



NPA Bulletin

National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory Inc

NPA OUTINGS PROGRAM

January – December 2014

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 and 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, and environmental or field guide studies.

Wednesday Walks (WW) are medium or somewhat harder walks arranged on a joint NPA, BBC (*Brindabella Bushwalking Club*) and CBC (*Canberra Bushwalking Club*) basis for fit and experienced club walkers. Notification and details are only emailed to club members registered for WW. Only NPA hosted WW are shown in this program. For WW email registration, contact the *Outings Convener*.

*NPA members undertaking walks or other activities in this program are advised they should have **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE** or, at least, **AMBULANCE COVER** in case of an accident requiring evacuation by ambulance or helicopter.*

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* by email to 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.

4 January SATURDAY WALK**THE SENTINEL, KNP****Map:-** Perisher 1:25,000**Grading:-** 2 A**Leader:-** Mike B

We follow the Main Range Track from Charlottes Pass for about 5-km then follow a foot track to The Sentinel for magnificent views to the west. Return by the same route. There may be some rock scrambling. 800-m total climb.

Please book with the leader by the night before for weather check and departure details.

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car

6-8 January PACK WALK**CLYDE & HOLLAND GORGES****Map:-** Corang 1:25,000**Grading:-** 3 A/D/E**Leader:-** Philip

A three-day walk in the southern Budawangs starting from Yadboro. On day one walk via Castle Gap to the Clyde River and set up camp soon after reaching the river for two nights. Next day explore upstream into Hollands Gorge. Return to Yadboro along the Clyde River on day three. A mixture of track and off-track, numerous river crossings, rock scrambling, rock hopping and patches of thick scrub. Numerous swimming opportunities. A climb of 400-m on day one and shorter climbs on other days.

Contact leader for more details and bookings by **Friday 3 January**, preferably by email. Limit of 8.

Drive: 360-km \$150 per car

Wed 8 January SOCIAL EVENT**MAPPING OUR WORLD: TERRA INCOGNITO TO AUSTRALIA, NATIONAL LIBRARY****Leader:-** Graham

Meet in National Library Foyer at 10am. Free booking made for 15, contact leader to ensure place. Follow with light lunch if desired.

This remarkable exhibition brings together some of the world's greatest map collections, maps, atlases, globes and scientific instruments, many of which have never before been seen in the southern hemisphere.

More details are on NPA website www.npaact.org.au

11 January SATURDAY WALK**SQUARE ROCK****Map:-** Corin Dam 1:25,000**Grading:-** 2 A/C**Leader:-** Steven

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:30am**. An easy walk to Square Rock for views over Namadgi NP to Canberra through semi alpine forest. A return distance of around 12-km.

Drive: 75-km, \$30 per car

12 January SUNDAY WALK**TEDDY'S HUT, KNP****Map:-** Chimneys Ridge 1:25,000**Grading:-** 3 A/B**Leader:-** Brian

Depart **6.30am** and drive past Thredbo to Cascade Trail (Dead Horse Gap). Follow Thredbo River east to its source before turning left to find Teddy's Hut for lunch in glorious isolation. Return via Brindle Bull Hill. Walk of about 16-km with some off track. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne.

Contact leader in advance for departure point and weather check.

Drive: 420km, \$168/car + NP entry fee

19 January SUNDAY WALK**ONE TREE HILL****Map:** Hall 1:25 000**Grading:** 1 A**Leader:** Steve

Morning walk to avoid heat of day. Meet **8.30am** at Hall Post Office (western side of Victoria St, between Gladstone and Loftus Sts). Follow new Centenary Trail to One Tree Hill. Good views. Return same way. Walk 9-km, climb 220-m plus some undulations.

Brunch at Hall.

Thurs 23 January SOCIAL EVENT**CANBERRA'S EARLY BUSH SCHOOLS and TEACHERS****Leader:-** Graham

Meet at Hall School Museum at 10am. Entry free but gold coin donation welcomed. Lunch at delightful local Gumnut Café if desired but contact leader so table can be reserved.

This exhibition tells the stories of the small and scattered bush schools captured by the Federal Capital Territory in 1911 and still in operation in 1913 when the city was named. It includes their teachers and the families and communities they served. The first of these schools opened in 1870 and the last, Hall and Tharwa, closed in 2006

More details are on NPA website www.npaact.org.au

24-28 January PACK WALK**ETTREMA GORGE***Joint NPA/BBC Activity***Map:-** Touga, Yalwal 1:25,000**Grading:-** 1 D/E/F**Leader:** Eric

A five-day pack walk in Ettrema Gorge beyond Nerriga. Proposed entry into the 450-m deep gorge is via Transportation Spur and exit via Tullyangela Creek. Total compulsory walking will be around 25/30 kilometres, with optional side trips. The walk is all off track with rock scrambling and rock hopping. Pace will be moderate to allow time to enjoy the gorge's beauty and to sample the numerous crystal clear pools along the route.

Contact leaders for more detail. Bookings by **17 Jan** by email or telephone.

Drive: 330-km, \$130 per car

2 February SUNDAY WALK**CENTENARY TRAIL****Map:-** Canberra 1:25,000**Grading:-** 2 A/B**Leader:-** Esther

Walk a section of the new Centenary Trail.

