



NPA Bulletin

National Parks Association of the Australian Capital Territory Inc

NPA OUTINGS PROGRAM

January – December 2012

Outings Guide

Distance grading (per day)

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

Terrain grading

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Points to note

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

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

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

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

7-Jan, SATURDAY WALK**Mt GINGERA**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 3 A/B/D

Leader:- Philip

Meet at Cooleman Court, Weston Creek opposite McDonalds by **7:30am (Note early start)**

Walk from the car park at Mt Ginini to Pryors Hut. From here we'll climb to the northern summit of Mt Gingera then cross the top of the mountain through Brumbys Flats to the southern and main summit. Return to the car park via Snowy Flats and the site of the Stockyard Creek arboretum.

Total climb of about 670 metres.

Drive; 120-km, \$48 per car

9-11 Jan, 3 Day PACK WALK**SNOWY MOUNTAINS, KNP**

Map: Perisher Valley 1:25 000

Grading: 4 B/C/F

Leader: Brian

Early start, no coffee stop on way. Depart Guthega for Illawong and Anton Anderson Saddle (6-km). Camp 2 nights. Afternoon excursion to Anderson West Ridge (4-km); day trip to Blue Lake (11-km). Return to Guthega, possibly via Gills Knobs (6-km). Wild-flowers, long days, full moon.

Will only proceed if the forecast is favourable.

Contact leader at least 5 days in advance.

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

15-Jan, SUNDAY WALK**GININI - STOCKYARD SPUR-PRYORS HUT CIRCUIT**

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C

Leader:- Barrie

Meet at Cooleman Court, Weston Creek, car park, near McDonalds, to leave at **8.00am**

From Mt Ginini carpark we go downhill to the site of the old Arboretum, pleasant sub-alpine walking. From there we descend to and cross Stockyard Creek, hopefully at the waterfall, before climbing briefly but steeply for about 200-m to the Stockyard Spur track. This short stretch might be a little scrubby. We follow the track to Pryor's Hut where will have lunch and then return to the cars along the track. Once we are on the tracks there is very little climbing.

Distance: about 13-km and total ascent of about 250-m.

Drive; 120-km, \$48 per car

22-Jan, 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 (Note early start)**.

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

Expect a late return (~7:30pm).

Drive; 300-km, \$108 per car

26-29 Jan, 4 Day PACK WALK**ETTREMA GORGE**

Map:- Touga 1:50,000

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

Leader:- Rupert

Descend to Ettrema Creek along the beautiful Dungeon Canyon and Tullyangela Creek, continue upstream and exit via Myall Creek. Some scrub across the tops, rock hopping, scrambling and possible compulsory swims

Contact leader early for more details and/or booking.

Drive; 200-km, \$80/car

29 Jan, SUNDAY RAMBLE**MOLONGLO GORGE**

Map:- Bungendore 1:25 000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Annette

The Molonglo Gorge shows some features of interest in the geological formation of our area. This walk of about 7-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. Return by the same track in your own time.

Meet **9:30am** at the Molonglo Gorge picnic area carpark off Sutton Road.

4 Feb, SATURDAY WALK**SHOALHAVEN RIVER AND BLOCKUP GORGE**

Map:- Caoura 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/E

Leader:- Trevor

Meet at **8:00am** at the Lynham netball courts carpark off Northbourne Ave.

River walking in Bungonia SRA and Morton NP. Steep descent 350-m into, and climb out of the Shoalhaven River Gorge on the Trestles Track. We will visit the Tolwong smelter chimneys and Fordham Canyon before reaching the lower entrance to Blockup Gorge for an optional swim. All walking on tracks, or easy river flats.

Drive; 250-km, \$100 per car

12-Feb, 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 Jindabyne. Contact leader for departure place and weather check.

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

11-17 Feb, 7 Day PACK WALK**DU CANE RANGE AND MT OLYMPUS, TASMANIA**

Joint CBC / NPA Activity

Grading:- medium, rough, wet, exploratory (CBC grading)

Leader:- Rupert

Two connected walks: from the Overland Track; a 4-day circuit along the lofty Du Cane Range and Mt Gould, then restock and continue south to Mt Olympus. The walk ranges from the intricate beauty of the tarns and pines of The Labyrinth, the spires of the knife-edged Geryon and Acropolis, to panoramas over half of Tasmania. Much off track but (mostly) okay. Limit of 6.

