



# NPA Bulletin

National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory Inc

## NPA OUTINGS PROGRAM

January — December 2010

### 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, drinks and protective clothing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Points to note

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

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

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

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

### 3 Jan, Sunday Walk

#### **SNOWY FLATS**

**Map:-** Corin Dam 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B

**Leader:-** Mike B & Brian

The wildflowers should be in full bloom for this walk. From Mt Ginini carpark we head south along Mt Franklin Rd, a short distance east along Stockyard Spur, south along the east side of Snowy Flats and return to the cars via Mt Franklin Rd, Pryors Hut and optionally Little Ginini.

Meet at 8:00am at Curtin Shops carpark (Theodore St side).

Drive 102-km, \$40 per car

### 17 Jan, Sunday Walk

#### **WATSONS CRAGS, KNP**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 3 A/C/E

**Leader:-** Steve

A big scenic day proceeding if the weather is suitable.

We follow the main track from the Charlotte Pass carpark to Blue Lake lookout, then over the main range to the top of Watson's Crags (2136-m) and beyond for fabulous views. We can decide how we return on the day – maybe via Carruthers Peak and Club Lake.

Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday 16-Jan for details.

Drive 400-km, \$160/car + NP entry fee

### Sat 23 to Tue 26 Jan, Pack Walk

#### **KIANDRA, KNP**

**Map:-** Cabramurra 1:25,000

and Denison 1:25,000

**Leader:-** Di

Explore Nine Mile Diggings (& Camp 1<sup>st</sup> night), Tabletop Mountain, Elaine Mine, wildflowers, Four Mile hut and rebuilt Broken Dam hut. This is a leisurely trip. Walk starts at Selwyn and finishes at a car drop at Eucumbene River. Further two nights camping at Broken Dam hut.

Contact leader for more details and to register your interest.

### 30 Jan, Sunday Walk

#### **BILLY BILLY ROCKS**

**Map:-** Corin Dam 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 B/D/E

**Leader:-** Mike B

Early start and early finish for this fairly short walk from Smokers Gap through patches of regrowth to Billy Billy Rocks for views over Tidbinbilla. We'll stop in at Bogong Cave along the way. About 6-km, with a 400-m total climb.

Please contact the leader by the night before to indicate interest and for departure details.

Drive 80-km, \$32 per car

### Feb 7, Sunday Walk

#### **BLUE COW, PERISHER, KNP**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B/C

**Leader:-** Brian

Mountain coolness, hopefully, plus wildflowers. Depart 6:45am and drive to Perisher Valley. Follow Perisher-Blue Cow Link Rd north and climb Blue Cow (steep) for morning tea then head south to Back Perisher for lunch. Return via Mt Perisher and Kosciuszko Rd. Bit over 10-km. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

Book with leader for weather check and departure point.

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

### 8 to 24 Feb, Pack Walk/s

#### **WILSONS PROM, VICTORIA**

**Leader:-** Mike S

This activity includes two 7-day/6-night pack walks at Wilsons Promontory, Victoria with a rest day at the Tidal River campground between. The first walk will be on the more popular southern section and includes the lighthouse. The second walk will be on the less travelled northern section. A few harder days but mostly easy walking.

These walks are currently over-booked.

### 14 Feb, Sunday Walk

#### **THE BIG HOLE & CAPTAINS FLAT PANCAKES**

**Map:-** Kain 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 A

**Leader:-** Steven

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

A short walk from the Shoalhaven River on track, up through open forest to visit the large sink hole over 110-m deep, known as the Big Hole.

Return to Captains Flat for a meal of coffee and pancakes.

Drive 180-km, \$72 per car

### 20 Feb, 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/car + NP entry fee

### 27-Feb, Saturday Work Party

#### **WOODLAND AREA BEHIND NAMADGI VISITORS CENTRE**

**Leader:-** Martin

The area behind the Namadgi Visitors' Centre was largely cleared of weeds by previous work parties. This work party will both continue that task and undertake area maintenance.

This location is close to Canberra and provides an opportunity to achieve a big effort in a short day. All tools provided.

Meet at the Kambah Village shops at 9:00am.

Drive:- 40-km, \$16 per car

### 26 to 28 Feb, Pack Walk

#### **THE HIGH COUNTRY**

**Joint NPA / FBI Activity**

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

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

**Leader:-** Philip

The plan for this walk is to start from Charlottes Pass and take in some of Australia's highest peaks. Most of the walk will be off track, some of it will be scrubby and there'll be rock scrambling. Each day will involve a total climb of about 800-m.