Details will be available on the NPA website, www.npaact.org.au the week before the walk.

9 February SUNDAY WALK**MUELLER PEAK, KNP****Map:** Perisher Valley 1:25 000**Grading:** 2 A/C**Leader:** Brian

Depart **6.45am**. Drive to Charlotte Pass, 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 in Jindabyne.

Contact leader for departure place and weather check.

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

14 February FIELD TRIP**MCLEODS CREEK NATURE RESERVE****Leader:-** Kevin

This is a field trip with Threatened Species Officer from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Rainer Rehwinkel. The reserve 2-km east of Gundaroo was created in Aug-2010. It is a natural temperate grassland and Box-Gum woodland with endangered ecological communities and a floristically diverse dry forest community. Restoration of the Box-Gum woodland is progressing.

More details on the NPA website, www.npaact.org.au

Either meet at Kambah Village shops by **8:15am** for car-pooling or drive direct to Gundaroo and meet by **9:00am** at the café.

15 February SATURDAY WALK
COMPO CANYON, GOOGONG

Map: Captains Flat 1:25 000

Grading: 2 A/C/E

Leader: Mike S

Meet Kingston Railway Station carpark for departure at **8.30am**.

A walk from carpark at the southern end of Googong Reservoir past London Bridge limestone arch, cross Queanbeyan River at Curley Falls to Compo Canyon. Return to cars along fire-trails crossing river at Gelnignite Crossing. Footwear for crossing rivers would be advisable.

Drive: 50-km, \$20 per car

16 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 only 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 Twynam 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 + NP entry.

15-21 February PACK WALK
SNOWY MTS, KNP

Map:- Toolong & Jagungal 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C/D

Leader:- Dave

Six days actual walking, two days for Canberra to Round Mt and return. Repeat of a 2008 circuit from Round Mt to Jagungal and back, with slight variations.

A short walk to Round Mt hut for the first night, then Hellhole Ck, Tooma River (camp), Pretty Plain Hut (camp), head of Pretty Plain Ck, Strumbo Trail (overgrown and scrubby), Grey Mare Hut (camp), south of Tarn Bluff (camp), Mt Jagungal, O'Keefe's Hut (camp), Farm Ridge back to Round Mt. Some walking off-track.

Contact leader early for info and to book in. Numbers limited.

Drive: 500-km, \$200 per car

23 February SUNDAY WALK
FOUR MILE HUT, KNP

Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Steven

Meet Kambah Village shops at **7:30am**. A walk from Kiandra to Four Mile Hut. A return distance of around 16 to 18 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, \$108 per car

22-23 Feb WEEKEND WORK PARTY
UPPER COTTER

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a continuation of those conducted in 2013. The activity will concentrate on briars immediately north of the Hut and others along Lick Hole and Murray Gap Fire Trails. The work party will involve an overnight stay, so numbers are limited by the in-hut accommodation. Call leader by **18 Feb** for bookings.

Drive: 94-km, \$38 per car

2 March SUNDAY WALK
GOOGONG DAM

Map:- ACT 1:100,000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Neville

An easy walk at the southern end of Googong dam visiting London Bridge, London Bridge homestead, and Washpen Crossing. Distance about 10km and all grades are fairly gentle. This is a chance to catch up on some of the natural and cultural delights to the east of the ACT.

Meet Canberra Railway Station **8:30am**.

Drive: 50-km, \$20 per car

7 - 10 March PACK WALK
ETTREMA GORGE

Joint NPA/CBC Activity

Map:- Nerriga 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 D/E/F

Leader:- Eric & Pat

A four-day pack-walk in Ettrema Gorge, Morton National Park beyond Nerriga. The walk will be in the area between Bullfrog Creek and Sentrybox Canyon. We will have just one or perhaps two campsites and most of the walking in the gorge will be with day packs.

I want to limit the walking with full backpacks to allow time for exploring, swimming, photography, drawing and general enjoyment of this beautiful area.

Contact leaders for details and bookings.

Drive:- 330-km, \$130 per car

8-10 March PACK WALK
Mt CLEAR & THE NAAS

Map:- Colinton & Bredbo 1:25,000

Grading:- 1/3/1 A/F/A

Leader:- Steven

Contact Leader by Thursday before walk.

A walk from the Mt Clear car park along the Naas towards Demanding Hut to a campsite on Naas Creek. Next day an optional off track daywalk to the summit of Mt Clear. Walk out the third day. If the weather is right the views from Mt Clear towards Bredbo and the Tinderry mountains should be good while a quiet camp beside the Naas means climbing with full packs is kept to minimum.

Drive: 150-km, \$50 per car

MID-WEEK 3-DAY WORK PARTIES
DANANBILLA NATURE

RESERVE

Leader:- Martin

Dates – 12-14 March, 14-16 April and 27-29 May

These work parties will be a continuation of the fence removal and other works undertaken in 2013. Unlike the previous work parties, these 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.

Contact leader for more details.

Drive:- 400 km, \$160 per car.

16 March SUNDAY WALK
TEMPLE OF DOOM

Joint NPA/BBC activity

Map:- Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/D/E

Leader:- Eric

Join 'Indiana' Eric in his quest for the 'Temple of Doom'. Meet at Kambah Village shops at **8:30am**.

