



NPA Bulletin

National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory Inc

NPA OUTINGS PROGRAM

January 2013 – December 2013

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.

Work Parties: Carry items as per Day Walks above plus work gloves and any tools as required. Work party details/location sometimes change, check NPA website, www.npaact.org.au, for any last minute changes

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 for return journeys.

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

Wednesday Walks are medium to medium-hard walks arranged on a joint NPA / BBC (*Brindabella Bushwalking Club*) / CBC (*Canberra Bushwalking Club*) basis for experienced walkers. 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/BBC/NPA basis for very experienced walkers only. 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-ACT, 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.

Children under 18 years old are welcome to come on NPA-ACT activities provided they are accompanied by a parent, guardian or close relative. Parents or Guardians will be required to sign a specific '*Risk Waiver for a Child*' form.

**7-9 January, PACK WALK
SNOWY MOUNTAINS, KNP**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 4 B/C/F

Leader:- Brian

Early start, no coffee stop on way to Guthega. Take track to Illawong and climb via Twynam Ck to top of Pounds Ck (base of Twynam, 6-km). Camp 2 nights. Afternoon excursion to Watsons ck (4 km); day trip to Watsons Crags and Siren Song Ck (8-km). Possible excursion to Blue Lake (4-km). Return to Guthega. Wildflowers, long days, no moon. Will only proceed if weather forecast favourable.

Contact leader well in advance. Numbers limited.

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

**13 January SUNDAY WALK
MT GINGERA FROM CORIN**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2/3 A/B/C

Leader:- Trevor Lewis

Escape the summer heat, soak up the cool breezes and enjoy alpine flowers at their best on Mt Gingera. We'll set out from Corin Dam, climb the "stairway to heaven" which is the upgraded Stockyard Spur Track and meet the Mt Franklin road prior to following the track to Gingera's summit. We may detour off-track on return to visit Brumby Flats and the slabs overlooking the Goodradigbee Valley. A longish day with 800-m climb and descent, but mainly on tracks.

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:00am**.

Drive – 85-km, \$35/car

**19 January SATURDAY WALK
GILBERTS GAP**

Map:- Endrick & Nerriga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/D/E/F

Leader:- Philip

Early start. Partly exploratory walk in the Budawangs, starting from the Nerriga entrance to Morton National Park. First Four kilometre on track, including wading the Endrick River, then north off track to Gilberts Gap. From here we'll look for a negotiable route on to the mountain west of the gap. Total climb of about 300-metres.

Contact leader by Friday 9 November for transport arrangements and departure time.

Drive 360-km, \$140 per car.

**20 January, SUNDAY WALK
SQUARE ROCK**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader: Steven

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

An easy walk to Square Rock for good views west towards Corin Dam and the Brindabellas through semi alpine forest. A return walking distance of around 12-km with a climb of about 270-m. Depending on party and/or weather may do side trip on way in or out to the Orroral Valley Lookout, an extra km in total.

Drive 75-km, \$30 per car.

**24-27 January 4 Day PACK WALK
ETTREMA GORGE**

Joint NPA / CBC Activity

Map:- Touga 1:50,000

Grading:- 1/2 B/D/E/F

Leader:- Rupert Barnett

Descend to Ettrema Creek via Tullyangela Creek through Dungeon Canyon. Explore upstream to Myall Creek including rain forest, rapids and perhaps side trip to old Jones Creek mine. Return to the road via Jingles Pass and across the tops (with a bit of scrub).

Some rock hopping, scrambling and a short compulsory swim.

Contact leader **early** for more details, booking, etc.

Drive 400-km, \$160/car

**3 February SUNDAY WALK
COREE FALLS**

Map:- Cotter Dam 1:25,000

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

Leader:- Trevor

A short walk, with some rugged bits. We'll set out from Blundell Flats, follow Pabral Road steeply uphill and then go off track to reach the falls. We'll explore around the falls, and enjoy a dip in the superb swimming holes which beckon both above and below the main waterfall. Return the same way.

Meet at the car park on the North side of Cooleman Court, near Mc Donald's at **8:00am**.

Drive 80-km, \$32/car

**10 February SUNDAY WALK
ABBOTT PEAK, KNP**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:30am**. Drive to Thredbo and take Kosciuszko Express chairlift to Kosciuszko Walk. Follow track past Kosciuszko, cross Wilkinsons Ck and climb Abbott Peak (2140 metres - SW of Townsend) for lunch.

Return same way or over Mt Kosciuszko, depending on conditions and inclinations of group. Great views. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

Contact leader for departure place and weather check.

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

**17 February SUNDAY DAY WALK
ELAINE MINE & 4 MILE HUT**

Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader: Steven

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

A walk from Kiandra to the Elaine Mine and Four Mile Hut. A return distance of around 18 to 20 km. This summer alpine walk starts early to accommodate the long drive with a break at Adaminaby. The walk traverses alpine grasslands and forest hollows and includes views to Mt Jagungal. Mainly on firetrail. Expect a late return (~7:30pm).

Drive 300-km, \$120 per car

**23 February, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
SNOW GUM CONTROL -
MT FRANKLIN ROAD**

Leader:- Martin Chalk

This work party involves clearing small snow gums back from the Mt Franklin Road in the section between the Ginnini car park and Priors Hut. No tools will be available, so please bring loppers/bush saw and gloves.