Contact leader by mid December for more detail and/or booking.

19-Feb, SUNDAY WALK**HUTS AND RUINS OF SOUTHERN NAMADGI**

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

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Steven

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

A walk of about 16 to 18-km visiting Westermans, Waterhole, and Brayshaws huts and the ruins of Boboyan homestead. A walk up Naas Creek valley over the ridge and down Back of Grassy Creek along the Settlers Trail. Mainly on fire trails but with some cross country following animal trails. A short car shuffle may be used to minimise the walking distance.

Drive 160-km, \$60 per car

20-27 Feb, 8 Day PACK WALK**SOUTH COAST TRACK & PRECIPITOUS BLUFF, TASMANIA**

Joint CBC / NPA Activity

Grading:- medium, rough, wet, exploratory (CBC grading)

Leader:- Rupert

From the end of the road south of Hobart walk around the southern coast to New River Lagoon, then return over the Precipitous Bluff and Pinders Peak to Lune River. A rewarding mix of coast and mountain. Limit of 6.

Contact leader by mid December for more detail and/or booking.

25-Feb, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

BRIAR ROSE CONTROL

Leader:- Martin

Details are still being finalised at the time of writing, so contact leader in early February for details.

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

Drive; TBD

26-Feb, SUNDAY WALK

GOOGONG DAM – LONDON BRIDGE & COMPO CANYON

Map:- Captains Flat 1:25 000

Grading:- 2 A/C/E

Leader:- Mike

Meet Canberra Railway Station carpark at **8.30am**. A walk from carpark at the southern, Burra end of Googong Reservoir. Cross and inspect London Bridge, a natural limestone arch. Then cross Queanbeyan River at Curley Falls and on to Compo Canyon. After lunch return to cars along firetrails crossing river again at Galignite Crossing. A short, steep, scrubby descent to river. If time permits return will be via London Bridge homestead. Suitable footwear for crossing river would be advisable.

Drive; 50-km, \$20 per car

4-March, SUNDAY WALK

HONEYSUCKLE CREEK TO NAMADGI VISITORS CENTRE

Map:- ACT 1:100,000

Grading:- 3 A/B

Leader:- Steven

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

A walk from the Honeysuckle Creek camp site via Doctors flat over Mt Tennent and down to the visitors centre. Walk the cool high forest down to Doctors Flat for lunch. Great views of Canberra as we come down from Mt Tennent to the Namadgi visitors centre.

There will be a car shuffle to finish the day allow walkers to enjoy the amenities of the visitors centre while the drivers retrieve the cars.

Drive; 100-km, \$40 per car

11 March, SUNDAY WALK

MONGA NATIONAL PARK

Map:- Monga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/C/E

Leader:- Barrie

Meet at Cooleman Ct, Weston Creek, car park, near McDonalds, to leave at **8:30am**

Start the walk at Dasyurus Picnic Area off Kings H'way near the Clyde Mt. The walk is very pleasant route up a creek which we may need to cross several times

This is a relatively short walk, but it gives the opportunity to follow, off track, a lovely creek, with tree ferns, plumwood forest and a floor deep in humus.

Finally climb steeply out of the creek to overgrown logging tracks near Monga Mt which take us back to the Picnic Area.

Total distance about 7-km, and total climb about 320-m.

Drive; 180-km, \$72 per car

10-11 March, WEEKEND CAR CAMP WYANBENE CAVES AND DEUA RIVER

Map:- Krawarree 1:25 000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Brian

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

Distance 18-km, 700-m climb.

Drive; 210 km, \$84 per car.

5–12 March, CAR CAMP

GOULBURN RIVER AND WARRABAH NP's

Leader:- Di

Lots of wading, li-loing and swimming, bird watching, walking, riverside exploration. 3-4 nights at each Park. Join for all or some.

Email/phone leader for more details.

Travel about 1200-km

11–16 & 13–18 March, PACK WALKS

GREEN GULLY TRACK, OXLEY WILD RIVERS NP

Leader:- Di / Kathy

Links with Goulburn River and Warrabah car camping trip. Meet mid-day at Walcha. I have booked 2 slots on this new track. Apart from stunning ridge-top views, it features accommodation in bush huts (5 nights). 65-km over 4 days. Steep descent 900-m, ups and downs, and 600-m ascent on 4th day. Distances 2 days x 17.5-kms, 15-km & 13-km. Fire trails and creek walking.