From the Nursery Creek car park head up to the Nursery Creek saddle. From there follow Nursery Creek upstream on a rough foot pad, then off track to the north and east the area informally called 'Orroral Plateau'. Here we will search for the granite faced 'Temple of Doom' with its mysterious passages. Don't forget a torch to explore these passages. About 8-km and around 450-m of climb, half on track and half rough scrub.

Drive: 85-km, \$35 per car

22-23 Mar WEEKEND WORK PARTY
UPPER COTTER

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a continuation of those conducted in 2013.

The activity will concentrate on briars immediately north of the Hut and others along Lick Hole and Murray Gap Fire Trails. The work party will involve an overnight stay, so numbers are limited by the in-hut accommodation.

Call leader by **18 March** for bookings.

Drive: 94-km, \$38 per car

29-30 March **PACK WALK****Mt GUDGENBY, NAMADGI NP**

Map:- Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/B/E

Leader:- Rupert, Kevin

A night with the grand views from Gudgenby's summit. From Yankee Hat car park follow a foot pad to the SE saddle (6km+300m) then off-track up a steep spur (+2km+300m) to the granite slabs that ring the top (½km+150m). Camp on the slabs beyond. Sunday return the same way. Carry at least 4 litres of water.

Contact leader early. Limit of 10.

Drive:- 160-km, \$64 per car

30 March **SUNDAY WALK****O'CONNOR & BRUCE RIDGES
BLACK MOUNTAIN**

Map:- Canberra Street Directory

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Margaret

Meet at the Canberra Nature Reserve sign on Dryandra Street, between the corners of Archibald and Wattle streets, Lyneham, at 10.00 am. Follow walking tracks across O'Connor Ridge, then across to Bruce Ridge. After walking up and over Bruce Ridge, we'll cross Belconnen Way then ascend Black Mount on a track less travelled. At the top we'll do a circuit, stopping for lunch, then descend via the main Summit Track. From the bottom we'll wind around to the north, then across to O'Connor Ridge and back to the cars taking a slightly different track back to the one we followed in the morning. 11km, with total ascents of approx 350m, including one or two steepish stretches.

Afternoon tea at Tilley's.

4 – 7 April **PACK WALK****BUDAWANG CIRCUIT**

Joint NPA / BBC Activity

Map:- Corang, Endrick 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D/E/F

Leader:- Philip

This walk is from the Sassafras entrance to Morton NP. The highlights include Folly Point, Holland Gorge, Crooked Falls, Mt Tarn, Styles Plain and the Vines. While some of the walk is on track (overgrown in places), thick scrub, creek crossings, rock scrambling, rock hopping and steep climbs are also involved. The main climb out of Holland Gorge is about 700m. Total distance is over 40-km.

Contact leader by Monday 31 March for bookings and more details. Limit of 8.

Drive:- 300-km, \$120 per car.

5 April **SATURDAY WALK****HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT****ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL**

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

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Steven

This walk is part of the ACT Heritage Festival, theme "Journeys". Bookings are essential, ring or email leader for details, bookings and the meeting time and point.

A walk along the Settlers Trail to the ruins of the Tin Dish School. Follow the paths of the daily journey of children that attended the Tin Dish school house of the Boboyan subsidised school. This easy walk visits Brayshaw's Hut and Westerman's Homestead and the ruins of the school house. A return distance of around 10 km.

Car pooling may be available if desired.

Drive:- 160 km, \$64 per car

6 April **SUNDAY WALK****PRESIDENTS WALK
HORSE GULLY AND
DEMANDING HUTS**

Map:- Colinton 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Rod

Join Rod, the NPA President, on this walk to Demanding and Horse Gully Huts in southern Namadgi. The walk commences at the carpark near the Mt Clear campground and is mainly on the Naas Valley Fire Trail which follows Naas Creek. There are several creek crossings along the way that could be wet especially after rain (bring appropriate footwear).

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

Drive:- 160 km, \$64 per car

13 April **SUNDAY WALK****Mt TENNENT, BUSHFOLD FLATS**

Map:- Williamsdale 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Margaret

This is a 17km walk, with total ascents of approx 900m. Walk from Namadgi Visitors Centre up the Mt Tennent track to the summit for morning tea. Then follow the Mt Tennant fire trail down to where it joins up with the trail to Bushfolds Flats, stopping for lunch at Bushfolds Hut (aka Read's Hut). After lunch we'll continue onto to Bushfolds Flats, joining up with the Australian Alps Walking Track, which we'll follow up to where it joins the Mt Tennant track, then back down to the Visitors Centre.

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

Drive: 40-km, \$16 per car

19 April **SATURDAY DRIVE/WALK****HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT
GLENBURN/BURBONG
HISTORIC PRECINCT**

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Col

The area was first settled by Europeans in 1831. Visit several historic sites and talk about some of the journeys the settlers made to establish a vibrant community that is no more. Some came from England and Ireland as convicts and free settlers. There are some wonderful stories.

Meet **9:00am** Kingston railway station.

Drive:- 50 km, \$20 per car

26 April **SATURDAY WORK PARTY****STOCKYARD ARBORETUM**

Leader:- Martin

We last visited this site in May 2011. This work party will continue the task of searching for and removing pine wildings. With luck it will be no more than a monitoring and maintenance exercise. 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 Coleman Court (behind MacDonald's) at **8:15am**.