Meet at Cooleman Court (behind MacDonalds) at **8:00am**.

Drive 120-km, \$48/car

**24 February SUNDAY WALK
CORANG LAGOON**

Map:- Corang 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Mike

Early start, meet at the Canberra Railway Station at **8:00am**.

A walk in the Budawangs from the Wog Wog entrance to the Corang River Lagoon via Goodsell Ck. All on walking track but rough in places. Lunch and swim, if desired, at lagoon. Return by same route. Depending on time and party may continue on to Rock Ribs further up the river.

Drive 250-km, \$100/car

**Late Feb to Early March 2013
WESTERN ARTHUR RANGE and
FRENCHMANS CAP, TASMANIA.**

Leader:- Rupert

Two extended pack walks that are sure to provide lots of special memories. Contact the leader promptly for details.

**3 March, SUNDAY RAMBLE
BENDORA ARBORETUM**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Annette

Another attempt to do this ramble hoping the road is open this time. A short walk in from the Mt Franklin Road is the Bendora Arboretum established in 1940 by Dr Lane-Poole and contains an experimental planting of 52 species of pinus or similar trees. It survived the 2003 bushfires.

Spend hours walking around the trees, marvel at the size of some of the pine cones, have lunch and then return to the cars and back to Canberra

Meet at Kambah Village shops at **9:00am**

Drive: 100-km, \$40 per car

**9-11 March,
LONG WEEKEND PACK WALK
MT SCABBY & THE TARN**

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Steven

Contact Leader by Thursday. A walk from the Yankee Hat car park over the Gudgenby ridge to a campsite on Sam's Creek. Next day a walk to explore Mt Scabby, the headwaters of the Cotter and Tarn before returning to camp. Walk out the third day.

If the weather is right the views from Mt Scabby to Yaouk valley and Snowy mountains are grand.

Drive 120-km, \$48 per car

**16 March SUNDAY WALK
TIDBINBILLA RANGE FROM THE
WEST**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 C/D/E

Leader:- Trevor

Knife-edge ridges, bold bluffs and scree-scarred slopes on Western fall of the Tidbinbilla Range. We'll set out from the Bendora Dam Road follow a prominent spur to the summit of Camel Hump, then follow the main Tidbinbilla Range to Johns Peak, and a short distance beyond to reach a spur which descends into Burkes Creek. We'll finish by following the creek down to meet the Bendora pipeline and Bendora Dam Road. Off-track walking with some regrowth to push through. Around 800-m climb and descent.

Meet at the car park on the North side of Cooleman Court, near McDonald **8:00am**.

Drive 120-km, \$48/car

**16-17 March, WEEKEND CAR CAMP
WYANBENE CAVES, AND
DEUA RIVER**

Map:- Krawarree 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Brian

Carpool in Canberra and drive via Captains Flat to Wyanbene Caves camp ground. Set up tents and explore local area in afternoon (Wyanbene Caves and Trig, and mine works). On Sunday follow Mongamula Firetrail down to Deua River for lunch (and swim?). Return same way. 18-km, 700 metre climb.

Indications of interest by preceding Wednesday.

Drive 210 km, \$84 per car.

**23 March SATURDAY WORK PARTY
BRIAR CONTROL AROUND
MAX AND BERTS HUT**

Leader:- Martin

This is a new work site for the NPA. Max and Bert's Hut is in a remote location on the Booth Range above the Naas River about 10-km south of Caloola Farm. Access to a point below the hut will be by vehicle and the last 1km (horizontal) and 200m (vertical) will be on foot. The site is delightful and deserves our attention by removing the scattered briars.

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

Drive:- 88-km, \$36/car

**24 March SUNDAY WALK
TIDBINBILLA MOUNTAIN**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 1-2 A/C/D

Leader:- Barrie

From the walkers car park take the Lyre Bird Trail then through bush, light scrub on not well-defined foot track, up ridge to Snowy Corner and thence to the summit of Tidbinbilla Mtn. Some thick scrub over rough terrain near Snowy Corner. The total climb is about 750-m and the return distance is about 6-km. The views from the summit are well worth it. Depending on party and day may decide to return along the ridge over Tidbinbilla Peak to meet up with the Camel's Back Fire Trail. The total distance would then be 12 km.

Meet Cooleman Court car park near McDonalds, leaving at **8.30am**.

Drive: 60-km, \$24 + park entry fee

**Mid-Week 2-Day Work Parties
DANANBILLA NATURE
RESERVE**

Leader:- Martin

This area has not previously been visited by the NPA. The Reserve is located between Young and Cowra and in 2012 had a small addition made to it. This addition contains about 5-km of stock fencing that the NPWS would like removed. This series of work parties have been arranged to effect this removal. Each work party is a two-day activity with self catered camping in the Reserve (camper van/trailer OK). A septic-type loo is available in the adjacent but unoccupied farmhouse and NPWS will provide tools.

Contact leader by 1st of each scheduled month to book a place and obtain transport and updated work party details.

Dates:- 7-8 Mar, or 13-14 Mar,

10-11 Apr, 6-7 May and 5-6 Jun.

Drive:- 340km, \$136 per car.

**6 April, SATURDAY WALK
SHANAHANS AND YERRABI**

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Mike

Meet Kambah Village shops at **9:00am** for two short walks, 2-km & 4-km, on track but with some climb, 100m & 160m.

