between Port Macquarie and Nambucca Heads from a comfortable base. Possible day trip(s) to New England parks. BYO camping, campervans, camper trailers, etc. or rent a cabin.

Make your own campground bookings please, phone 1800 006 600.

Daily activities depending on weather include fishing, reading, walking, photography, historical journeys. The theme is 'serendipity'.

Advise leader of intentions. Limit 12.

23 July, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT WILDING PINES

Leader:- Martin

Meet at Cooleman Court (behind McDonald's) at **9:00am**

This work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken last year. The area is undergoing *significant* rehabilitation following the removal of the pine plantation.

As we saw recently, there are still a number of wilding pines insitu and this activity will target these. The actual site for this work party will be advised closer to the day.

Some tools will be provided but own loppers and/or bush saw and gloves would be appreciated. Contact leader for details.

Check NPA website for any late changes.

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

24 July, SUNDAY WALK

BOOTH CREEK

Map:- Michelago 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D

Leader:- Henry

Meet Kambah Shops car park at **8.30am**.

The walk starts at the gate to Glendale NP Depot and follows the Brandy Flat walking track for about 3.5km, then we go south east across Gudgenby Creek and up to the 1176m hill, and descend to the flats on Booth Creek for lunch. Return is via the saddle to the south of 1176m hill and back via the Brandy Flat fire trail. About 600m climb and 14km walk

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

31 July, SUNDAY WALK

POUNDS CREEK (Snowshoes)

Maps:- Perisher Valley & Geehi Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2/B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:15am** and drive to Guthega. Follow ski tracks south to Illawong Bridge. Climb west from there and then north to Pounds Creek and possibly to Mt Anderson or Gills Knobs. Return via Illawong. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne.

Participants hiring snowshoes should have them prior to departure.

Contact leader by Friday for weather check and departure point.

Drive 410 km, \$164 per car + Park entry.

7 August, SUNDAY WALK

WYANBENE TRIG

Map:- Krawarree 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/D/E

Leader:- Philip

Meet at Queanbeyan Swimming Pool carpark by **7:45am**.

A walk in the Minuma Range to the west of the Deua River. We'll start from the Wyanbene Caves picnic area, head west for about a kilometre before climbing to Wyanbene Trig and heading east to the Minuma Range. Then it's north-east along the range, up and down, towards Appletree Mountain. Return via a more westerly, flatter route. About 15 kilometres and 600 metres of climbing, some steep.

Drive:- 210 km, \$84 per car

14 August, SUNDAY WALK

ORRORAL HILL 1339-m

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/D/E

Leader:- Mike S

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **8:30am**.

A walk starting from the old Orroral tracking station site (picnic area) initially along the Cotter Hut Road to the saddle near the weather station, a climb of about 250-m. Then off-track in dense regrowth to an unnamed rocky peak at an elevation of 1339-m for lunch with a view into the valley and beyond, a further 200-m climb.

After lunch continue downhill to Sawpit Creek and then return along valley track via yards and Rowley's Hut site

Drive 100-km, \$40 per car

21 August, SUNDAY WALK

JERUSALEM HILL (Snowshoes)

Map:- Chimneys Ridge 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:30am**. Drive south of Thredbo to Dead Horse Gap. Follow Cascade Trail to Thredbo River and Bobs Ridge before moving off trail along Great Dividing Range to Jerusalem Hill. Good views of Chimneys and Main Range.

Return route similar. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

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28 August, SUNDAY SKI TOUR

FOUR MILE HUT

Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

Contact leader by Thursday to discuss transport and weather forecast. A cross country ski tour to Four Mile Hut and back a distance of around 16-km. Not for absolute beginners but suited to those who may have missed the snow in recent years. Route and objective will depend on snow conditions. Will proceed from Kiandra if sufficient snow otherwise vehicle park entry fees will need to be allowed for.

Drive 300-km, \$120 per car

3 Sept, SATURDAY WALK

RENDEZVOUS AND MIDDLE CKS

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C/Grasslands

Leader:- Barrie

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **8:00am**

From the Rendezvous Creek car park we walk up the open grasslands valley, visiting historic sites on the way (if I can locate them) to Rowleys Hut site and stockyards. Visit a significant site in light scrub for morning tea. From there walk to the Cascades on Middle Creek for (a late-ish?) lunch and then return to the cars.

These grasslands make for lovely walking but it should be noted that the distance to be covered is 18-km and a fair bit of the walk will not be on tracks.

Drive 100-km, \$40 per car

4 Sept, SUNDAY WALK

SNOWY RIVER (Snowshoes)

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:15am** and drive to Thredbo. Take Kosciuszko Express chairlift to Rams Head Range. Follow range north and cross Snowy River at Kosciuszko Road. Explore area near Seamans Hut. After lunch climb, then cross, Etheridge Ridge from the west. Magnificent views. Return to chairlift across Snowy River plain. Afternoon tea at Jindabyne.

