

TUMUT & DISTRICT BUSHWALKERS INC.

WALKS PROGRAM
3rd March – 14th July 2024

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1. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to carry protective clothing at all times as weather conditions can change rapidly, especially in the mountains. Carry drinking water and lunch plus extra food in case of an emergency. Wear sturdy footwear.

2. **WALKS LEADERS** reserve the right to change the walk route on the day depending on prevailing conditions and altered circumstances. Members and visitors must check with the walk leader that their fitness and experience suit the walk. A walk leader can refuse permission for any person to take part in his/her activity.

3. **WALK GRADING**

Grade 2 (Easy)

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.

Grade 3 (Medium)

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.

Grade 4 (Hard)

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.

Grade 5 (Very Hard)

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialized skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.

4. **ASSEMBLY POINT** for walks on this program will be at the TUMUT VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE, Snowy Mountains Highway (shown in the attachment as TIC). Start times vary to suit travel distances.

5. **FIRST AID KITS** are the responsibility of each walker however the Walk's Leader will be carrying an emergency one.

MEMBERSHIP SUBS due at the AGM in August each year. Subs are \$35.00 per year - made up of \$15 for Tumut Bushwalkers and \$20 to the Federation of Bushwalkers. (6 month membership \$20)

NON MEMBERSHIP – new walkers are most welcome to come along and enjoy the day at a charge of \$5. After 3 walks it is expected that a person becomes a full financial member. Children under the age of 16 are not charged but must be under the supervision of a responsible paying adult.

NOTICE TO ALL WALKERS: It is a condition of participation that all walkers do so at their own risk. The Tumut and District Bushwalkers Inc and any activity leader or coordinator will not

accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any participant how so ever any loss, damage or injury may arise or be caused.

For the safety of walkers the Club has a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). The PLB will be carried by the Walks Leader. The PLB will be kept with the walkers' sign on folder along with instructions on how to use it and guidelines for when it should be used.

3rd March 2024 – Exploring Blue Waterholes

Commencing from Blue Waterholes camp ground we will follow the Blue Waterholes Fire Trail doing a short detour in one spot to look at Spencer's Hut ruins and Mt Black Mine.

We will then continue on the trail till we meet Mosquito Creek Trail which we will follow for 2kms to Bill Jones's Hut. After inspecting the hut we will return to Blue Waterholes the same way for lunch. After lunch we will walk/wade Clarke Gorge to Cave Creek Falls and/or explore Nicole Gorge and the Caves.

Good old joggers/walking shoes that can stay on and get wet will be needed to do Clarke Gorge as there are about 10 creek crossings. A torch could also be handy in the caves up Nicole Gorge.

Depart: TIC 7.00am Travel Distance: 200kms (25 kms each way on dirt road) Walk Distance: 10kms in the morning and up to 5kms in the afternoon

Grade: **3 (Medium)** Carpool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

10th March 2024 - Cooinbil Hut To Harris's Hut (ruins)

Commencing at Cooinbil Hut we /will follow the horse trail over the Cooleman Range to the ruins of Harris's Hut (also known as Blue Waterholes Homestead) where we will inspect the ruins. The hut consisted of 2 rooms and was built of horizontal slabs with a slab floor. Unfortunately, it was burnt down in the late 1990's. We will then walk 1.5kms to Harris's Waterhole before returning to Cooinbil with time to inspect Cooinbil Hut and have afternoon tea.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 180kms Walk Distance: 14kms

Grade:**3 (Medium)** Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439 043 429**

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17th March 2024 – Hainsworths to Old Currango

Travel along Snowy Mountains Highway, turn off onto Long Plain Road and then onto Port Phillip Fire Trail to the start of Mosquito Creek Trail. We will walk Mosquito Creek Trail visiting Hainsworth Hut and then on to Old Currango. From Old Currango we will follow the Old Currango Walking Track towards Tantangara Dam and the Port Phillip Fire Trail where cars and afternoon tea will be waiting. **Wading shoes may be necessary to cross a couple of creeks. A car shuttle is required.**

Depart: TIC: 8.00am Travel Distance: 210kms Walk Distance: 17 kms

Grade: **3 (Medium)** Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Don McKie Ph: 0457 587 906**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

24th March, 2024 – Three Rivers Walk

This walk is to the headwaters of the Murrumbidgee, Yarrangobilly and Goobragandra Rivers, The 3 rivers all start in close proximity to each other on the watershed of the Fiery Range. The walk is mostly on track with some short sections off track through light scrub.

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 180kms Walk Distance: 15km

Grade: 3(Medium) Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Phil Crane Ph: 0491 188 170**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

31st March 2024 - Easter Sunday

No walk

7th April 2024 - Exploring Our Gold History

After driving to Kiranda we will walk the New Chum Heritage Trail and along the way learn about the different ways gold was mined. Sand was also mined and used in the construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Having completed that we will drive to Three Mile Dam for lunch. After lunch we will walk the Gold Seekers Trail through regenerating snow gums. Along the way there will be views to Tabletop Mountain, Round Mountain, Cabramurra and Selwyn Ski Resort. There will also be various relics of the gold mining era along the way. Afternoon tea will be back at Three Mile Dam.