Walk to Shanahans Mt for morning tea with a great view east then complete circuit back to cars and drive to Yerrabi. Walk the Yerrabi track for lunch on a rock tor with views over Namadgi and return.

Drive:- 120-km, \$48 per car

**6-8 April, 3-DAY PACK WALK
WOILA**

Joint CBC / NPA Activity

Map:- Snowball, Badja 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 C/D/E/F

Leader:- Eric

Drive along the Minuma Firetrail (near Pikes Saddle) for a few kilometres. Walk along Breakfast Creek (from GR 370-158) and an unnamed creek (tree ferns and waterfalls) to a long spur (GR 381-150) to the Woila Plateau and camp. Day 2: with day packs visit Mother Woila and the knife-edged ridge to Tabletop Mountain. Day 3: return to cars via Dampier Trig.

This is a beautiful rugged area. The pace will be steady. About 24-kms, of which 8-10-kms will be with day packs. Some scrub and rock scrambling; all off track except the last 3 or 4-kms on the third day. 4WDs required. Foresters or similar OK.

Please email or call leader preferably before/during Easter.

Transport cost:- approx \$120 per vehicle

**7 April, SPECIAL EVENT
CANBERRA CENTENARY
AFTERNOON TEA**

Leader:- Syd

Members are invited to join Barbara and Syd for afternoon tea in their delightful garden at Mawson and to view a Centenary display of Canberra souvenir ware, art, books and memorabilia. Hope that you can come.

2.30pm Sunday 7 April at **87 Shackleton Circuit, Mawson**

**8 to 14 April, PACK WALK
FAR BALD MOUNTAIN AND
JAGUNGAL LOOP, KNP**

Map:- Khancoban 1:50,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D

Leader:- Di

Seven days and 6 nights; start and finish at Round Mountain carpark.

Distance approximately 60-kms with many various ups and downs. Visits to Far Bald Mountain and Mt Jagungal included. Camps at or near Linesmen Hut, Dodgers Creek, Boobee Hut, Mackeys Hut, O'Keefes Hut, and Derschkoes Hut. Opportunity for fantastic views weather permitting.

Mostly on fire-trails and lesser tracks or footpads, some short sections of bush bashing. Limit of 10.

Contact leader early for more details or to book in.

**Sunday 14 April,
ACT HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Early European Historic Sites, Kowen Forest, ACT. Many milestones – 176 years, 133 years, 122 years, 121 years and 116 years!

A leisurely walk/drive led by members of the Friends of Glenburn. Close your eyes to imagine the conditions some of our pioneer families endured and enjoyed in a small rural community that is no more. They worked and played hard!

Meet at Canberra Railway Station, Kingston **9:00am** for car pooling.

Drive:- 50-km, \$20 per car

**21 April, SUNDAY WALK
GANG GANG MOUNTAIN**

Map:- Denison 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C/D

Leader:- Brian

Depart Kambah Village shops **7:00am**.

Drive via Adaminaby and park north of Snowy Mountains Highway just before Park entrance. Proceed north on Gavels Hut Trail to the Hut. After break climb west on horse track to unnamed peak then south to Gang Gang Mountain for lunch. Continue south then east through bush back to vehicles. Steep climbs, scrubby finish. About 13-km.

Afternoon tea Adaminaby.

Drive:- 230-km, \$92 per car

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

Leader:- Martin

NPA's last work party at Sherwood was April 2011. Then we removed over 700 wilding pines but left some for later. 'Later' has now arrived. Will not have access to the Gudenby Bushies' trailer, so please bring loppers, bush saw, gloves. We will access the site by vehicle – more time cutting and less walking!

Meet at Cooleman Court (behind MacDonalDs) at **8:30am**.

Drive:- 46-km, \$18 per car

**28 April, SUNDAY WALK
LONG FLAT**

Map:- ACT 1:100,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

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

A walk from the Mt Clear camp ground along the Grassy Creek fire trail then through to Long Flat. A possible climb on to the Clear Range for views south east over Bredbo. Mainly on fire trails or across open country in the far south of Namadgi.

Drive:- 130-km, \$52 per car

**28 April to 5 May, CAR CAMP
WEDDIN Mt AND NANGAR
NATIONAL PARKS**

Joint NPA / BBC activity

Leader:- Mike

Nine days, eight nights, of car-camping and day walking in two national parks in central NSW out near Forbes. Participants may come for either or both national parks. Participants may also join leader for a couple more days in Conimbla National Park on way home.

Day to day details of activities and walks are given in Events section of the website www.npaact.org.au.

Contact leader for more info or to book in by mid-April. Numbers limited.

**4 May, SATURDAY WALK
BOOROOMBA & BUSHFOLD**

Map:- Corin Dam & Williamsdale 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B/C

Leader:- Trevor

Starting from Booroomba Rocks car park, follow the Aust Alps Walking Track to Bushfold Flats, traverse the Flats branching off to Blue Gum Creek at the northern end, then loop back over the unnamed ridge which runs north-south, roughly parallel to the Flats visiting a rocky summit or two which promise good views. End by descending to re-join the Alps Track and follow it back to the car park. A total climb of about 700-m

Walk is described in Graeme Barrow's book "Namadgi and Tidbinbilla Classics".

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:00am** – early start due to short daylight hours.