\$120 each. Full payment immediately Limit of 6 on each walk

Email/phone leader for more details

Travel about 1200-km if not included with above car camp.

24 March, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

BRIAR ROSE CONTROL

Leader:- Martin

This work party will concentrate on briar rose control on the ridges to the north of the Glendale Depot – exact location to be decided, possible 150m climb involved. Most equipment will be provided, but bring your favourite work gloves.

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **9:00am**.

Drive; 74-km, \$30 per car

25 March, SUNDAY WALK

'WILD WEST'

(TIDBINBILLA MT FROM WEST)

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 D

Leader:- Trevor

Meet Coolemon Court carpark, Weston Creek, near 'McDonalds' at **8:00am**.

Start walking from the junction of Bendora Dam Road and the gated Bourkes Creek Road, and follow the long spur which is prominent in views of the Tidbinbillas from West Belconnen, to the summit. We could then choose between descending the same way, or following the range to Tidbinbilla Peak, and descending a shorter, steeper spur into Bourkes Creek, which we'd follow down to the road.

Drive; 100-km, \$40 per car.

1 April, SUNDAY WALK

SQUARE ROCK

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A/E

Leader:- Dave & Judy

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

A well graded climb from the car park takes you up along a walking track through regenerating Mountain Ash and past giant granite boulders to the grassland cum swamp at Smokers Flat.

A small diversion to the east takes us to a point with good views over Orroral Valley. Then it's onwards with undulations until we reach Square Rock for lunch on its natural rock platforms overlooking the Brindabellas with Ginini, Gingera and Mt Franklin usually visible.

Drive: 80-km, \$32 per car

15 April, SUNDAY WALK

BULGAR HILL

Maps:- Denison 1:25 000

Grading:- 2 A/B/C/F

Leader:- Brian

Depart **7:00am**. Drive via Adaminaby to Bugtown. Follow Circuits Fire Trail to New Hut ruins for a break. Climb Bulgar Hill and continue west to Gavels Hut for lunch. Return via Gavels Hut and Boundary Fire Trails. Some steep climbs. Afternoon tea Adaminaby.

Contact leader for departure point and to organise transport (4WD required for Bugtown). If conditions prevent access to Bugtown Rd, a similar walk will be arranged in area.

Drive 230 km, \$92 per car.

**19-20 April, WORKSHOP
INDIGENOUS VALUES**

NPA ACT and Friends of Grasslands are running a 2-day workshop with Rod Mason, an Indigenous elder from Wadbilliga on Indigenous land management.

The workshop will be held at Garuwanga, a property on the edge of the Wadbilliga National Park. Accommodation is available on site either camping or in the education centre on the property.

This workshop is of special interest for landcarers and anyone who is interested in sustainable land management practices.

**22 April, SUNDAY WALK
MT PAINTER & SURROUNDS**

Map:- Canberra 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther

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

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

**28 April, Saturday Work Party
NAAS CREEK AREA**

Leader:- Martin

This work party will return to this area after a five-year absence. The task will be to check for and remove woody weeds. The area of operation will be along Naas Creek, downstream of the Boboyan Rd. All tools and equipment will be provided, just bring an appetite for weed control.

Meet at the Namadgi Visitors' Centre at **8:30am**.

Drive 160-km, \$64 per car

**29 April, Sunday Walk
LONG PLAIN**

Map:- ACT 1:100,000

Grading:- 3 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet Kambah Village Shops at **8:00am**. A walk from the Mt Clear camp ground along the grassy creek fire trail then through to Long Flat. A possible climb on to the Clear Range for views south east over Bredbo. Mainly on fire trails or across open country in the far south of Namadgi.

Drive 130-km, \$52 per car

**6 May, SUNDAY WALK
LAKE TUGGERANONG AND
ENVIRONS**

Map:- Tuggeranong 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Steve

A leisurely walk around a now very scenic lake plus a wander up a nearby hill to the east for views. Meet at "car park" near the bottom of Learmonth Drive about 150 m from the Athllon Drive traffic lights at **10.00 am**.

**9 – 11 May, 3 DAY PACK WALK
BUDAWANGS**

Map:- Corang 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/D/E

Leader:- Philip

A medium hard walk in the southern Budawangs, starting from Yadboro and visiting Monolith Valley, Mt Owen and Mt Cole, among other highlights. A steep climb of about 700-m up Kalianna Ridge involved on the first day.