Depart: TIC 8.30am

Travel Distance: 200kms

Walk Distance: 9kms

Grade: 3 (Medium) Car Pool: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 0429 473 058**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

12th – 15th April 2024 - Club Campover Yarrangobilly Caves/General Meeting 13/4

Members who are attending and need further information please contact
Susan Learmont Ph: 0437 626 874

21st April 2024 - Padovans Crossing & Cotter Dam Foreshores

Starting at Condor Hut ruins we follow Warks Road for 2kms then Bullock Paddock Road to Padovans Crossing over Condor Creek. We then follow Bullock Paddock Road for 2kms and turn right and head down to Cotter Dam foreshores for lunch. We will then return to cars via unnamed road and the Brindabella Road.

Depart: TIC 9.00 am Travel Distance: 180kms Walk Distance: 14kms

Grade: **3 (Medium)** Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439 991 632**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

5th May 2024 - Club Social Day Tumbarumba Rail Trail

12th May 2024 - Mothers Day

No Walk

19th May 2024 – Rules Point Exploratory

Commencing on the Snowy Mountains Highway at Long Plain Road, this off track walk explores the remains of the Rules Point Hotel and the area of bush on the western side of the Highway. There is a short section on the Yarrangobilly Exit Road before re-entering the bush to return to Rules Point by a different route.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 130kms Walk Distance: 8km

Grade: **4 (Hard)** Carpool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439 043 429**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

26th May 2024 – Micalong Swamp

From the junction of the Brindabella Road and the Hume & Hovell Track we follow the track to the boardwalk through the swamp to Webb's ruins for lunch. After lunch we will follow tracks around the swamp back to the cars.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 84kms Walk Distance: 10km

Grade: **2 (Easy)** Carpool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

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2nd June 2024– Sculptures, Gold and Heritage

Starting at the Adelong Caravan Park we will walk along Adelong Creek looking at 10 sculptures that have been placed there. We will then continue to the Adelong Gold Mill Ruins and explore them. After lunch we will walk back to the Adelong township, wander past a lot of historic buildings and visit the museum with its scale model of the Reefer Battery.

Depart: TIC 9.30 am Travel Distance: 42kms Walk Distance: 7kms

Grade: 3 (Medium) Carpool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 0429 473 058**

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9th June 2024 - June Long Weekend

No walk

16th June 2024 - Blowering Dam Wall to Brown's Creek Campsite

This walk commences from Blowering Power Station and follows the Hume & Hovell Walking Track from the western end of Blowering Dam wall. The track follows the contours above the waterline of Blowering Dam to the lunch spot at Brown's Creek Campsite. Return the same route.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 30km Walk Distance: 20km

Grade: 3 (Medium) Carpool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427 473 890**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

23rd June 2024 – Blowering Dam Environs

Starting at the Trout Farm turnoff, we walk to the top of the hill where we will view the reflector and take in views down the valley to the Dam Wall. We'll then drop down to cross the road where the single men's quarters were and through to the Hume & Hovell Track on the Dam's foreshore and walk back to the Wall and down to the Power Station. We will then follow the river to the Swinging Bridge and back to the cars.

Depart: TIC 9.00am Travel Distance: 20km Walk Distance: 10km

Grade: 3 (Medium) Carpool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439 991 632**

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30th June 2024 – Woomargama National Park

Commencing and finishing at the Yambla View Wambariga Lookout, with views of the Yambla Range and out to the plains of the Riverina. This walk will provide an opportunity to explore the eucalypt forests found in the park via sections of the Hume & Hovell Walking Track, established fire trails and small 'off track' sections. Some inclines provide views across the park.

Depart: TIC: 7.30am Travel Distance: 318km Walk Distance: 15km

Grade: 3 (Medium) Carpool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Chris Hanson Ph: 0407 213 039**

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7th July 2024 – Weriboldera State Conservation Area (SCA)

This walk is on various tracks in the Weriboldera SCA and Tumut State Forest incorporating Weriboldera Trig and great views over the local area.

Depart: TIC: 9.00am Travel Distance: 13kms Walk Distance: approximately 10km

Grade: 3 (Medium)

Contact Person: **Susan Learmont Ph: 0437 626 874**

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14th July 2024 - Livingstone National Park and State Conservation Area

We will access the Park and Conservation Area from the south travelling along the Hume Highway and Westby Road to Burrandana. The walk is then along formed trails passing through a variety of vegetation including grass trees, cypress pines, grevilleas, gum trees and wattles. It is also the home to a large variety of birds. Tin, gold and wolframite have previously been mined in the area and we will pass by and explore one such site.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 280kms Walk Distance: 15kms

Grade: 3 (Medium) Carpool Cost: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Chris Hanson Ph: 0407 213 039**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.