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

16 – 24 April **PACK WALK****'WALLS' TO OVERLAND
TRACK, TASMANIA**

Joint NPA / CBC Activity

Grading:- 2 A/D/E

Leaders:- Rupert / Philip

Australia's only winter deciduous shrub, *Fagus*, (*Nothofagus gunii*), reaches peak autumn colours about Anzac Day. Our route takes us from the intricacies of the Walls of Jerusalem past alpine tarns fringed with *Fagus* and *Huon Pine* to a camp high above the Mersey River, where there is a grand panorama of 'The Reserve'. From the Overland Track we'll climb Mt Ossa (the State's highest), and exit through Lees Paddocks.

Contact either leader promptly preferably by email. Limit of 6.

26 – 28 April **PACK WALK****Mt OLYMPUS, LAKE ST CLAIR,
TASMANIA**

Joint NPA / CBC Activity

Grading:- 2 A/D/E/F

Leaders:- Rupert / Philip

We'll ascend from Lake St Clair through grand myrtle forest to camp by hidden tarns ringed with *Fagus*, and from the nearby tops, views over half the State

Contact either leader promptly preferably by email. Limit of 6.

This is an optional add-on to the 'Walls' to Overland Track walk by Rupert and Philip detailed above

**4 May 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 at Kambah Village Shops at **8.30am**

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

**10 May SATURDAY WALK
DEVILS PEAK FROM
BLUNDELLS FLAT**

Map:- Cotter Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Trevor

Start at Blundells Flat. After paying a brief visit to the Coree Falls continue up the southern slope of Devils Peak to reach its summit. Then go north through reasonably light scrub to reach Two Sticks Road. It would then be road/fire trail walking to Mt Blundell, followed by a descent along an old, closed vehicle track/firebreak which may be somewhat overgrown 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 Cooleman Court Shops carpark, near "Maccas" at **8:00am**

Drive: 60-km, \$24 per car

**11 May SUNDAY WALK
MT BUDAWANG**

Map:- Braidwood 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Brian

Depart the Kingston Railway Station carpark at **8.30am**. Drive via Braidwood and Mongarlowe to park at intersection of Budawang and Mt Budawang Roads. Follow road to base of mountain and climb old road before connecting to fire trail. Lunch on summit. Views to sea and peaks of Budawang NP. Return via fire trail. Approx. 11 km. Afternoon tea Braidwood.

Drive:- 200-km, \$80 per car.

**24 May SATURDAY WORK PARTY
BENDORA ARBORETUM**

Leader:- Martin

We last visited this site in May 2010. This work party will involve the removal of wilding pines from around Bendora Arboretum and eucalypts and other natives from within. Hopefully, the task will be one of maintenance. Please bring gloves and a bush saw – some tools will be provided. Meet at Cooleman Court (behind MacDonald's) at **8:15am**.

Drive:- 86-km, \$35 per car

**25 May SUNDAY WALK
MOUNT GINGERA**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B/C

Leader:- Steve

See top views from Mt Gingera. Access is from Mt Ginini car park. After visiting the southern summit we head to Brumby Flat; find a place for lunch with a view and then to the northern summit before returning to the cars.

Meet at Cooleman shops carpark (near McDonalds) at **8.00am**

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

**23 – 25 May PACK WALK
LIGHT TO LIGHT TRACK
BEN BOYD NP**

Maps:- Kiah, Eden 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Rupert

The Light at the south end of this track is at Green Cape, and it beams out faithfully every night. At the north end is Boyds Tower, never a lighthouse but it remains a silent witness to an extraordinary person. In between is a track that winds through heaths and forest, often close to beaches, layered cliffs, twisted headlands and surf-surged platforms. The distance of 30km breaks into three gentle days - we'll bush-camp away from the established grounds (and a fee of \$10/night) to get the best views of sunrise and surf, but will need two cars to allow the end-to-end walk.

Contact leader after **15 March**.

Drive: Approx 720km, \$290/car + NP fees

**31 May SATURDAY 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 Orroral valley to the ruins of the Orroral valley tracking station.

An early lunch at the historic Orroral Homestead in which the NPA was involved in its preservation/restoration.

Drive:- 95-km, \$38 per car

**15 June SUNDAY WALK
NORTHERN ACT BORDER**

Maps:- Hall 1:25,000 or Canberra

Centenary Trail map sections 2 & 3

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Brian

Meet **8:30am** at Mulligans Flat Rd carpark, on left and just north-east of Henry Williams St, Bonner.

Take shortcut north to Oak Hill and from there follow Canberra Centenary Trail west to One Tree Hill and on to Hall. Scenic with some steep climbs. Approx. 16 km. Car shuffle involved.

**22 June SUNDAY WALK
CAPTAINS FLAT PANCAKES AND
THE BIG HOLE**

Map:- Kain 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet Canberra Railway station **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.

Drive: 180 km, \$72 per car

**28 June SATURDAY WORK PARTY
STONEY CREEK NATURE
RESERVE – PINE CONTROL**

Leader:- Martin

This work party is in a new area for the NPA. Stoney Creek NR is between Casuarina Sands and Uriarra Crossing on the Murrumbidgee R. The activity will be concentrated towards the Casuarina Sands end of the Reserve where there are some 'bush-saw sized' pines. Meet at Cooleman Court (behind MacDonald's) at **8:30am**.