Drive:- 80-km, \$32 per car

**5 May, SUNDAY WALKABOUT
GLENBURN & BURBONG
HISTORIC SITES**

Map:- Bungendore 1:25 000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Col

We will visit several sites to see developments by the Parks Service and the Friends of Glenburn including the interpretive signs at Glenburn and Collier's homestead (and hopefully at Coppin's homestead), the new post and rail fences at Glenburn homestead and the Colverwell graves and the Coppin's and Collier's sites cleared of blackberry canes. It is also hoped that the quince groves at Collier's orchard will be loaded with ripe fruit.

Meet at Canberra Railway Station, Kingston at **9:00am**.

Drive:- 50-km, \$18 per car

**9-12 May 4-DAY PACK WALK
BUDAWANGS**

Map:- Corang 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D/E

Leader:- Philip

A four-day walk in the southern Budawangs, starting from Wog Wog. Walk in the first day to a campsite at the headwaters of the Corang River (fuel stoves only area) where we'll stay for three nights. Day walks on the second and third days to Monolith Valley and to Mt Tarn and Hoddles Castle. Return to Wog Wog on day four via Corang Lagoon. The first and last days involve walks of about 17 kilometres. A mixture of track (some overgrown) and off track. Contact leader for more details. Bookings by Monday 6 May, preferably by email. Limit of 8.

Drive:- 250-km, \$100 per car

**12 May, SUNDAY WALK
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. Explore the Forest to Frost Hollow track in Aranda Bushland and stop for morning tea in the cork oak plantation. Then we will climb Black Mt (~200 m) for lunch at the top before returning to the cars by a different route.

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

**19 May, SUNDAY WALK
Mt GINGERA**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B/C

Leader:- Brian

Depart Cooleman Court carpark (Liardet St, just south of McDonalds) **8:00am**.

Drive to Ginini carpark and walk on fire-trail to Pryors Hut for a break. Climb track to Mt Gingera summit (1857-m) for lunch with a view. Descend ridge north to fire-trail and just past Pryors Hut, climb Little Ginini before returning again to fire-trail and then to cars. Approx. 15 km.

Drive:- 150-km, \$60 per car

**25 May, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
GOOROYARROO NR (NSW)**

Leader:- Martin

A small parcel of land (approx 30Ha) was declared as Goorooyarroo NR in late 2011. It is located on the NSW side of the border, across from Goorooyarroo NR (ACT). The NR is surrounded by a stock fence but unused portions were dumped in the NR. This work party will collect these and carry them to the fire trail in the ACT for removal by NPWS. Bring sturdy gloves and a camera and/or binoculars - some good views!

Meet Kambah Village at **9:00am** or at Goorooyarroo NR (ACT) car park on Horse Park Drive (just SE of Sullivans Creek) at **9:45am**. Drive 74-km (\$30) from Kambah and 18-km (\$7) from Horse Park Drive.

**26 May, SUNDAY WALK
CAPTAINS FLAT PANCAKES AND BIG HOLE**

Map:- Kain 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet at the Canberra Railway station, Kingston at **8:30am**.

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. Appropriate footwear for Shoalhaven R crossing required

Drive:- 180-km, \$72 per car

**1 June, WORK PARTY
FRIENDS OF GLENBURN**

Leader:- Col

Undertake protection and conservation tasks at Glenburn and Collier's homesteads and Coppins chimney as negotiated with the Parks Service.

Meet Canberra railway station, Kingston at **9:00am**.

Drive:- 50-km, \$20 per vehicle

**2 June, LOCAL SUNDAY WALK
ROLLING HILLS OF KAMBAH**

Map:- Tuggeranong 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Steve

A scenic day at the edge of suburbia. We climb Urambi Hills then head off to climb up Mt Arawang. There may be time to explore a little of Cooleman Ridge. We return via Mt Neighbour.

Meet at the Urambi Hills carpark at **10.00am**; located on Learmonth Drive 150m from the traffic lights on Athllon Drive.

**16 June, SUNDAY WALK
WESTON CREEK RIDGES**

Map:- Canberra Street Map

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Meet at Lyons Shops at **8:30am**.

Follow paths south and west to Mt Arawang for a break. Head north on Cooleman Ridge and continue to Narrabundah Hill for lunch. Return via paths thru Duffy and Holder to Oakey Hill. Approx. 14-km.

**22 June, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
GIBRALTAR CREEK VALLEY**

Leader:- Martin Chalk

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). Meet at Kambah Village at **8.30am**

Drive:- 65-km, \$26 per car

**23 June, SUNDAY WALK
LOWER ORRORAL LOOP**

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Steven

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

A walk from the Orroral Valley Camping area along the valley to the ruins of the Orroral valley tracking station. Early lunch at the historic Orroral Homestead in which the NPA was involved in its preservation/ restoration.

Drive:- 95-km, \$33 per car

**29 June SATURDAY WALK
PEAK 1409, TIDBINBILLA**

Map:- Tidbinbilla & Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Trevor

A walk to the un-named peak referred to as peak 1409 on the map, about 3-km south of Fishing Gap although it's a long 3-km, with rough ground and regrowth scrub to deal with. The reward is a close-up view of the impressive expanse of sheer rock that flanks this peak on its northern side, as well as wider views over the Cotter catchment & western slopes of the Tidbinbillas. Total distance 12-14-km, about half on the Fishing Gap fire road. A total climb of 600-700 m.