Contact leader for more details closer to the date. Bookings close Tuesday 23-Feb. Limit of 8.

Drive 400-km, \$160/car + NP entry fee

### 28 Feb, Sunday Walk

#### **MT TWYNAN AND CRUMMER**

##### **SPUR, KNP**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/C/E

**Leader:-** Steve

A big scenic day proceeding if the weather is suitable. We park at Charlotte Pass heading via the Blue Lake lookout onto the main range for a progressive lunch on several Mt Twynam view points. We return via Little Twynam, Crummer Spur, Hedley Tarn and crossing Carruthers Creek.

Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday 27-Feb for details.

Drive 400-km, \$160/car + park entry fee

### 28 Feb, Sunday Ramble

#### **TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE**

**Map:-** Corin Dam 1:25,000

**Leader:-** Adrienne

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

Meet at carpark on Uriarra Road near corner with Cotter Road at 9:00am. Note; Tidbinbilla now has an entry fee.

Drive 60-km, \$24/car + entry fee

**Monday 1 March**

**NPA's 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

Members and family are invited to the NPA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held at the National Film and Sound Archive Building (old Institute of Anatomy where the first meeting of NPA was held) in McCoy Circ, Acton.

Full details in the NPA Bulletin.

**6-8 Mar, Pack Walk**

**BUDAWANGS**

**Map:-** CMW Budawangs

**Grading:-** 2 A/B/C

**Leader:-** Steven

Contact leader by Wednesday. A long weekend walk in the Budawangs camping in "the Vines". Visits include "Styles Pass" and "Camp Rock".

Drive 240-km, \$96 per car

**Mar 14, Sunday Walk**

**MT MORGAN, KNP**

**Map:-** Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 3 A/C/E

**Leader:-** Steve

Potentially stunning views of much of Namadgi and Kosci NPs and from the second highest peak of the Brindies.

We drive to the beginning of the Lone Pine 4WD trail and follow its steep, in parts, journey to a saddle before climbing the last 300-m of Mt Morgan. Prepare for a progressive lunch on some of the many viewpoints on this remote mountain top. This is a big day, but well worth it.

Meet at the usual carpark at the Kambah Village shops at 07.30am

Drive 200-km, \$80 per car

**Sunday 21 March**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC  
AND BARBEQUE**

Members and family are invited to the NPA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic and barbeque at the Namadgi Visitors Centre, Naas Road just beyond Tharwa from 11:30-am.

Full details in the NPA Bulletin.

**27-Mar, Saturday Work Party**

**SQUARE ROCK TRACK REPAIR**

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party involves track repair work and cutting-back of encroaching vegetation.

Meet 8:30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive:- 70-km, \$28 per car

**28-30 Mar, Pack Walk**

**KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK**

**Map:-** Rules Point 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 3 A/B

**Leader:-** Neville

A 3-day bushwalk in the northern area of Kosciuszko National Park. Visits Blue Waterholes, Old Currango homestead and the Cherry Garden in the Gurrangorambra Range. The walking is mostly on tracks with a few off track sections.

Drive 300-km, \$120 per car

**10 Apr, Saturday Walk**

**CORIN DAM TO TIDBINBILLA**

**Joint NPA / CBC Activity**

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

**Grading:-** 3 A/B/D/F

**Leaders:-** Mike Bremers, John Evans

A cross-over walk from Corin Dam to Tidbinbilla via Stockyard Spur, Black Springs and Fishing Gap. Around 15-km, 900-m climb including thick regrowth. Limit of 8 in each group. This is a repeat of an NPA walk programmed in Nov-1987 and a partial re-enactment of a 1935 expedition that searched for ski slopes in the Brindabellas. Further details at <http://jevans.pcug.org.au>.

Contact the leader by 6-pm the previous Thursday.

Drive 100-km, \$10-13 per person

**11 Apr, Sunday Walk**

**PIERCES TRIG & CAMEL BACK**

**Map:-** Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 3 A/D/E

**Leader:-** Steve

Enjoy many of the view spots on the Tidbinbilla Range that can be accessed mainly on track. We follow the Mountain Creek trail climbing from the car park to reach Pierces Trig for lunch and fabulous views. We wander back the same way diverting up the Camel Back for more great views. There is some minor scrambling and/or bush-bashing on the Camel Back.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

**18 Apr, Sunday Walk**

**MT TANTANGARA, KNP**

**Map:-** Denison, Tintangara 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B/C

**Leader:-** Brian

Depart Kambah Village 7.30am. Drive Snowy Mtns Hwy to Alpine Ck Fire Trail. Walk north on trail thru forest to Boggy Plain and climb Mt Tintangara (1745 m), mostly on brumby tracks. Continue north 1km to unnamed peak for views of frost plains north of Kiandra. Descend to Tintangara Hut for lunch.