Contact leader for more details. Bookings by Sunday 6 May. Limit of 8.

Drive: 360-km, \$144 per car

**13 May, SUNDAY WALK
MOUNT MORGAN**

Maps: Rendezvous Ck, Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader: Brian

Depart Kambah Village shops **7:30am**. Drive via Yaouk Valley to start of Lone Pine Fire Trail. Climb steeply on track to Bung Harris Ck for a break then on walking track to summit. A climb of 700-metres. Great views including over much of Kosciuszko and Namadgi National Parks

Return by the same way. Afternoon tea in Adaminaby.

Drive 200 km, \$80 per car.

**20 May, SUNDAY RAMBLE
BENDORA ARBORETUM**

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Annette

A short walk in from the Mt Franklin Road is the Bendora Arboretum established in 1940 by Dr Lane-Poole. It contains an experimental planting of 52 species of pinus or similar trees and survived the 2003 bushfires.

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

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

Drive: 100-km, \$40 per car

**26 May, Saturday Work Party
GOOROYARROO NATURE
RESERVE (REMOVAL OF OLD
FENCING)**

Leader:- Martin

A small parcel of land (approx 30Ha) was declared as Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve in late 2011. It is located on the NSW side of the border from Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve (ACT). The Nature Reserve is surrounded by a stock fence but unused portions were dumped in the Reserve. This work party will collect these and carry them to the fire trail in the ACT for removal by NPWS.

Bring sturdy gloves and a camera and/or binoculars - some good views!

Meet at Kambah Village at **9:00am** [Drive 74-km, \$70 per car] or at Goorooyarroo NR (ACT) carpark on Horse Park Drive (just SE of Sullivans Creek) at **9:45am** [Drive 18-km, \$7 per car].

**27 May, SUNDAY WALK
CAPTAINS FLAT PANCAKES
AND THE BIG HOLE**

Map:- Kain 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Steven

Meet at the Canberra Railway station at **8:30am**. A short walk to the 'Big Hole' to walk off the mountains of pancakes and coffee consumed as a late breakfast at Captains Flat on the way.

Drive: 180-km, \$72 per car

**3 June, SUNDAY WALK
BOOROOMBA & BUSHFOLD**

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

Grading:- 3 A/B/C

Leader:- Trevor

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

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

Meet at Kambah shops at 8am – early start due to short daylight hours.

**9-11 June, 3 DAY PACK WALK
THE VINES, BUDAWANGS**

Map:- CMW Budawangs

Grading:- 3 A/D/E

Leader:- Steven

Contact leader by **Wednesday** prior to event. A walk into the Budawangs to the Vines area near the base of Quilties Mountain. Visit Styles pass and the Bora ground for views of the Holland Gorge.

Drive: 250-km, \$100 per car

17 June, SUNDAY WALK**WEST BELCONNEN**

Map:- Canberra Street Map

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Depart **9:30am** from Hardwick Cres carpark, Holt (off northern end of Starke St, opposite 7-Eleven service station). Head north to Ginninderra Ck and continue to West Belconnen Pool. Walk thru Dunlop Grasslands and head east on horse trail for a break at Binns St park, Fraser. Check out Chamwood Homestead site before climbing Mt Rogers for lunch. Great views. Descend on paths thru Flynn, along Ginninderra Ck, thru Latham and Macgregor to start. Coffee at Kippax Fair or Strathnairn. About 13-km.

23 June, SATURDAY WORK PARTY**LOWER COTTER CATCHMENT**

Leader:- Martin

This work party is a continuation of the activity undertaken last year. The area is undergoing significant rehabilitation after removal of the pine plantation. 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 at Cooleman Court carpark (behind McDonald's) at **9:00am**.

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

30 June-1 July, PACK WALK**SENTRY BOX ROCK**

Map:- Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/F

Leader:- Rupert

Sentry Box Mountain is a two-km ridge that offers a high-level walk mostly on granite pavements, with big views from Namadgi to the Main Range, and a scatter of original border markers. From Old Boboyan Road (south) we'll traverse though open forest then up a spur to the south end of the ridge, and camp in a sheltered saddle. Sunday we continue to Sentry Box Rock, drop steeply to the next saddle on the border, then return via fire trails down the Naas Valley past relics from its agricultural days.