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

Drive: 60-km, \$24 per car

**30 June, SUNDAY WALK
MT PAINTER AND THE PINNACLE**

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 stops at sites of historic interest. Route will be mostly on track.

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

**7 July SUNDAY WALK
BUSHFOLD FLATS, DUNNS
FLAT & HUT REMAINS**

Map:- Corin Dam & Williamsdale 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Barrie

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **9.00am**.

Walk from Booroomba Rocks car park, along the AAWT through Bushfold Flats, passing old huts sites, to Dunn's Flat for lunch. Return to Apollo Rd via Bushfold Flat Hut. Walk through beautiful forest and the lovely grasslands with views of the surrounding hills. Mostly downhill or gently undulating. A short climb up to Apollo Road. Car shuffle req'd.

Drive: \$90, \$36 per car

**14 July, SUNDAY WALK
CAMELS HUMP AND
PIERCES TRIG**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading: 2 A/D/E

Leader:- Steve

A big day offering views of Namadgi National Park and Canberra. We climb the Mountain Creek Trail to Pierces Trig for an early lunch. On return we climb the Camels Hump from the north before descending back to the cars.

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

Drive 80 km, \$32 per car.

**21 July, SUNDAY WALK
PERISHER RANGE (SNOWSHOE)**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25 000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6.15am** and drive to Perisher. Take Skitube to Blue Cow. Contour around Blue Cow Mt then descend toward Guthega crossing Blue Cow Ck bridge. Follow Farm Ck south and climb Mt Perisher. Return to carpark along Kosciuszko Rd. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Steep climbs. Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure. Book with leader for weather check, departure point and car arrangements (chains may be req'd).

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

**27 July, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT**

Leader:- Martin

This wildling pine removal work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken last year. The area is undergoing significant rehabilitation after removal of the original pine plantation. The site for this work party will be in the native forest above the Brindabella Road – a wildling pine hot spot. Some tools will be provided but own loppers and/or bush saw and gloves would be appreciated. Contact leader for more details, if required.

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

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

**28 July Sunday Ramble
NATIONAL ARBORETUM
(BY THE BACK DOOR)**

Map:- Canberra 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Esther

Come and explore Canberra's newest "green" attraction. Walk starts in Aranda Bushland entering the National Arboretum through the Cork Oak plantation and continuing on to Dairy Farmers Hill for great views over southern Canberra. Morning tea will be at the Visitor Center Café and lunch in the Himalayan Cedars plantation. Meet Aranda side of Bindubi St under the powerline (about 1-km from William Hovell Drive) at **9:00am**.

**3 August, SATURDAY WALK
SMITH'S HUT SITE -
TANTANGARA**

Map:- Tantangara 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C

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 proceed 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 Kambah Village shops at **8:30am**

Drive: 276-km, \$110 per car

**11 August, SUNDAY WALK
BRINDLE BULL (SNOWSHOES)**

Map:- Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000

Grading:- 2 B/C (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6.30am** and drive past Thredbo to Cascade Trail carpark. Follow Trail then Thredbo River before diverting up hill to Brindle Bull. Explore area east around Friday Flat Ck. Return thru hills if practicable. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne. Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure. Book with leader for weather check, departure point and car arrangements (chains may be req'd).

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

**18 August SUNDAY WALK
RIDGES & HILLS OF
SOUTHERN CANBERRA**

Map:- Canberra & Tuggeranong 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Barrie

Meet at the Chapman Primary School on Perry Drive at **8.30am**.

The walk will include the Cooleman Ridge, Mt Neighbour, McQuoids Hill, and Mts Taylor and Arawang. There will be a short slightly scrubby, off-track ascent of Mt Taylor. Wonderful views over the Murrumbidgee and Tuggeranong Valleys, the Brindabellas, Woden and central Canberra. A pleasant walk close to home.

**24 August, SATURDAY WORK PARTY
FORMER GIBALTAR PINES AREA**

Leader:- Martin

This work party is a continuation of that conducted in 2012. The objective of the work party is to contribute to wildling pine control in the area not previously planted with pines. Please bring gloves, loppers and/or bush saw (some tools provided).

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **8.30am**.

Drive 65-km, \$26 per car

**25 August, SUNDAY WALK
RED ROCKS & MURRUMBIDGEE**

Map:- Tuggeranong 1:25,000

Grading:- 1-2 A/C

Leader:- Steve

This walk can be as easy as the group likes; a day enjoying the quite beautiful sculptured scenes offered by our river as it drops from Tuggeranong creek to the "rapids" past Red Rocks. Fence hopping skills essential.

Meet at "car park" near the bottom of Learmonth Drive about 150 metres from the Athllon Drive traffic lights at **9.30am**

**30 Aug – 1 Sept, 3 DAY PACK WALK
LIGHT TO LIGHT, BEN BOYD NP**

Joint NPA/CBC Pack Walk

Map:- Kiah, Eden 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Rupert

Hope for a near-Nadgee array of springtime flowers along this coastal walk south of Eden to the lighthouse at Green Cape. The track winds through heathland, forest and gully, but is always close to hard-rock cliffs and headlands, surf-sprayed platforms, or an occasional sheltered cove. Two 'full-service' camping grounds break the 30-km into easy days. However, we may need to car-camp at one of these, doing day walks along parts of the Track. **Costs:** per car approx. \$320 (390~km), NP fee entrance \$7; camping \$10 pp/night.