Drive: 30 km, \$12 per car

**29 June, SATURDAY WALK
GORILLA ROCK AND
BOOROOMBA ROCKS**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D/E

Leader:- Barrie

See the lifelike Gorilla Rock and great views from Booroomba Rocks. About ²/₃ of walk is on foot track. Walk commences and ends at the Honeysuckle Creek Camp Ground.

Please ring leader by **6:00pm Saturday 28 June** for details if intending to come.

Drive: 75 km, \$30 per car

**2-4 July MID-WEEK WORK PARTY
DANANBILLA NATURE RESERVE**

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a continuation of the fence removal and other works undertaken in previous work parties. The work party will be self catered but accommodated at the old homestead. NPWS will provide tools

Drive: 400 km, \$160 per car.

**5 July SATURDAY WALK
SETTLERS TRACK**

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

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Steven

A pleasant day walk on walking tracks in southern Namadgi National Park of about 10 to 11 km visiting the Westermans Homestead, Waterhole Hut, Brayshaws Hut and the ruins of the Tin Dish school.

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

Drive: 160 km, \$60 per car

13 July SUNDAY WALK
GOOGONG DAM – BRADLEYS CREEK
Map: Hoskinstown 1:25,000
Grading: 2 A
Leader: Brian
 Depart **8:30am** from the Kingston Railway Station and drive to Googong Dam. From the picnic area climb fire trails east and south to Gorman's Trig then on to Bradleys Creek for lunch. Return by the same way.
 Drive: 40 km, \$16 per car

19 – 31 July CAR CAMPING TRIP
DOWN THE DARLING RIVER
Leader:- Graham
 Follow the Darling River visiting Brewarrina, Bourke, Gundabooka NP, Louth, Trilby, Paroo NP, Wilcannia, Pooncarrie, Kinchega NP and Wentworth. Details of camping and accommodation as well as places to visit have not yet been finalised but we will get together beforehand for fine-tuning with advice on previous trips by others.
 Contact Graham early for more info and bookings. Limit of 8.

20 July SUNDAY WALK
TATE WEST RIDGE (SNOWSHOES)
Maps:- Perisher Valley & Geehi Dam 1:25 000
Grading:- 2 B (on snow)
Leader:- Brian
 Departs **6:15am**. Drive to Guthega carpark. Climb Guthega Ridge and cross Consett Stephen Pass to Tate West Ridge. Great views to Watsons Crags. Return route similar or possibly via Mt Tate. Some steep climbs. Afternoon tea 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

26 July SATURDAY WORK PARTY
LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT WILDING PINES
Leader:- Martin
 This work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken previously. The area is being rehabilitated following the removal of the pine plantation. The work will be in the native forest above the Brindabella Road – a pine hot spot that needs a more attention. Bring loppers and/or bush saw and gloves. Meet Cooleman Court shops (near McDonalds) at **9:00am**.
 Drive: 45 km, \$18 per car

27 July SUNDAY WALK
BURRA CREEK FROM LONDON BRIDGE PICNIC AREA
Map:- Williamsdale & Captains Flat 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/C/D/E
Leader:- Barrie
 Come and explore the lovely Burra Creek as it winds its way through its attractive gorge. We start at London Bridge picnic area and walk to Burra, closely following the Creek. Most of this is off track, but easy walking although there is rock hopping. The return is a mixture of grassland with good views and fire trail, with stops at London Bridge Homestead and Arch. A most pleasant walk for a winter's day.
 Please ring leader by **6:00pm Saturday 26 July** for details if intending to come.
 Drive: 40 km, \$16 per car

3 August SUNDAY WALK
SASSAFRAS MOUNTAIN
Map:- Endrick & Nerriga 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/D/E/F
Leader:- Philip
 Early start. Partly exploratory walk in the Budawangs, from the Nerriga entrance to Morton NP. First 4 km on track, including wading the Endrick River, then north off track to Gilberts Gap. Look for a negotiable route on to the Sassafras massif, east of the gap. Rock scrambling likely. Climb 400m.
 Contact leader by **Friday 1 August** for transport arrangements and departure time

10 August SUNDAY SKI TOUR
FOUR MILE HUT
Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map
Grading:- 3 A
Leader:- Steven
 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 getting to the snow in recent years. Route and objective will depend on snow conditions and party. Will proceed from Kiandra if sufficient snow otherwise vehicle park entry fees will need to be allowed for access to Selwyn.
 Contact leader by **Thursday 7 August** for arrangements and weather forecast.
 Drive: 300 km, \$108 per car

17 August SUNDAY WALK
LITTLE TWYNAM (SNOWSHOES)
Maps:- Perisher Valley 1:25 000
Grading:- 2 B (on snow)
Leader:- Brian
 Depart **6:15am** and drive to Guthega. Proceed via Illawong and follow Twynam Creek on the north and west side to Little Twynam. Very steep in parts. Return on opposite side of Twynam Creek. Magnificent views. Afternoon tea 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.