Participants hiring snowshoes should have them prior to departure.

Book with leader by Friday for departure point and weather check.

Drive 420 km, \$168 per car + Park entry fee + chairlift.

1 to 3 Oct, 3-Day PACK-WALK

TALATERANG MOUNTAIN

Map:- CMW Budawangs

Grading:- 1-2 A/B/C/D

Leader:- Steven

Contact leader before the previous Wednesday.

A long drive with lunch at Cambewarra mountain lookout. A walk on Little Forest Plateau past Mt Bushwalker out to a campsite at the top of Ngityung Falls.

Next day, walk and scramble to the top of Mt Talaterang for spectacular views of the Castle, Clyde Gorge, Pigeon House Mt and the coast. Return to the camp at Ngityung Falls.

Walk back to cars on the final day.

Drive 600-km, \$240 per car

15 Oct, EASY SATURDAY WALK

BLACK MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWER RAMBLE

Leaders:- Various

Join wildflower lovers to enjoy the spring diversity on Black Mountain and celebrate the 40th Burbidge/Chippendale wildflower ramble. Black Mountain is the jewel in the crown of Canberra Nature Park and has a rich flora.

This will be an easy guided walk with leaders Laurie, Isobel, Peter and Jean. It's a great way to celebrate the spring and find out how to look for our sometimes cryptic wildflowers. Bring your friends especially those who are new to plant identification.

BYO morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes

Meet **9:30am** at stile off Belconnen Way just before Caswell Drive corner (look for balloons). Finish around 12 noon

16 Oct, SUNDAY WALK

HORSE GULLY & DEMANDING HUTS

Map:- ACT 1:100 000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet at the Kambah village shops at **8:30am**.

A walk to check on the condition of Demanding and Horse Gully Huts in southern Namadgi.

The walk from the Mt Clear campground is mainly on fire trail but also includes some animal paths along the creek. There are several creek crossings to be made along the way that might be wet if we have some rain.

Drive 160-km, \$64 per car

22 Oct, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
BRAYSHAW TO WESTERMANS
Leader:- Max
This work party will involve the removal of Broom in the area between Brayshaw's and Westerman's huts. The location of the Broom plants is known to NNP rangers and the duty ranger will assist the group to locate them. All tools and equipment will be provided, just bring an appetite to sweep the area.
Meet at the Namadgi Visitors' Centre at **9:00am**.
Drive: 160-km, \$64 per car

23 Oct, SUNDAY WALK
NURSERY SWAMP

Map:- Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000
Grading:- 1 A
Leader: Adrienne

A walk from the parking area on Orroral Road to Nursery Creek and swamp with views of the widening valley and surrounding hills. Return by same route. All on track but with a 200-m climb.

Meet **8:30am** at the Kambah Village shops.

Drive:- 85-km, Cost: \$34

29 Oct, SATURDAY DAY WALK
BETWEEN THE YANKEE HATS – NAMADGI NP

Maps:- Yaouk & Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/B/D/F
Leader:- Martin

This walk starts from the Yankee Hat Gate in Gudgenby Valley and proceeds across the rehabilitation area to a tributary of Bogong Creek. This tributary rises in between the Yankee Hats – we will follow it to its source then cross the saddle and descend to Middle Ck. Return to the cars via Middle Ck and the Gudgenby Valley.

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:00am**,
Drive 140-km, \$56 per car

5 Nov, SUNDAY WALK
MT DOMAIN

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/D/E
Leader:- Mike S

Meet **8:30am** at Lanyon shops carpark near McDonalds.

Walk along the fire trail to Fishing Gap then off track through patches of regrowth and with some rock scrambling to reach the peak. Lunch at the top whilst admiring views of Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and the Cotter Valley. Afternoon tea at Tidbinbilla Tracking Station Café. Total climb of about 700m.

Contact the leader by the night before to indicate interest.

Drive 90-km, \$36 per car

13 Nov, SUNDAY WALK
CENTRAL MOLONGLO AND KAMA WOODLAND RAMBLE
Maps:- Canberra, Umburra, Cotter Dam 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/B
Leader:- Esther

The walk starts high and morning tea will feature expansive views over the Molonglo Valley. We will descend into the valley to follow the river through a rocky gorge looking for wedgies overhead. After lunch on the river bank, we will walk through the new Kama Woodland Reserve. This area is adjacent to the site of the proposed Central Molonglo development. Come and enjoy it before the developers arrive. Walk will end on Wm Hovell Drive at a lower elevation than the start.

Meet at Coppins Crossing car park at **9:00am**. A short car shuffle will be involved.