**1 September SUNDAY WALK
ROB ROY RESERVE**

Map:- Tuggeranong 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Mike

From the ACTEW substation south of Theodore we will follow track/firetrail to Callaghan Hill (200m climb) then continue to Mount Rob Roy (about another 250m climb after dropping a bit). Off-track short-cut down hill, maybe depending on time and party a side trip to Rose Hill (not Rose Trig), then on to Big Monks trig and down to back of suburban Banks before road and off-track walk back to start. Longish 13+km walk (excluding 2-km side trip) but mostly on track or road. Good views from the high points.

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

Drive: 25-km, \$10 per car

**8 September, SUNDAY WALK
MT ANTON (SNOWSHOES)**

Map:- Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6.15am** and drive to Guthega. Proceed via Illawong to ridge above Twynam Ck and cross Pounds Ck to Mt Anton. Very steep in places. Return same way. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne.

Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure.

Book with leader for weather check, departure point and car arrangements (chains may be req'd). Alternative destination: The Paralyser.
Drive 420 km, \$168/car + Park entry fee.

**8-11 September, Car Camp
OALLEN & CHARLEYONG FORDS**

Leader:- Di

Springtime along the Shoalhaven River, hopefully orchids in the Budawang. On the last camp in this area, a grove of duck orchids was found and a platypus sighted. Short walks, a bit of history, picnics and a generally relaxed time.

One night at Oallen Crossing and two nights at Charleyong camping areas.

Expressions of interest to leader before the end of August.

**14 September SATURDAY WALK
DEVILS PEAK FROM
BLUNDELLS FLAT**

Map:- Cotter Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Trevor

Start at Blundells Flat. Visit Coree Falls then continue on to Devils Peak summit. Then north through reasonably light scrub to Two Sticks Road. Next road/fire trail walking to Mt Blundell, followed by an off-track steep descent into the valley of Coree Creek and a return to the starting point.

A solid day of at least 15-km with a mix of rough going and trail/road walking, climbs/descents totalling around 700-m.

Meet at Coleman Court Shops carpark, near "Maccas" by 8:00am

Drive: 60-km, \$24 per car

**15 September SUNDAY WALK
LOWER SNOWY FLAT CREEK**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/D/E

Leader:- Henry

Meet at the Kambah Village Shops by **8:00am**.

Traverse above Corin Dam to the mouth of Snowy Flat Creek. Walking upstream amongst unburnt bush with tree ferns. Take a right branch to the saddle on Stockyard Spur and descend (very steep) on track to Corin Dam.

May be thick scrub in higher areas. A rewarding but strenuous walk.

Drive: 90-km, \$36 per car

**21 September SATURDAY WORK PARTY
RENDEZVOUS CREEK -
WILLOW CONTROL**

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a continuation of last year's work at the location approximately 500-metres upstream from the Boboyan Road. A decision whether to just cut down or to cut and poison the willows is still pending.

All tools will be provided. Be prepared for wet feet!

Meet at the Namadgi Visitors' Centre past Tharwa by **8:30am**

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

**22 September SUNDAY WALK
SHERWOOD DAFFODILS**

Map:- Cotter Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Annette

A walk from the Mountain Creek Road over Mount Dowling and then on to the Sherwood Homestead site to see the flowering daffodils at the site. Return to cars on forest roads or continue on to Blue Range Hut (requires car shuffle). Mostly on forest roads or tracks.

Meet Kambah Village shops by **9:00am**.

Drive: 90-km, \$36 per car

**23 to 29 September
NPA ART WEEK AT
GUDGENBY COTTAGE**

Please note new dates.

See details and directions, etc on the NPA website in 'Events' directory at www.npaact.org.au

**28 to 30 September PACK-WALK
CORANG AREA, MORTON NP**

Leader:- Mike

A 3-day pack-walk from Wog-Wog mostly on walking tracks. Walk in via Corang Peak, Corang Arch and the conglomerate slope to camp at Canowie Brook for 2 nights. Day walk to Yurnga lookout and Bibbenluke Mtn. Return to Wog-Wog on the last day via the 'rock ribs' and Corang Lagoon.

Expressions of interest to leader by **Wednesday 25th Sept**. Numbers limited.

**29 September SUNDAY DRIVE/WALK
GLENBURN/BURBONG
HISTORIC PRECINCT**

Map:- Bungendore 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Col

A leisurely drive/walk back into Canberra/Queanbeyan's early European history. Visit the ACT's oldest marked European graves, the oldest operating shearing shed, the site of a public school and charcoal kilns and the ruins of homesteads and orchards.

Meet at Canberra Railway Station, Kingston, by **9.00am** for car pooling. Bring lunch, water, hat, stout shoes etc.

Drive 50-km, \$20 per car

**Saturday 12 October
BLACK MOUNTAIN
WILDFLOWER RAMBLE**

Contact:- Jean

Meet **9:30am** at Belconnen Way entry, just east of Caswell Drive turnoff (look for the balloons). Finish about 12 noon

Join wildflower lovers for the Burbidge/Chippendale tradition of celebrating the spring flowering with the 42nd annual Black Mountain wildflower ramble. Discover the surprising diversity of tiny orchids, bush peas, wattles and billy buttons with experienced guides, easy bush tracks and good company. All welcome. BYO morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes. **Please book with Jean.**

**13 October SUNDAY WALK
LAKE GINNINDERRA AND
MT ROGERS**

Map:- Canberra Street Map

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Departs **9.30am** from John Knight Park, Townsend Place, Belconnen.