In afternoon, walk thru open country to ridge further west for views of Jagungal and Tabletop. Return via Mt Tintangara. 15 km, but can be shortened, depending on preferences of group.

Afternoon tea Adaminaby.

Drive 250-km, \$100 per car

**20-22 Apr, Car Camp**

**BUNDANOON**

**Map:-** Bundanoon 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1/2 A

**Leader:-** Bob & Len

Two nights camping at Gambells Rest where there are hot showers, toilets, electric BBQs, lights and space for tents and vans. Day 1; set up camp and in the afternoon a walk to Erith Coal Mine. After dinner a walk to the Glow Worm Glen – bring torches. Day 2; we'll walk the Amphitheatre Track and lunch at Fairy Bower. Dinner will be at the Bundanoon Hotel. Day 3; a lookout stroll and pack up.

Financials – \$10.00 per night plus park entry fee, \$7.00 Bookings essential by 13<sup>th</sup> April so that sites may be booked.

Drive 240-km, \$96 per car

**24 Apr, Saturday Work Party**

**FORMER GIBRALTAR PINES AREA**

**Leader:-** Mike S

This work area is new to the NPA, as it is part of the former Gibraltar pine forest - now managed by PCL for conservation. The objective of the work party is to contribute to wilding pine control in the area not previously planted with pines. Please bring gloves, loppers and/or bush saw (some tools will be provided).

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 65-km, \$26 per car

## 2 May, Sunday Walk

### BOOROOMBA TO BUSHFOLD

**Map:-** Corin Dam

**Grading:-** 2 A

**Leader:-** Mike S

A walk from the Booroomba Rocks carpark along the Alpine Walking Track to Bushfold Flats and back to Apollo Road. Start with 2-km return track walk with 200-m steep climb to Booroomba Rocks for morning tea. Then back past cars and walk downhill along well formed track to Bushfold Flats. Follow fire-trail back to Road past rebuilt Reads Hut. Short car shuffle required.

Meet 8:30am at Kambah Village Shops  
Drive 90-km, \$36 per car

## 9 May, Easy Sunday Daywalk

### DEVILS GAP AND GIBRALTAR ROCKS

**Map:** Tidbinbilla 1:25 000

**Grading:** 1 A/B

**Leader:** Adrienne

A walk in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve mostly on tracks.

Start with uphill along the Devils Gap fire trail before cutting across to the edge of pine forest. A mid-morning side adventure to the Devils Pyramid for those who want to expend a little extra energy. Follow the ridge along to the Gibraltar Rocks fire trail. Lunch among the rocks with a selection of extensive views, before following the fire trail down to the road.

Short car shuffle saves a road slog back up to the start point.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village Shops  
Drive 60-km, \$24 per car + park entry fee

## 8-11 May, Car Camp

### LAKE CONJOLA

**Map:-** Milton 1:25,000

**Leader:-** Neville

Birds, bush and beach! A trip to explore the escarpment and coast around Lake Conjola. Accommodation can be cabins or camping at the Holiday Haven Caravan Park. We will try and include several walks in Little Forest Plateau, in the Morton NP, walks to Narrawallee Inlet in the Narrawallee Nature Reserve plus other coastal walks as time permits.

To facilitate bookings please advise the leader at least three weeks before the trip.

Drive 480-km, \$192 per car

## 16 May, Sunday Walk

### SOUTHERN ACT HUTS

**Map:-** Yaouk / Shannons Flat 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 A/B/C

**Leader:-** Brian

Depart Kambah Village at 9.00am and drive to Brayshaws Hut on Boboyan Rd. Walk due west to Grassy Ck and upstream to Waterhole Hut. After morning tea, proceed down Grassy Ck to Westermans for lunch at the lace-curtained homestead. Return to Brayshaws.

Afternoon tea Lanyon Homestead.

Drive 120-km, \$48 per car

## 22 May, Saturday Work Party

### BENDORA ARBORETUM

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party will involve the removal of wilding pines from Bendora Arboretum. It is a continuation of the task commenced in 2008 and promises to be as big a success. Please bring gloves and a bush saw – some tools will be provided.