23 August SATURDAY WORK PARTY
RABBIT WARREN MAPPING, GUDGENBY VALLEY
Leader:- Martin
 PCS has been conducting large scale rabbit control work in the Gudgenby Valley and the current program will conclude in June. They have sought our assistance to determine whether any new warrens have been developed in the area. Bring a GPS if you have one.
 Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:15am**.
 Drive: 80 km, \$32 per car.

24 August SATURDAY WALK
RIDGE OF STONE
Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000
Grading:- 2 A/B
Leader:- Mike S
 An relatively easy walk along the Ridgeline overlooking the Orroral Valley visiting various rocky outcrops including 'Legoland', 'Elephants Nest', 'Cloisters' and 'Belfry'. Will drive up to ridgeline carpark so there is little climbing and the walk is mostly on bush track. Scrambling around the rock outcrops is optional but part of the enjoyment. Great views to the Brindabellas and into Orroral Valley.
 Meet Kambah Village Shops at **8:30am**
 Drive: 80 km, \$32 per car

31 August 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 tea in the cork oak plantation. Then wander around Black Mt Nature Reserve with lunch at the top (200m climb) before returning to 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**.

**7 September SUNDAY WALK
NATIONAL ARBORETUM
(BY THE BACK DOOR)**

Map:- Canberra 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 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 on the Aranda side of Bindubi St under the powerline (about 1 km from William Hovell Drive) at **9:00am**.

**14 September SUNDAY WALK
PRETTY POINT (SNOWSHOES)**

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

Grading:- 1 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:45am**. Take Kosciuszko Rd. to Dainers Gap. Head south to Moon Rock and Pretty Point and explore area across to Thompsons Plain or Pipers Ck. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. If snow is inadequate, an alternative destination will be chosen.

Suitable for beginners (Talk to leader: basic requirements are boots, snowshoes, poles). For this outing participants can hire snowshoes at Paddy Pallin, Jindabyne.

Book with leader for weather check, departure point and car arrangements (chains may be required).

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

**Saturday 20 Sept. CULTURAL TOUR
ACT PARKS MURUMBUNG
YURUNG MURRA**

Free guided walk for NPA members and family starting at **9:30am** at the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Visitors Centre. Bookings essential at murra@act.gov.au. See website for full details.

**21 September, 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. An early lunch on the veranda of the historic Orroral Homestead which the NPA was involved in its preservation/restoration. Continue on to the tracking station ruins and then return by route on opposite side of Orroral River.

Drive: 95 km, \$38 per car

**27 Sept SATURDAY WORK PARTY
PRYORS HUT, PINE CONTROL**

Leader:- Martin

The old pine arboretum adjacent to Pryor's Hut has suffered a break-out with pines seeding into the surrounding area. This work party will locate and/or remove the wildings (depending on the size of individual trees). Bring hand saw, loppers and gloves. This work party is planned to be a combined NPA/CBC activity.

Meet Kambah Village shops at **8:15am**.

Drive: 130 km. \$52 per car

**28 September SUNDAY WALK
COREE FALLS & DEVILS PEAK**

Map:- Cotter Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/D

Leader:- Trevor

Start at Blundells Flat. After paying a brief visit to the Coree Falls continue up the southern slope to Devils Peak. Then north through light scrub to Two Sticks Road and on to Mt Blundell. Off-track descent to Coree Creek and a return to the start. A solid day of at least 15km with a mix of rough going and trail/road walking, climbs/descents totalling around 700m.

Meet Cooleman Court Shops carpark, near "Maccas" at **8:00am**

Drive: 60-km, \$24 per car

**Wed 1 October (School Hols)
WATERWATCH FOR
FAMILIES AND KIDS**

Leader:- Martin, Southern ACT
Catchment Waterwatch Coordinator

At Cotter river picnic area near the Cotter dam and the NPA sign. Starting at **10am** and finishing around 2pm. Participants will learn why water quality is important, how its quality can be measured and good and bad algae. We will be shown how to test water quality, use a collecting net and do a bug count.

Bring lunch, drinks and appropriate clothing. Bookings to Graham Scully scullymob@southernphone.com.au

**5 October SUNDAY WALK
MT KOSCIUSZKO (SNOWSHOES)**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart from Thredbo at **6:15am**. Take Kosciuszko Express Chairlift to top. Follow track to Cootapatamba Lookout and descend to hut. Climb to Mt. Kosciuszko. Return via track. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure. Book for weather check, departure point and car arrangements (chains may be required).

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

**3-4-5 October 3 Day PACK WALK
MT KELLY AND THE TARN**

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

Grading:- 2 A/C, 2 C, 2 A/C

Leader:- Steven

Long weekend walk to Mt Kelly and the Tarn from the Yankee Hat carpark via Sam's Creek. From a campsite on Sam's creek we will climb to a high point, Mt Kelly, overlooking Namadgi for grand 360 degree views before walking down along the ridge to the Tarn, a small lake (if there is water in it!), perched high in the hills before dropping back down to the campsite. Walk out on the third day.

Contact leader for details and to book.

Drive: 160 km, \$60 per car

**11 October SATURDAY RAMBLE
PROGRESS AT
GLENBURN HISTORIC SITES**

Map: Bungendore 1:25,000

Grading: 1 A/B

Leader: Col

A half day walk but bring lunch.