Drive: 140-km, \$56 per car

1 July, SUNDAY WALK**TINDERRY TWIN PEAK**

Map:- Tinderry & Michelago 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/D/E

Leader:- Trevor

Contact:- 6288 1495 or
trevor.lewis@act.gov.au

Meet at the Kambah Village Shops at **8:00am**. A solid climb of nearly 800-m mostly on the Mt Allen and West Tinderry fire-trails. Final 2-km to the summit is through bush and involves some rock scrambling. Great views from summit.

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

8 July, SUNDAY WALK**POUNDS CREEK (SNOWSHOES)**

Maps:- Perisher V. & Geehi Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

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

Participants hiring snowshoes should be in possession of them prior to departure. Contact leader by Friday before the event for weather check and departure point.

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

21-22 July, WEEKEND PACK WALK**SHANAHANS CREEK FALLS AND MT CLEAR**

Map:- Colinton, Bredbo 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/F

Leader:- Rupert

Shanahans Falls Creek is reported to have real falls in it! I'd like to find them and then exit to Horse Gully Hut.

We will, if weather's okay, go up the Left Hand Ck Fire Trail to make camp. On Day 2 continue to Mt Clear, drop off-track down its west side to Naas Creek, and return up the southern spur of Shanahans Mountain. If a lower-altitude is advisable we would camp further down the valley, and return along the Booth Range.

The off-track sections are through open snowgums; the couple of descents initially steep, but the climbs well graded.

Contact leader early for more details and to express interest

Drive: 140-km, \$56 per car

22 July, SUNDAY RAMBLE**SCULPTURES AT NEW ACTON AND CIVIC**

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Col

An easy stroll around some of the many sculptures at New Acton, Civic and nearby. Plenty of scope for coffee and cake. Bring lunch.

Meet in car park off London Circuit, near Reserve Bank at end of University Avenue, at **9:00am**.

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

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

Drive 45-km, \$18 per car

29 July, SUNDAY SKI TOUR**FOUR MILE HUT**

Map:- Mt Selwyn Ski Touring Map

Grading:- 3A

Leader:- Steven

Contact leader by Thursday before event 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 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 Mt Selwyn and vehicle park entry fees will need to be allowed for.

Drive 300-km, \$108 per car

31 July-3 Aug, 4 Day SNOW CAMP**TEDDYS HUT (SNOWSHOES/SKIS)**

Map:- Chimneys Ridge 1:25,000

Grading:- 4 A/B/C (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Day 1: Drive to Dead Horse Gap carpark (Cascade Trailhead), walk/ski east to Teddys Hut (9 km) and set up camp. Use hut for cooking and refuge. Days 2 & 3: Possible excursions to Drift Hill, Paddy Rushs Bogong, Mt Terrible. Day 4: Return via Brindle Bull. Minimum of four. Will only proceed if weather forecast is favourable. Expressions of interest well in advance, please.

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

5 August, SUNDAY RAMBLE**PROGRESS AT GLENBURN HISTORIC SITES**

Map: Bungendore 1:25,000

Grading: 1 A/B

Leader: Col

Sunday half day walk- but bring lunch.

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

Meet Kingston Railway Stn at **9:00am**.

Drive 50-km, \$20 per car

12 August, 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 if so desired. Fence hopping skills essential.

Meet at "carpark" near the bottom of Learmonth Drive about 150-m from the Athllon Drive traffic lights at **9:00am**

19 August, SUNDAY WALK

PRETTY POINT (SNOWSHOES)

Maps:- Geehi Dam & Perisher V. 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:45am**. Take Kosciuszko Rd, stopping before Smiggin Holes at Dainers Gap. Head south to Moon Rock and Pretty Point and explore area across to Thompsons Plain. Afternoon tea in Jindabyne on return trip.

Suitable for beginners (Talk to leader: basic requirements are walking boots, snowshoes, poles). Participants can hire snowshoes at Paddy Pallin, Jindabyne.

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

Drive 400-km, \$160 per car + Park entry.

25 August, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

GOOROYARROO NATURE

RESERVE (REMOVAL OF OLD FENCING)

Leader:- Martin

A small parcel of land located on the NSW side of the border was declared as Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve in late 2011. The NR is surrounded by a stock fence but unused materials were dumped in the Reserve. This work party will collect these and carry them to the fire trail in the ACT for removal. Bring sturdy gloves and camera and/or binoculars - good views!