Head north around Lake, take underpass at Ginninderra Drive and follow Ginninderra Ck to Melba. From there proceed in parkland thru Spence and up Mt Rogers for lunch with views. Return via bike paths thru Melba and Florey and along western shore of Lake. Afternoon tea Belconnen.

Distance about 12 km.

**17-19 October PACK-WALK
BUDAWANGS**

Map:- Endrick 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D/E

Leader:- Philip

A three-day walk in the Budawangs from the Nerriga entrance to Morton National Park.

Walk to a campsite near The Vines via the Red Grounds Track where we'll spend two nights. On the second day walk to Folly Point and back with day packs. Good views. A mixture of track, some overgrown, and off track as well as river crossings.

Contact leader for more details. Bookings by **Monday 14th October**, preferably by email. Limit of 8.

Drive: 270-km, \$110 per car

**20 October SUNDAY WALK
MONGA NATIONAL PARK**

Map:- Monga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/C/D

Leader:- Barrie

Meet **8:30am** at Spotlight carpark east of Queanbeyan on the Kings Highway.

Come and experience the beauty of a crystal clear creek beneath tall tree ferns and plumwood rain forest. Walk from Dasyurus picnic area, off track up the creek, (mostly easy walking over humus rich forest floor) then a short, scrubby, steep climb to overgrown logging trails for return to Dasyurus picnic area before proceeding up to 3-km along track looking for *Telopea mongaensis* in flower. Distance about 12-km and 320-m climb.

Drive 180-km, \$72 per car

19-20 October **PACK-WALK**

WESTERMANS HOMESTEAD

Map:- Yaouk & Shannons Flat 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Steven

A lazy camp at Westermans Homestead with easy walks to explore the Grassy creek area. Pack walk in 1 or 2-km from the road to the homestead on fire-trails and track without much climb. Day walks to explore the surrounding area mainly on fire-trails but with some cross country following animal trails and tracks.

Expressions of interest before **12th Oct.**

Drive: 160-km, \$64 per car

26 October **SATURDAY WORK PARTY**

BROOM REMOVAL

BRAYSHAW'S to WESTERMANS

Leader:- Martin

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 Namadgi NP 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 Namadgi Visitors' Centre **9:00am.**

Drive: 90-km, \$36 per car

27 October **SUNDAY WALK**

CHASING THE PAST -

MT GININI AREA

Joint BBC/NPA Activity

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D

Leader:- Barrie

From Ginini Car Park, downhill to Cheyenne & Morass Flats to old arboretum. Then look for remains of old forestry hut on Stockyard Creek. Ascend to fire trail on Stockyard Spur, thence to Stockyard Gap & hopefully find remains of another hut. Back to cars, drive to Franklin car park, walk along track to summit and remains of old ski tow. Return home with another stop to try to find border markers alongside road. A great walk in our lovely high country. Possibility of wild flowers. 300 m climb.

Meet at Weston, leaving at **7:00am.**

Drive: 160 km, \$64 per car

27 October **SUNDAY WALK**

MOUNT GUDGENBY

Map:- Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/D/E

Leader:- Trevor

Meet Kambah Village shops by **8:00am**

A long day from the Yankee Hat carpark conquering one of the ACT's iconic peaks. The views from the top are well worth the sometimes very steep and challenging climb of about 720-m. See the Boboyan pines regeneration area from above. Involves some rock scrambling and regrowth scrub. Fit walkers only.

Drive: 100-km, \$40 per car

29-31 October

MID-WEEK 3-DAY WORK PARTY
DANANBILLA NATURE
RESERVE

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a continuation of the fence removal work undertaken in the period March to June. Unlike the previous work parties, this one will be three days long to allow for a one day visit to some of the conservation sites within the Nature Reserve. The work party will be self catered but accommodation details are to be advised. NPWS will provide tools

Drive: 400km, \$160 per car.

2-3 November **2-DAY PACK WALK**

MOUNT NAMADGI

Joint NPA/BBC Activity

Map:- Rendezvous Ck & Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 C/D/E

Leader:- Barrie

Walk from Yankee Hat carpark up Middle Creek to camp in the vicinity of Creamy Flat. Ascend Mt Namadgi next morning before returning to cars the same way. Distance about 14-km and the total height gain is about 800-m. About one half is off track, with scrubby regrowth, some thick. Numbers limited.

If interested contact the leader before **19th Oct.**, when walk will be confirmed.

Drive: 120-km, \$48 per car

9 November **SATURDAY WALK**

WYANBENE TRIG

Map:- Krawarree 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/DE/F

Leader:- Philip

Start from the Wyanbene Caves picnic area in Deua National Park, head west for about a kilometre before climbing to Wyanbene Trig and heading east to the Minuma Range. Then north-east along the range towards Appletree Mountain. Return via a more westerly, flatter route. Total climb of about 600-m, some steep.

Meet **8:00am** at Spotlight carpark east of Queanbeyan on the Kings Highway.

Drive: 200-km, \$80 per car

10 November **SUNDAY WALK**

CENTRAL MOLONGLO &
KAMA WOODLAND

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Esther

The walk starts high and morning tea will feature expansive views over the Molonglo Valley. We will descend 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 future Central Molonglo housing development. Come enjoy it before the developers arrive.