Meet at the forest car park on Uriarra Road (near the junction with Cotter Road) at 8:00am.

Drive 86-km, \$35 per car

## 23 May, Sunday Walk

### LONG PLAIN

**Map:-** ACT 1:100,000

**Grading:-** 3 A

**Leader:-** Steven

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.

Meet 8:00am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 130-km, \$52 per car

## 21-23 May, Pack Walk

### BUDAWANGS

**Map:-** Corang 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 B/E

**Leader:-** Philip

A 3-day walk in southern Budawangs visiting Monolith Valley, Mt Owen and Mt Cole among other highlights. A climb of about 700-m is involved. Contact leader for more details. Book by Tues 18-May

Drive 180-km, \$72 per car

## 30 May, Sunday Walk

### ORRORAL RIDGE OF STONE

**Map:-** Corin Dam 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B

**Leader:-** Mike S

An 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 8:30am at Kambah Village Shops.  
Drive 80-km, \$32 per car

## 5 to 27 Jun, Pack Walk

### LARAPINTA TRAIL, NT

Expressions of interest are sought from people with experience in multi-day pack walks for a walk along the full length of the Larapinta Trail (223-km) over 3 weeks. Limit Places remain available.

If interested contact, as soon as possible, either Mike B or Clive.

## 6 June, Sunday Walk

### CANBERRA NATURE PARK

(CHAPMAN TO ISAACS)

**Map:-** Canberra Street Map

**Grading:-** 2 A/B

**Leader:-** Brian

Meet at Farr Place, Isaacs (Isaacs shops) at 8.45am. Car shuffle to Kathner Street, Chapman. Follow Cooleman Ridge to Mt Arawang for a break. Cross Tuggeranong Parkway and climb Mt Taylor for lunch. Continue east along Farrer Ridge to Wanniasa Peak and then north to Isaacs. Coffee at Mawson. Approx. 15-km.

## 12-14 June, Car Camp

### MURRAMARANG NATIONAL PARK

**Map:-** Murrumbidgee 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 A/B, 3 A/B/E, 1 A/B

**Leader:-** Steven

A car camp and day walks to explore the beaches and headlands Murrumbidgee National Park. Probably staying at a camping ground or other facility depending on participants and availability. Walk along sandy beaches, clamber over rock shelves and wandering along fire trails and other paths to return to our campsite for the evening.

Contact leader early for more details and for bookings.

Drive 320-km, \$128 per car

## 20 June, Sunday Walk

### CASUARINA TO KAMBAH

**Map:-** ACT 1:100,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/C

**Leader:-** Steven

A walk of about 12-14 km along the Murrumbidgee River from Casuarina Sands to Kambah Pool. The path starts out easily beside the river but becomes a little narrow rough and steep in places closer to Kambah pool. Views to the river and the Bullen Range.

Meet 8:30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 38-km, \$15 per car

## 26 June, Saturday Work Party

### DEMANDERING HUT

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party will involve the installation of screening against ember attack under Demanding Hut, including clearing of the access-walking track, clearing under hut and hut surroundings.

This is one of two huts in Namadgi for which the NPA has responsibility, so please lend a hand.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 202-km, \$80 per car

## 4-July, Sunday Walk

### MT WEE JASPER, HUME & HOVELL TRACK

**Map:** Couragogo 1:25,000

**Grading:** 2-3 A

**Leader:** Mike S

A 12.6-km walk along the Hume & Hovel Track from the Fitzpatrick Trackhead near Wee Jasper to the Log Bridge Creek Campsite. Includes a 600-m steady climb past a waterfall to Mount Wee Jasper which has spectacular views. All on formed track but some rough and steep sections. Car shuffle required.

Meet 8:00am at Cooleman Court shops carpark, Briery St, Weston at corner near McDonalds (note early start)

Drive 130-km, \$52 per car

## 11 July, Sunday Walk

### SHANAHANS FALLS CREEK

**Map:-** Colinton 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 B/C/E

**Leader:-** Martin

The walk will start at the Mount Clear campground. We will proceed north east across the southern ridges of Shanahans Mountain and into the secluded valley of Shanahans Falls Creek for an early lunch. Apart from the odd briar, there is little sign of human disturbance in this quiet location. From there we will scramble out of the valley to the east to inspect Demanding Hut and note any work that might be needed. The return to the campground can either be via the fire trail or along the ridge, depending on the wishes of the group.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village shops.