Meet at Kambah Village at **9:00am** [Drive 74-km, \$70 per car] or at Goorooyarroo NR (ACT) carpark on Horse Park Drive (just SE of Sullivans Creek) at **9:45am** [Drive 18-km, \$7 per car].

26 August, SUNDAY WALK

LONG POINT

Map:- Caoura 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B

Leader:- Steven

Meet at **8:30am** at the netball courts car park Southwell park off Northbourne Ave.

A walk down into the Shoalhaven Gorge from the Long Point lookout near Tallong. The long walk down provides great views of the Shoalhaven Gorge and features such as the Knife Edge. Lunch on a sandy beach by the river. Then the long haul (600-m climb) back up out of the gorge.

Drive 240-km, \$108 per car

2 September, SUNDAY WALK

MONGA NATIONAL PARK

Map:- Monga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/C/E

Leader:- Barrie

Meet at the Kingston Railway Station at **8.30am**

Start the walk at Dasyurus Picnic Area off Kings Highway near the Clyde Mt. The walk is very pleasant route up a creek which we may need to cross several times

This is a relatively short walk, but it gives the opportunity to follow, off track, a lovely creek, under huge tree ferns and plumwood forest, on a floor deep in humus.

Finally climb steeply out of the creek to overgrown logging tracks near Monga Mt which take us back to the Picnic Area.

Total distance about 7-km, and total climb about 320-m.

Coffee at Braidwood on way home

Drive 180-km, \$72 per car

9-September, 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 wander around Black Mt Nature Reserve with lunch at the top (~200-m 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**.

16 September, SUNDAY WALK

GOOROYARROO

Map:- Hall 1:25,000

Grading:- 1-2 A/B

Leader:- Steve

A delightful 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 **9:00am** at Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve off Horse Park Drive about 3-km west of the Federal Highway turnoff.

22 Sept, SATURDAY WORK PARTY

RENDEZVOUS CREEK -

WILLOW CONTROL

Leader:- Martin

This work party will operate along Rendezvous Creek upstream from the Boboyan Road in search for willows to eradicate. Participants will be able to coordinate the activity with the Art Week at Gudgenby Cottage.

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

Meet **8:30am** Namadgi Visitors' Centre (or Rendezvous Ck walking track car park at **9:15** if staying at Gudgenby Cottage).

Drive 60-km, \$24 per car

23 September, SUNDAY WALK

THE PARALYSER, (SNOWSHOES)

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6.15am** to drive to Guthega. Proceed via bridge over Farm Creek before climbing steeply south up ridge leading to The Paralyser. The return route will depend on conditons.

Afternoon tea in Jindabyne.

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

Book with leader for weather check, departure location and vehicle arrangements (chains may be req'd).

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

7 October, SUNDAY WALK

MT KOSCIUSZKO (SNOWSHOES)

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B (on snow)

Leader:- Brian

Depart **6:15am**. Drive to Thredbo and take Kosciuszko Express Chairlift to top of range. Follow track to Cootapatamba Lookout and descend to Cootapatamba Hut. Climb steeply to Mt. Kosciuszko from south. Return via track. 13-km. Afternoon tea Jindabyne. Participants hiring snow-shoes should be in possession of them prior to departure.

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

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

6 - 8 OCTOBER PACK WALK

NGITYUNG FALLS AND MT TALATERANG, MORTON NP

Map:- Budawangs sketch map

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

Leader:- Steven

Contact leader before Wednesday prior to event for this long weekend pack walk.

After a long drive with lunch at Cambewarra Mountain lookout, a walk on Little Forrest Plateau out to a campsite at the top of Ngityung Falls. The next day a walk and scramble out to the top of Mt Talaterang. Views of The Castle, the Clyde Gorge, Pigeon House Mountain and the coast. Walk out on the third day.

Drive 450-km, \$180 per car

13 October SATURDAY EASY WALK

BLACK MOUNTAIN

WILDFLOWER RAMBLE

The 41st annual Burbidge/Chippendale walk to enjoy spring wildflower diversity with Peter Ormay, Laurie Adams, Isobel Crawford and Jean Geue. All welcome. Bring your friends, enthusiasm, morning tea, water, hat, sunblock and stout shoes.