Visit the historic sites and view the major works that have been recently completed at some of them. With luck, the huge pear tree at Colliers orchard will be in full flower. If it is, it's a magnificent spectacle.

Meet at Canberra railway station at **9am**.

Drive 50-km, \$20 per car

**11-12 October CAMP AND WALK
MOUNT SCABBY**

Joint NPA/BBC activity

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

Grading:- 2 B/C/D

Leader:- Mary

The walk involves driving to Rowleys Hut via Kennedys Road on Saturday afternoon. Camp at Rowleys Hut on Saturday night. On Sunday walk off track with a good climb to the summit of Mt Scabby and return. Walk out and drive back to Canberra by Sunday evening.

Total Climb of 610 metres. Travel cost to be advised. Please contact the leader by **8 October** to book in and arrange transport.

**12 October SUNDAY WALK
GORILLA ROCK AND
BOOROOMBA ROCKS**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D/E

Leader:- Barrie

See the lifelike Gorilla Rock and great views from Booroomba Rocks. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the walk is on walking track. The walk commences and ends at the Honeysuckle Creek Camp Ground and Picnic Area.

Please ring leader by **6pm Friday 11 October** for details if intending to come.

Drive 75-km, \$30 per car

15 October Social Event
ARTHUR BOYD EXHIBITION,
NATIONAL GALLERY

Leader:- Graham

Arthur Boyd: Agony and Ecstasy is a major exhibition of Boyd's art including more than 100 works across diverse media: paintings, prints, drawings, ceramic tiles and sculptures, and tapestries. The show is not a retrospective but rather provides the opportunity to take a close look at a number of works that have never or rarely been previously exhibited.

The 10am viewing will be followed by lunch for those interested. Book early with the leader.

18 October SATURDAY WALK
RED ROCKS AND
MURRUMBIDGEE SCENES

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. We can pop up Urambi Hill for views, too if so desired. 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**

19 October SOCIAL EVENT
NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK,
30TH ANNIVERSARY

The NPA will be celebrating this anniversary with a picnic at the Honeysuckle Creek Picnic Area, Apollo Road. Mark it on your calendar. More details will be given in 'Burning Issues' or on the website closer to the event.

25 Oct. Saturday WORK PARTY
BRAYSHAW 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 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: 90km, \$36 per car

26 October SUNDAY WALK
NORTHERN ACT BORDER

Map:- Hall 1:25 000 or Canberra Centenary Trail map sections 2 & 3

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Brian

Meet **8.30am** at Mulligans Flat Road carpark, on left and just north-east of Henry Williams St, Bonner. Take shortcut north to Oak Hill and then follow Canberra Centenary Trail west to One Tree Hill and on to Hall. Scenic with some moderate climbs. 16km. Car shuffle involved.

31 Oct to 2 Nov PACK WALK
BUDAWANGS

Maps:- Nerriga & Endrick 1:25,000

Leader:- Philip

A partly exploratory walk in the Budawangs from the Nerriga entrance to Morton National Park. Head through Gilberts Gap, explore Bulee Brook and Picture Canyon, then south across Sassafras Mountain to the Endrick River. The walk is mostly off track and involves rock scrambling, negotiating cliff lines, patches of thick scrub and wading. Climbs of about 250m. Contact leader, by email, by **Monday 27 Oct** for more details.

Drive: 300-km, \$120 per car

1-2 November
WILDFLOWER CAMP & WALK

Leader:- Graham

An overnight camp at the Honeysuckle camp ground. Campsite bookings need to be made at Namadgi Visitor Centre, phone 6207 2900, \$4.15 per person, mention membership of the NPA.

Sunday will feature a wildflower appreciation walk, talk and gawk led by Adrienne Nicholson. People not intending to camp overnight should arrive at the campsite by **10am**. Bring binoculars, camera, lunch, drinks and appropriate clothing.

2 November SUNDAY WALK
ARANDA BUSHLAND AND
ARBORETUM

Map:- Canberra Street Directory

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Margaret

Meet at **9.00am** in the car park at John Knight Park (Lake Ginninderra), Belconnen.

Walk from Lake Ginninderra, to the Arboretum, via Aranda Bushlands and the Cork Oak Plantation. Some slight alternatives to the route on the return walk, and a detour to have afternoon tea at Altitude Cafe on the way back to the cars. 19.5km, with total ascents of approx 400m.

8 November SATURDAY WALK
MONGA NATIONAL PARK

Map:- Monga 1:25,000

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

Leader:- Barrie

A beautiful rainforest walk not to be missed. Descend steeply from Misty Mountain Road to Sugar Loaf Creek, walk up one tributary, climb a ridge and walk down another tributary. Finish with a climb back to Misty Mountain Road. Creek rock hopping involved, a total ascent about 550 metres. Please call leader for details by 6.00pm

Friday 7th Nov.

Drive: 200-km, \$80 per car

9 November SUNDAY WALK
CENTRAL MOLONGLO AND
KAMA NATURE RESERVE

Maps:- Canberra, Umburra, and Cotter Dam 1:25,000s

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther t

The walk starts at the end of Stockkill Drive and ends at Kama NR. Morning tea features views over the Molonglo Valley and the adjacent area of new urban development. We descend into the valley to follow the river through a rocky gorge to a shady lunch spot. After lunch will return through the Kama NR.