Drive 160-km, \$64 per car

## 18 July, Sunday Walk

### RED ROCKS AND MURRUMBIDGEE SCENES

**Map:-** Tuggeranong 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1-2 A/C/E

**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 is so desired. Fence hopping skills essential.

Meet at "car park" in Learmonth Drive about 150-m from the Athllon Drive traffic lights at 9:00am

## 24 July, Saturday Work Party

### LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT WILDING PINES REMOVAL

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken last year. The area is undergoing significant rehabilitation following the removal of the pine plantation. As we saw recently, there are still a number of wilding pines insitu and this activity will target these. The actual site for this work party will be advised closer to the day.

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

Meet 9:15am at Cooleman Court shops carpark, Briery St, Weston at corner near McDonalds.

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

## 25 July, Sunday Walk

### PRETTY POINT (SNOWSHOES)

**Map:-** Geehi Dam, Perisher Valley 1:25 000

**Grading:-** 1 B (on snow)

**Leader:-** Brian

Depart 6.45 am. Take Kosciuszko Rd. to Dainers Gap. Head south to Moon Rock and Pretty Point and explore area across to Thompsons Plain. Suitable for beginners (Talk to leader: basic requirements are walking boots, snowshoes, poles). 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).

If snow is inadequate, an alternative destination will be chosen.

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

## 3 - 4 Weeks – From early August OUTBACK NSW CAR CAMP HISTORY AND BIG RIVERS

**Map:-** General Road Maps

**Leader:-** Di

Yanga, Mungo, Kinchega NPs, Menindee Lakes, Broken Hill, Sturt, Mutawinji NPs, Wilcannia, Paroo Darling, Gundabooka NPs to Bourke, then home. First part can be done in 2WD/soft 4WDs if people don't mind some dirt roads. 4WD is desirable for Darling River, though have done most in a Forester. Plan to spend around 4 nights in most NPs, so there is plenty of time for photography, day doddles, exploring and reading. Be prepared for slow serendipitous experiences. Mostly camping, but there is opportunity to stay in heritage park accommodation. Maximum of 6 vehicles.

## 1 Aug, Saturday Walk

### RENDEZVOUS CREEK

**Map:-** Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B

**Leader:-** Mike S

A relatively easy walk along the Rendezvous Creek valley to an Aboriginal rock art shelter. On the way pass the burnt out remains of Rowley's Rendezvous Ck hut and adjacent yards. Walk mainly on vehicle track to hut then across open grassland and forest. Main ascents 50-m then 100-m. May return cross-country down valley closer to creek depending on parties desires.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village Shops.

Drive 100-km, \$40 per car

## 8 Aug, Easy Sunday Walk

### MOLONGLO GORGE

**Map:-** Bungendore 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 A

**Leader:-** Adrienne

The Molonglo Gorge shows some features of interest in the geological formation of our area. This walk of about 6.5-km return follows a well defined but narrow walking track along the gorge, on the river's northern side. There are some ups and downs and some rocky sections on the track but also beautiful views up and down the gorge. Destination is the Blue Tiles picnic spot for an early lunch – take as long as you like – then return by the same track in your own time. The leader will return slowly probably looking for terrestrial orchids along the way.

Meet at the Molonglo Gorge picnic area carpark at 9:30am for this leisurely outing.

### 15 Aug, Sunday Walk

#### **TATE WEST RIDGE (SNOWSHOES)**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley, Geehi Dam  
1:25 000

**Grading:-** 2 B (on snow)

**Leader:-** Brian

Depart 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 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 required).

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

### 22 Aug, Sunday Ski Tour

#### **FOUR MILE HUT**

**Map:-** Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map

**Grading:-** 3 A

**Leader:-** Steven

Contact leader by previous Thursday to join and to discuss transport and weather forecast.

A cross country ski tour to Four Mile Hut and back a distance of around 16-km. Not for absolute beginners but suited to those who may have missed the snow in recent years. Route and objective will depend on snow conditions.

Will proceed from Kiandra if sufficient snow otherwise Selwyn Quarry where a vehicle park entry fee will need to be allowed for.

Drive 300-km, \$108 per car

### 28 Aug, Saturday Work Party

#### **BRIAR ROSE MAPPING**

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party will use GPS to record and map briars. Details are still being finalised at the time of writing, so contact leader in early August.

Meet 9:00am at the Namadgi Visitors' Centre.