Meet at Kama Woodland carpark on north side of Wm Hovell Dr (approx. 5 km from Glenlock Interchange) at **9:00am.** A short car shuffle will be involved.

15-17 November **RELAXED PACK-WALK**

RENDEZVOUS CK VALLEY

Map:- Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther

From the Boboyan Road, this is a mostly level walk up Rendezvous Creek to camp for 2 nights on a grassy knoll where orchids may be in bloom. On the second day enjoy the bush surrounding the camp at your leisure (bring your sketch pad, camera or Kindle) 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 the same route on Sunday.

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

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

17 November **SUNDAY WALK**

NUNGAR PLAIN, MONARO RANGE

Map:- Denison 1:25,000

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

Leader:- Brian

Depart from the Kambah Village shops at **7:00am.**

Drive via Adaminaby and park north of Snowy Mts Hwy just before Park entrance. Proceed north on Gavel's Hut Trail to the Hut. After a break, continue north on trail, watching for golden moth orchids, before turning west and climbing 200m to the Monaro Range for lunch.

Turn south on range, descending either to Hut or continuing and descending at Goorudee Rivulet. Follow outward track back to vehicles.

Steep climbs and some scrubby sections. 13 km. Afternoon tea Adaminaby (if we are lucky).

Drive: 230km, 92 per car

23 Nov - 1 Dec, **PACK-WALK**

COWOMBAT FLAT &
TIN MINES, KNP

Map:- Jacobs Creek 1:100,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Di

A nine-day, eight-night pack-walk from the Benamba Road, Victoria along the Australian Alps Walking Track, AAWT, to camp at Bulley Creek (1-night), at Cowombat Flat (2-nights) and at Tin Mines Hut (2-nights).

Return by the Ingeegoodbee Track to MacFarlane Flat and back to cars via Cowombat Flat (further 3-nights).

Side trips to the source of the Murray River, The Pilot and/or The Cobberas.

Enjoy the peaks and valleys. See the area before its further degraded by feral horses and horse riding groups.

Expressions of Interest to leader before **Monday 18th Nov.** Numbers limited to 10.

**23 November Saturday WORK PARTY
RAILWAY EASEMENT NATIVE
PLANT PLOTS - WEEDING**

Leader:- Martin

There are 12 NPWS-managed native flower trial plots (each a few metres square) along a 20km stretch of the Royalla – Cooma railway. We last visited this area in November 2009 when we felt the weeds were cleared. Given a few wet summers, the situation may have changed. The work party will attend to weeding and any other appropriate activities at as many of these sites that can be accessed. Transport throughout the day will be via normal car-pooling arrangements.

Bring gloves - other tools provided.

Meet Kambah Village shops by **8:30am**.

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

**24 November SUNDAY WALK
PEAK 1409, TIDBINBILLA**

Map:- Tidbinbilla & Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Trevor

A walk to the un-named peak referred to as peak 1409 on the map, about 3-km south of Fishing Gap although it's a long 3-km, with rough ground and regrowth scrub to deal with. The reward is a close-up view of the impressive expanse of sheer rock that flanks this peak on its northern side, as well as wider views over the Cotter catchment & western slopes of the Tidbinbillas. Total distance 12-14-km, about half on the Fishing Gap fire road. A total climb of 600-700 m.

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

Drive: 60-km, \$24 per car

**1 December SUNDAY WALK
KNP - KANGAROO RIDGE
Mt STILWELL**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Steve

The walk will only proceed if the weather is suitable.

We stroll up the Kosciuszko track from Charlotte Pass carpark to the southern end of Kangaroo Ridge. Kangaroo ridge comprises many rocky peaks some of which offer great views. From Mt Stilwell we join the foot track to the car park.

Please register your interest with the leader by **Saturday 30th Nov** for details.

Drive: 400-km, \$160 per car

NPA Christmas Party

Sunday, 8 December

**NIL DESPERANDUM
from 11:30am**



Contact: any NPA committee members

This year we plan to hold our Christmas Party at the Nil Desperandum homestead, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Access details will be advised later.

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.

**10-15 December PACK-WALK
SNOWY MOUNTAINS CIRCUIT**

Joint NPA/BBC Activity

Map:- Mt Perisher 1:25,000

Leader:- Barrie

This walk combines walking with full overnight backpacks to camping spots in the Main Range with day pack walks. This is a lovely walk to see wildflowers which are not generally seen later in the season. Although of 5-6 days duration this will not be an arduous walk and would suit those wanting to move out of day walks into above the tree-line pack-walking as long as they are fit, good walkers and have gear suitable for the high country. The walking will be mainly off track in the usual low scrubby stuff found above the tree-line.

Day 1 : a morning walk with full packs to a camp site on Club Creek followed by an afternoon walk to Club Lake. Day 2: a day walk to the Sentinel possibly via Blue Lake. Day 3: move camp site : a morning walk over Mt Clarke to a camp site in Wilkinson's Valley and an afternoon walk up onto one of the Abbotts. Day 4: a day walk to Lake Albina and Mt Townsend. Day 5: either walk out or walk on to a last camp site near the North Ramshead. Day 6: (possible) walk out from North Ramshead, down the Snowy River Valley to the Kosciuszko track and down to Charlottes Pass.

Expressions of interest to leader before **Saturday 23rd Nov**. Numbers limited.