Meet **9am** at Kama NR carpark, William Hovell Drive. A short car shuffle is involved.

16 November Sunday Walk
NUNGAR PLAIN AND
MONARO RANGE

Map:- Denison 1:25,000

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

Leader:- Brian

Depart Kambah Village **7.00am**. Drive via Adaminaby and park near Hwy before Park entrance. Proceed on trail to Gavels Hut. After break, continue on trail, watching for golden moth orchids, before climbing 200m onto Monaro Range for lunch. Caladenia orchids in area. Return via hut or Goorudee Rivulet. Afternoon tea Adaminaby

Steep climbs, some scrubby sections. .
Drive 230 km, \$92 per car.

22 November WORK PARTY
WILLOW CONTROL
GUDGENBY RIVER

Leader:- Martin

This is the first NPA work party in the Glendale area of Gudgenby River for many years. The aim will be to drill and poison the larger willow trees – small ones may be cut-and-dabbed. All tools will be provided but a small folding saw will handy. Be prepared for wet feet! Meet at the Namadgi Visitors' Centre at **8:30am**.

Drive: 40km, \$16 per car

**22 November SATURDAY WALK
SETTLERS TRACK**

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

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Steven

A walk in southern Namadgi of about 11km visiting Westermans, Waterhole, and Brayshaws huts and the ruins of the Tin Dish school. Walk is mostly on walking track.

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

Drive:- 160km, \$60 per car

**23 November SUNDAY WALK
MOUNT MORGAN**

Map:- Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/C/E

Leader:- Trevor

Stunning views of much of Namadgi and Kosciuszko NPs from the second highest peak of the Brindabellas.

Drive to the Lone Pine trail and follow its steep, in places, journey to a saddle before climbing the last 300-m to Mt Morgan.

Many viewpoints on this remote mountain top. This is a big day, but well worth it.

Meet Kambah Village shops at **7.30am**

Drive: 240-km, \$60 per car

**22-24 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 slope. On second day enjoy the bush surrounding camp at your leisure (bring your sketch pad) 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 Monday.

Contact leader by **20 November** for further details and travel arrangements.

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

**24-28 November PACK WALK
ETTREMA GORGE**

Map:- Nerriga, Touga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 D/E/F

Leader:- Eric & Pat

There are still areas of the Ettrema Gorge complex we would like to explore; the area from the headwaters of Ettrema Creek to Bullfrog Creek and the northern-most part of Tullyangela Creek. We are proposing a 4-5 day walk to take in at least one of these areas and probably both. It would involve a base camp for at least two of the four nights. Expressions of interest by **Friday 14 November** to our email address.

**30 November SUNDAY WALK
KNP - KANGAROO RIDGE
Mt STILLWELL**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Steve

Walk up Kosciuszko track from Charlotte Pass carpark to Kangaroo Ridge. This ridge comprises many rocky peaks some offer great views. From Mt Stillwell take the foot track to the car park. Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday for details.

Drive: 400-km, \$160 per car

**7 December SUNDAY WALK
MT LEE, ALPINE WILDFLOWERS**

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6.30am** and drive to Charlotte Pass. Take trail to Snowy River then follow Club Lake Creek to the lake. After break, climb ridge to Main Range Track. Divert to Mt Lee and descend to Kunama Hutte ruins for lunch. Return via slope of Mt Clarke. Some steep climbs. Distance 12km. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne.

Book with leader by Saturday morning for weather check and departure point.

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

**Sat 13 December SPECIAL EVENT
ACT PARKS
MURRUMBUNG YURUNG
MURRA CULTURAL TOUR**

NPA Contact:- Graham

In recognition of the NPA-ACT involvement in establishing Namadgi National Park and the ACT Parks and Conservation Service 30 years ago, the ACT Parks Aboriginal Rangers invite NPA members and their families on a free guided walk and talk at the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

Bookings essential. Please call 6207 0078 or email murra@act.gov.au (preferred) with your name, number of people you are bringing on the tour and a contact phone number and/or email address

Meet 9:30am at the Visitor Information Centre in the entrance to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Concludes 12:30pm

More information on NPA website

**21 Dec SUNDAY MORNING WALK
YERRABI POND, GUNGALIN**

Map:- Canberra Street Map

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Brian

Meet **8.30am** at Phyllis Ashton Cct, just west of intersection with Nellie Hamilton Ave, Gungahlin (overlooks Yerrabi Pond).

Follow path east along lake shore and complete circuit of high points in Forde before returning to Yerrabi. Take path west of lake and thru part of Amaroo (Palmer Trig, Coringle eucalypt) before continuing further west thru Crinigan Park hut ruins to Hill Reserve, Ngunnawal. Return to Yerrabi and complete circuit. About 9km. Amazing waterbirds (bring bird book), huge eucalypts, wonderful views.

Brunch across the road at Samekesh.

Incorporates and extends Walks 2, 3 and 4 in Barrow's *Walking Canberra* book.

Outings Convener - Mike
outings@nppaact.org.au

NPA Christmas Party

**Sunday, 14 December
GUDGENBY COTTAGE
from 11:30am**



See Burning Issues or Website for full details closer to Christmas

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