Drive To be advised

### 29 Aug, Sunday walk

#### **MT NUNGAR**

**Map:-** Tantangara 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1 B

**Leader:-** Max

Mt Nungar is a notable peak east of the road into Tantangara Dam from the Snowy Mountains Highway. After a steady 400-m climb taken at a very easy pace through open bush we should be enjoying some great scenery, hopefully including some snow. Despite the climb, this is quite an easy walk and we will be making a picnic of it, so bring along suitable refreshments.

Meet 8.30am at Kambah Village shops.

Drive 300-km, \$120 per car

### 5 September, Sunday Walk

#### **LOWER ORRORAL LOOP**

**Map:-** Rendezvous Creek 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B

**Leader:-** Steven

A walk along the "Orroral Heritage Walking Track" from the Orroral Valley camping area along the valley to the remains of the Orroral Valley tracking station. Early lunch at the historic 1860s Orroral Homestead in which the NPA was involved in its preservation/ restoration. Short car shuffle involved.

Meet 8:30am at Kambah Village shops.

Drive 80-km, \$32 per car

### 10-12 September, Pack-Walk

#### **ETTREMA GORGE**

**Joint NPA / FBI Activity**

**Map:-** Touga & Yalwal 1:25,000

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

**Leader:-** Philip

From Tolwong Road walk into the Ettrema Gorge via Transportation Spur, spend two nights in the gorge and on the third day return to the cars probably via Jingles Pass. All of the walk will be off track, some scrub and rock scrambling to negotiate Ettrema's various cliff lines.

The second and third days will involve climbs of about 500-m per day. Some of the second day will be exploratory.

Contact leader for more details closer to the date. Bookings close Tues 7-Sept. Limit of 8.

Drive 190-km, \$76 per car

### 12 September, Sunday Walk

#### **ANU SCULPTURES – OLD AND**

**NEW – COFFEE AND CAKES**

In association with 'Acton Walkways'

**Grading:-** 1 A

**Leader:-** Col

A gentle stroll around some of the wonderful old and new sculptures at the ANU and close by. Morning tea will be at the National Sound and Screen Archive.

Meet 9:00am in the car park at the National Museum, at the end furthest from the museum.

### 19 September, Sunday Walk

#### **JERUSALEM HILL (SNOWSHOES)**

**Map:-** Chimneys Ridge 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B (on snow)

**Leader:-** Brian

Depart 6.30 am. Drive via Alpine Way to Dead Horse Gap carpark. Follow Cascade Trail to Thredbo River and climb Bobs Ridge before moving off trail along Great Dividing Range to Jerusalem Hill. Good views of Chimneys and Main Range. Return route similar. Afternoon tea 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. Alternative destinations: Brindle Bull; Ramshead.

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

### 25 September, Saturday Work Party

#### **LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT**

##### **WILDING PINES REMOVAL**

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken in July. The area is being rehabilitated after the removal of the pine plantation. There are still wilding pines insitu which we will target. Some tools will be provided but own loppers and/or bush saw and gloves would be appreciated. Contact leader for details.

Meet 9:15am at Coleman Court shops carpark, Briery St, Weston at corner near McDonalds

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

### 26 September, Sunday Walk

#### **GOOROYARROO**

**Map:-** Hall 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 1-2 A/B

**Leader:-** Steve

A scenic day following numerous tracks climbing to the ridges connecting Mt Majura with Old Joe Hill. The extensive views will pleasantly surprise. We can be flexible about where we visit, but this region was well managed grazing land comprising numerous beautiful ancient eucalypts and remnant vegetation.

Meet at Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve off Horsepark Road about 3-km from the Federal Highway turnoff at 9:00am.

### 2 - 4 October, Pack-Walk

#### **TALATERANG MOUNTAIN**

**Map:-** CMW Budawangs

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

**Leader:-** Steven

Book-in with leader the previous Wednesday for this easy long-weekend pack-walk. Walk to a campsite at the top of Ngaityung Falls on Little Forest Plateau. Next day walk to Mt Talaterang for spectacular views of the Clyde Gorge and Pigeon House Mt. On the final day pack up camp and walk out.

Drive 600-km, \$240 per car

**Sat 9 October,  
BLACK MOUNTAIN  
WILDFLOWER RAMBLE**

Join wildflowers lovers for the 39th annual Burbidge/Chippendale ramble around Black Mountain to enjoy the spring diversity. An easy guided walk from 9.30am sharp to 12noon (or later). Leaders will be Laurie, Isobel, Jean and possibly Peter. All welcome - it's a great way to celebrate the spring and find out how to look for our sometimes cryptic wildflowers. Bring your friends especially those who are new to plant identification. BYO morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes.