Meet **9:30am** sharp at stile off Belconnen Way just east of Caswell Drive corner (look for balloons). The walk will finish around 12:30pm.

14 October SUNDAY WALK

CENTRAL MOLONGLO AND KAMA WOODLAND RAMBLE

Maps:- Canberra, Umburra, and

Cotter Dam 1:25,000s

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Esther

The walk starts and ends at Kama Woodland parking area on William Hovell Drive. Morning tea will feature views over the Molonglo Valley area that is a site of proposed development. We will descend into the valley to follow the river through a rocky gorge to a shady lunch spot. After lunch we will return through the new Kama Woodland Reserve. Come enjoy the views before the developers arrive.

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

21 October, SUNDAY WALK

DEMANDERING HUT

Map:- Colinton 1:25,000

Grading: 2 A/B

Leader: Steven

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

A walk from the Mt Clear camping area through to Demanding Hut for lunch. A shorter walk than the usual walk that continues on to Horse Gully Hut. So this walk is only about 12 to 14-km. Mainly on fire trails but with some grassy plains and open bush.

Drive 160-km, \$60 per car

20-22 Oct, RELAXED PACK WALK (suitable for beginners)

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 Sunday.

Contact leader **ASAP** for further details and travel arrangements.

Drive 95-km, \$38 per car

27 October SATURDAY WORK PARTY

BRAYSHAW'S to WESTERMANS

Leader:- Martin

This work party will involve the removal of Broom in the area between Brayshaw's and Westerman's huts. The location of the Broom plants is known to 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 Namadgi Visitors Centre **9:00am**.

Drive 160-km, \$64 per car

28 October, SUNDAY WALK

SQUARE ROCK

Map:- Corin Dam 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C

Leader:- Steve

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

A walk from the Corin Forest Ski area through to Square Rock. Also visit the Orroral Valley lookout and maybe pop over to visit adjacent frosty hollows. A relaxing walk through mountain forest and the flowers should be out. Great views.

Drive 75-km, \$30 per car.

4 November, SUNDAY RAMBLE

BENDORA ARBORETUM

Map:- Tidbinbilla 1:25,000

Grading:- 1 A

Leader:- Annette

A short walk in from the Mt Franklin Road is the Bendora Arboretum established in 1940 by Dr Lane-Poole. It contains an experimental planting of 52 species of pinus or similar trees and survived the 2003 bushfires.

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

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

Drive: 100-km, \$40 per car

3 to 4 November, PACK WALK

SENTRY BOX MOUNTAIN

Map:- Yaouk 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B/F

Leader:- Rupert

Sentry Box Mountain is a high, near-level ridge walk, mostly on granite pavements, with big views from Namadgi to the Main Range and a scatter of original border markers. From Boboyan Road (south) we'll traverse through open forest then up a spur to camp near the top in a sheltered saddle. Sunday we continue to Sentry Box Rock, drop steeply to the next saddle west, and return on fire trails down the Naas Valley past relics from its agricultural days. If conditions are unsuitable for the ridge, we'll do a low-level walk in the area.

Drive: 150-km, \$60 per car

11 November SUNDAY WALK

GILBERTS GAP

Map:- Endrick & Nerriga 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/D/E/F

Leader:- Philip

Early start. Partly exploratory walk in the Budawangs, starting from the Nerriga entrance to Morton National Park. First Four kilometre on track, including wading the Endrick River, then north off track to Gilberts Gap. From here we'll look for a negotiable route on to the mountain west of the gap. Climb of about 300-metres. Contact leader by Friday 9 November for transport arrangements and departure time.

Drive 360-km, \$140 per car.

9 to 11 November, PACK WALK

OPERA HOUSE HUT, KNP

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 B/D/E

Leader:- Trevor

Day 1, start from Guthega, cross the Snowy via the Illawong bridge, climb Mt Twynam, join the track to continue along the Main Range to a first night's camp in Wilkinsons Valley. Day 2, climb Mt Townsend, descend along Abbott Ridge, some possible regrowth then a scree slope provides descent into Lady Northcotes Canyon and on to Opera House Hut ruins. Camp somewhere on the aqueduct bench. This would be a short day in terms of distance, if not difficulty, with time left over to explore nearby waterfalls.