14-17 Nov, 4-DAY PACK WALK
BUDAWANGS

Joint FBI / NPA Activity
Map:- Corang 1:25,000
Leader:- Philip

A medium hard, 4 day pack walk in the southern Budawangs starting from Yadboro and taking in Mt Owen, Mt Cole, Mt Tarn and Monolith Valley, and other highlights.

The walk includes a steep climb of 700m on the first day but lesser climbs on other days. Rock scrambling on exposed areas may be involved.

Contact leader by **10 Nov** for details and booking (limit of 8)

Drive 200-km, \$24 per person

19-21 Nov, RELAXED PACK WALK
RENDEZVOUS CK VALLEY

Map:- Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000
Grading:- 1 A/B
Leader:- Esther

From Boboyan Road, a mostly level walk up Rendezvous Creek to camp for 2 nights on grassy knoll where orchids may be in bloom. On second day enjoy the bush surrounding the camp at your leisure (bring your sketch pad and/or camera) or explore further up the valley and into Nursery Creek. We may hear a dingo chorus and perhaps see some dingos. Return to cars by same route on Sunday.

Contact leader by **13 Nov** for further details and travel arrangements.

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

20 Nov, SUNDAY WALK
WEST BELCONNEN
Map:- Canberra Street Map
Grading:- 2 A
Leader:- Brian

Depart Macgregor Primary School, Clode Place, **8.30am**. Follow Ginninderra Ck north and continue to West Belconnen Pool for morning tea. Walk thru Dunlop Grasslands (avoiding the llama!) and head east on horse trail before climbing thru Fraser to Mt Rogers for lunch. Great views. Descend on paths thru Flynn and then along Ginninderra Ck thru Latham to cars. About 12 km. Bring share food for afternoon tea in Macgregor park.

26 Nov, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
RAILWAY EASEMENT NATIVE PLANT PLOTS - WEEDING

Leader:- Martin

12 NPWS-managed native flower trial plots (each a few metres square) are along a 20-km stretch of the Royalla – Cooma railway easement. The NPA has agreed with NPWS to undertake stewardship of these plots for 2010/11. The work includes weeding and other appropriate activities at as many sites that we can get to. Transport throughout the day will be via normal car pooling arrangements.

Bring gloves – other tools will be provided. Come prepared for a warm day, as there will be little shade. Meet at Kambah Village shops at **8:30am**.

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

27 Nov, SUNDAY WALK
MAVIS RIDGE

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000
Grading:- 3 A/B/D/E/F
Leader:- Henry

Meet Kambah Village shops at **7:30am**.

The walk starts on the Nursery Swamp car park and then follows the taped footpad to Rendezvous Creek. Head south along Rendezvous Creek for 1.5km and then ascend a ridge to the long granite face of Mavis Ridge. If time permits, ascend to summit. Descend to Rendezvous Creek and return same way. Up to 950-m climb and 16-km walk.

The walk features extensive granite outcrops and views across Namadgi's mountains.

Drive 85-km, \$34 per car

4 Dec, SUNDAY WALK

CORANG PEAK

Map:- Corang 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Mike S

Meet at the Canberra Railway Station carpark at **7:30am**. **Note early start.**

A walk in the Budawangs from the Wog-Wog park entrance to Corang Peak which has 360 degree views. Then on to either Corang Arch or Admiration Point (scrubby but views into Clyde Gorge) for lunch. Return by the same route.

A longish walk but all on walking track with a gradual about 250m ascent/descent.

If hot weather is forecast may go to Corang Lagoon instead.

Drive 250-km, \$90 per car

31 Dec, SUNDAY WALK

ORRORAL RIDGE

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 B

Leader:- Mike S

From the old Honeysuckle Ck Collimation Tower we will wander along the ridge to the north-west for a few kilometres exploring the rock outcrops. I haven't been here before. If you have come along and show me the way. Expect to be back in Canberra by early afternoon.

Meet **8:00am** at Lanyon shops carpark, near McDonalds.

Drive 80-km, \$32 per car

NPA Christmas Party

Sunday, 11 December

NAMADGI VISITORS CENTRE

from 11:30am



Contact: NPA committee members

This year we plan to hold our Christmas Party in the grounds of the Namadgi Visitors Centre on Boboyan Road just south of Tharwa.

All the usual features; bring your picnic lunch and Christmas cheer — nibbles, Christmas cake and some drinks will be provided.

Check *Burning Issues* for details.

18 Dec, SUNDAY WALK

ALPINE LAKES

Map: Perisher Valley 1:25 000

Grading: 2 A/B

Leader: Brian

Wildflower ramble. Depart **6:45am** and drive to Charlotte Pass. Take trail to Snowy River then follow Club Lake Ck to the lake. After a break, climb over ridge to Lake Albina for lunch. Return via Carruthers Peak and the long grassy slope to the path. Some steep climbs. Approx. 12 km. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

Book with leader for weather check and departure point.

Drive 420-km, \$168 per car + NP entry fee.