Meet at Belconnen Way Black Mountain entry, just before Caswell Drive turnoff (look for the balloons).

**10 October, Sunday Walk  
THE PARALYSER (SNOWSHOES)**

**Map:** Perisher Valley 1:25 000

**Grading:** 2 B (on snow)

**Leader:** Brian

Depart 6.15am. Drive to Guthega carpark. Proceed via bridges over Blue Cow and Farm Creeks before climbing to The Paralyser trig and exploring area, possibly to Mt Perisher. Return via Farm Ck. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Some steep climbs. Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure. Book with leader for weather check, departure and vehicle arrangements (chains may be req'd). Alternative destinations: Ramshead, Kosciuszko.

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

**11-15 October, Pack-Walk  
THE WILDERNESS COAST  
CROAJINGOLONG NP**

**Map:** Brookes Map - Croajingolong NP

**Grading:** 3 A/B/E

**Leader:** Neville

A 5-day walk along the Victorian coast from Sydenham Inlet to Mallacoota. The walking is mainly on beaches with occasional headlands and coastal tracks. Transport arrangements are not yet finalised but could be a mix of public and private transport and will probably involve an extra day for travel at the beginning and end of the walk. Bookings are required for this walk so please advise the leader of your interest asap.

**17 October, Sunday Walk  
HORSE GULLY & DEMANDING HUTS**

**Map:** ACT 1:100 000

**Grading:** 3 A

**Leader:** Steven

Meet Kambah village shops at 8:30 am. A walk to check on the condition of Demanding and Horse Gully Huts in southern Namadgi. The walk from the Mt Clear campground is mainly on fire trail but also includes some animal paths along the creek. There are several creek crossings to be made along the way that might be wet if we have some rain.

Drive 160-km, \$60 per car

**22-24 October, Pack-Walk  
BUDAWANGS**

**Joint FBI / NPA Activity**

**Map:** Corang 1:25,000

**Grading:** 2 A/C/E

**Leader:** Philip

A 3-day walk in the southern Budawangs from Yadboro, taking in Castle Gap, Holland Gorge, Angel Creek, Mt Cole and Monolith Valley, among other highlights. Climbs of about 300-m and 600-m are involved on the first two days. Partly off track. Contact leader for more details. Bookings by Tuesday 19-Oct. Limit of 8.

**23 October, Saturday Work Party  
GRASSLAND REGENERATION IN  
QUEANBEYAN NATURE RESERVE**

**Leader:** Martin

This work party will be conducted in cooperation with the NPWS. Queanbeyan Nature Reserve is located on the north side of Tharwa Rd, immediately across the NSW boarder. The activity involves rehabilitation of the grassland by planting various grass species – something different from our usual removal of weedy grass! Come prepared for a warm day, as there is little shade in the Nature Reserve. Meet at Wanniasa shops at 8:30am.

Drive 30-km, \$12 per car

**24 October, Sunday Walk  
NURSERY SWAMP**

**Map:** Rendezvous Ck 1:25,000

**Grading:** 1 A

**Leader:** Adrienne

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

Meet 8:30am at Kambah Village shops

Drive:- 85-km, \$34 per car

**30-October, Saturday Walk  
THE REAL BLACK SPRINGS**

**Joint CBC / NPA Activity**

**Map:** Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

**Grading:** 3 A/B/D/F

**Leader:** Mike B

A walk from Tidbinbilla via Fishing Gap to the real Black Springs on Cotter River. The real Black Springs are located about 1-km downstream of where they are shown on the map. Around 15-km and 800-m climb with thick regrowth and river crossings. Expect about 10-hrs walking time. Limit of 8. Contact leader for arrangements. Further information in 'NPA Bulletin Vol 23-No 4, Mar-1986'

Transport cost, \$32 per car

**7 November, Sunday Walk  
BUNGONIA GORGE**

**Map:** Caoura 1:25,000

**Grading:** 2 A/E

**Leader:** Mike S

Meet at netball court carpark on Northbourne Avenue just past Southwell Park at 8:00am. A walk in the Bungonia area of the Morton NP on track across Mt Ayre (great views) and then steeply down to the junction of the Shoalhaven River and Bungonia Creek. Follow the Bungonia Creek upstream through the spectacular Bungonia Gorge which involves some rock scrambling/climbing to get into the gorge. Climb (400m) out of the gorge via the steep "Efflux" route.