Day 3, follow Crags Ck up onto Watsons Crags, steep, but mainly rock-hopping, little if any scrub. Conclude by strolling over Mt Twynam and down to Guthega via the Illawong bridge. Spectacular scenery.

Contact leader early if interested

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

13 - 18 November PACK WALK

BACK TO PRETTY PLAIN, KNP

Map:- Khancoban 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/C/D

Leader:- Dianne

A previous trip, 2 years ago, got washed out by one of the big rain and flood events and so an early retreat was made.

A pack walk of 6-days and 5-nights to soak up the beauty and tranquility of this high country area while it lasts. Camp at Tongue Bend, Pugalistic, Pretty Plain (2 nights) and Wheelers if the weather is fine. The usual change of plan if it is not. Approx. 50-kms of walking. Short car swap involved.

Limit of 10, contact leader if interested.

Drive 500-km, \$200 per car + park entry

18 November, SUNDAY WALK

SOUTH TUGGERANONG

Maps:- Canberra street map

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Walk east thru Conder and climb steeply to Tuggeranong Hill. Descend via Calwell and Gordon to Mt Stranger, Bonython, and to Stranger Pond for lunch. Afterwards follow Murrumbidgee south then cut back via Point Hut Pond to Conder. About 15-km.

Afternoon tea at Marketplace.

Meet **8:30am** at Lanyon Marketplace, Tharwa Drive entrance.

24-25 Nov, WEEKEND WORK PARTY

UPPER COTTER -

BRIAR ROSE CONTROL

Leader:- Martin

This work party will be a finalisation of that conducted in February at which time we were rained-out. The activity will concentrate on briars immediately north of the Hut. This work party will involve an overnight stay at Cotter Hut.

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

Drive 94-km, \$38 per car

24-25 November, PACK WALK

WESTERMANS HOMESTEAD

Map:- Yaouk & Shannon's Flat 1:25000

Grading:- 1 A/B

Leader:- Steven

An easy pack walk of about 10 to 12-km per day without too much climb, mainly on fire-trails but with some cross country following animal trails and tracks. The walk follows the Naas Creek valley to visit the ruins of the Boboyan homestead and over the ridge to Waterhole Hut for a late lunch. Then down Grassy Creek along the Settlers Trail to Westermans Homestead for afternoon tea and to set up camp for the night.

The next day the walk will cross the Boboyan Road following the border trail and Grassy creek to the Mt Clear camping ground on the Naas for lunch. Packs will be left there while the cars are retrieved.

Contact leader **early** if interested.

Drive 160-km, \$60 per car.

23 Nov - 11 Dec, OVERSEAS WALKING

NELSON AREA, NZ SOUTH ISL.

Joint NPA /CBC Activity

Leader:- Rupert

Walks in the northern end of the South Island can be less demanding than further south yet remain very scenic. One I'd like to do is the 8-day Travers-Sabine Circuit to see the 'vegetable sheep' near Mt Cupola

If Interested contact leader ASAP.

2 December, SUNDAY WALK

GIGERLINE GORGE

Map:- Williamsdale 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 C/E

Leader:- Mike

From junction of Smiths Road and Angle Crossing Road, south of Tharwa, walk down/along Reedy Creek to the Murrumbidgee River, cross, visit Guises Creek then downriver through Gigerline Gorge to the Sandwash Area carpark. Short car shuffle required. Rock hopping/scrambling required. Good swimming opportunities. May come across works by ACTEW for their Murrumbidgee River to Burra Creek water pipeline

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

Drive 40-km, \$16 per car

NPA Christmas Party

Sunday, 9 December

BLUE RANGE HUT

from 11:30am



Contact: NPA committee members

This year we plan to hold our Christmas Party at the Blue Range Hut off the Brindabella Road. NPA signage will be in place at turn-off.

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.

16 December, SUNDAY WALK

ALPINE LAKES, KNP

Map:- Perisher Valley 1:25,000

Grading:- 2 A/B

Leader:- Brian

Wildflower ramble. Depart **6:30am** and drive to Charlotte Pass. Take trail to Snowy River then follow Club Lake Ck to the lake. After a break, climb over ridge to Lake Albina (conditions permitting) for lunch. Return via Carruthers Peak and the long grassy slope to the path. Some steep climbs. Approx. 12-km. Afternoon tea Jindabyne.

Book with leader for weather check and departure point.

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

Outings Convener - Mike Smith

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