Drive 220-km, \$88 per car

**14 Nov, Sunday Walk  
CENTRAL MOLONGLO AND  
KAMA WOODLAND RAMBLE**

**Maps:** Canberra, Umburra, Cotter Dam 1:25,000

**Grading:** 1 A/B

**Leader:** Esther

The walk starts high and morning tea will feature expansive views over the Molonglo Valley. We will descend into the valley to follow the river through a rocky gorge. Lunch may be near the location of a wedgie nest. After lunch we will walk through the new Kama Woodland Reserve. Walk will end on Wm Hovell Drive at a lower elevation than the start. The adjacent area is the site of the proposed Central Molonglo development. Come enjoy the views before the developers arrive.

Meet at Copping Crossing car park at 9am. A short car shuffle will be involved.

**15-20 November, Pack-Walk  
AAWT – COWOMBAT FLAT TO  
DEAD HORSE GAP, KNP**

**Map:-** Thredbo and Suggan Buggan  
1:50,000

**Leader:-** Neville

A six day walk to Cowombat Flat and return, starting at Dead Horse Gap and following the route of the Australian Alps Walking Track. Walking is mainly on fire trails with occasional off track excursions to points of interest. A climb of the Pilot will be included if time permits. Contact leader for details,

Drive 420-km, \$168 per car

**19-21 November, Relaxed Pack-Walk  
(suitable for beginners)**

**RENDEZVOUS CREEK VALLEY**

**Map:-** Rendezvous Creek 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 Sunday.

Contact leader by Monday for further details and travel arrangements.

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

**21 November, Sunday Walk  
NUNGAR PLAIN HUTS RUINS**

**Map:** Denison 1:25 000

**Grading:** 3 A/B/C

**Leader:** Brian

Depart Kambah Village 7.15am. Drive via Adaminaby and park north of Snowy Mts Hwy just before Park entrance. Proceed north on Gavels Hut Trail to the Hut. After break, continue to Nungar Plain and examine ruins of Crowes Hut before climbing SMA-1150 for lunch. Descend to ruins of New Hut and follow Circuits Shortcut Trail to cars. 16-km, some climbs. Lovely forests and rarely visited hut ruins. Afternoon tea in Adaminaby.

Drive 230-km, \$92 per car.

**27 Nov, Saturday Work Party**

**BRIAR ROSE MAPPING**

**Leader:-** Martin

This work party will use GPS to record and map briars. Details are still being finalised at the time of writing, so contact leader in November for details.

**28 Nov – 3 Dec, Pack-Walk  
PRETTY PLAIN, KNP**

**Map:-** Khancoban 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/C/D

**Leader:-** Dianne

Long drive - allow 5-hrs. 6 days, 5 nights. Visit two hut rebuilds and beat the March flies. Several significant river and creek crossings, partly on fire trails, some almost lost foot pads, patches of regrowth. Camps near Patons hut, Pugalistic ruin, Pretty Plain and Wheelers huts. Time to admire the views and day walk from Pretty Plain. Limit of 10.

Drive 560-km, \$225 per car

**5 December, Sunday Walk**

**KANGAROO RIDGE, MT STILWELL**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley 1:25,000

**Grading:-** 2 A/C

**Leader:-** Steve

Stunning views all day. We wander up the Kosciuszko track from Charlotte Pass carpark for a couple of kms, then stroll up the southern end of Kangaroo Ridge exploring many rocky peaks some of which offer great views. From Mt Stilwell we trundle back to the cars. Please register your interest with the leader by Saturday for details.

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car

**NPA Christmas Party**

**Sunday, 12 December**

**ORRORAL PICNIC AREA**

**from 11:30am**



**Contact:** NPA committee members

This year we plan to hold our Christmas Party at the Orroral Picnic Area which is across the road from the Orroral Campground on the Orroral Road.

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.

**19 December, Sunday Walk**

**BLUE COW, PERISHER**

**Map:-** Perisher Valley 1:25 000

**Grading:-** 2 A/B/C

**Leader:-** Brian

Mountain coolness, hopefully, plus wildflowers. Depart 6.45 am and drive to Perisher Valley. Follow Perisher-Blue Cow Link Rd north and climb Blue Cow (steep) for morning tea then head south to Back Perisher for lunch. Return via Mt Perisher and Kosciuszko Rd. Bit over 10 km. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Book with leader for weather check and depart point.

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