

TUMUT & DISTRICT BUSHWALKERS INC.

WALKS PROGRAM

6th August – 26th November 2023

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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**
 - a) **EASY** – Relatively gentle grades. Suited to most people.
 - b) **MEDIUM** – mostly good surfaces, but with some rough or steep sections. Suitable for people of average fitness.
 - c) **HARD** – includes rough or steep sections some of which may require clambering over natural obstacles. Some steep ascents and descents.
 - d) Long walks designated “**L**”. Short walks designated “**S**”.
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 July 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 co-ordinator 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.

Please make note of these dates in your diaries:

Next Walks Planning Meeting:

Date: early February 2024

Venue and date: to be decided closer to the time

AGM

Wednesday 9th August at 6pm

Venue: Tumut River Brewery

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

S/ 6th August, 2023 – Bald Hill to Blowering Cliff Falls

Starts on Snowy Mountains Highway at Buckleys Trail, to climb to Bald Hill. Continues off track below Blowering Cliffs meeting Blowering Cliffs Walk Trail, for a side walk into the Falls. Many great views across Blowering Dam. Return via Blowering Cliffs Walk Trail to Snowy Mountains Highway at Log Bridge Creek.

Short car shuttle

Depart: TIC 9.00am

Travel Distance: 32kms

Walk Distance: 8km

Grade: Medium

Carpool Fee: \$5

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

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L/ 13th August, 2023 – Mt Tumut

This walk is only a short distance to the north west of Tumut to what is known as Mt Tumut or Tabletop Mountain. Walkers will hike through mainly open grazing country climbing up to a height of 704m where you are greeted with great views of the Tumut and Gilmore Valleys.

Depart: TIC: 9.00am

Travel Distance: 20kms

Walk Distance: 10kms

Grade: Medium

Carpool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Andrew Ploeg Ph: 0422 728 231**

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

L/ 20th August, 2023 – Ulandra Nature Reserve

This Walk commences from Mahomets Rd near Bethungra. It passes the ruins of Eulolo Homestead and the still remaining 1950's shearing shed. Walkers will also be able to examine the old steam engines dating back to the 1860's.

The walk passes through open country with Black Cypress Pine, Cootamundra Wattle and Spectacular granite Boulder outcrops. The track climbs easily to Beverly Hill Range Trail with good views. A steep cross-country descent completes the loop.

Depart: TIC 8.00am

Travel Distance: 200kms

Walk Distance: 13km

Grade: Medium

Carpool Fee: \$10

Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 69473058 or 0476 691 403**

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

L/ 27th August, 2023 – Picnic Hill

Cars to be left at Matchett's ruin off Jounama Dam Rd. We commence our walk along part of the Batlow-Yellowin Rd until we reach our lunch spot at Picnic Hill with great views over Blowering and up to Black Perry.

Depart: TIC 9.00am Travel Distance: 80km Walk Distance: 10km

Grade: Easy/Medium, with a gradual climb Carpool Fee: \$5

Contact Person: **Susan Feilding Ph: 0412 702 317**

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

3rd September, 2023 – Fathers Day

No Walk – Fathers Day

10th September, 2023 – Walk Needed

Walk needed.

L/ 17th September, 2023 – Spicers Trail

From Snowy Mountains Highway, following Spicers Trail to a tributary of the Yarrangobilly River. Dropping off the fire trail to the Yarrangobilly River junction, then returning along Spicers trail.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 130km Walk Distance: 10km

Grade: Easy Carpool Fee: \$10

Contact Person: **Margie Thornton 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.

S/ 24th September, 2023 – Old Talbingo Mountain Road Walk

From Jounama Creek campground we will head up the Old Mountain Road climbing 500m in elevation over 4 kilometres. The walk is well worth the climb for the breathtaking views of Bogong Peaks, Black Perry, Jounama Pondage and Blowering Reservoir plus the large variety of wild flowers that should be in bloom. Returning the same way.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 80kms Walk Distance: 9kms

Grade: Medium/hard with steep sections when ascending and descending

Car Pool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Catherine Cusack Ph: 0415 451 510**

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

1st October, 2023 – Long Weekend

No walk – Long Weekend

L/ 8th October, 2023 – Mt Minjary

Walk in the Minjary National Park with a mix of off and on track walking up to the trig, with views across to Pine Mountain and Gilmore. Lunch with views over Califat before returning via Little Minjary along the fire trail

Depart: TIC: 9.00am Travel Distance: 40kms Walk Distance: 12kms

Grade: Medium Carpool Fee: \$5.00

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

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

L/ 15th October, 2023 – Ellerslie Nature Reserve

The walk starts from the Snowy Mountains Highway and follows the Yaven Creek Trail to Yaven Yaven Creek. Crossing the creek, the walk follows the Diagonal, Blanch Creek and Lanes Trails to reach the South-West edge of the reserve. A series of short rises along the way provide spectacular views of the surrounding area. Return by car shuttle along Dunns Rd.

Car Shuttle

Bring wading shoes

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 72km Walk Distance: 12-13km

Grade: Medium Carpool Fee: \$5

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.

S/ 22nd October, 2023 – Mt Coree

Travel to Brindabella and on to Picadilly Circus, then left on to Two Sticks Rd to the Coree Camping Ground. We then walk to the bottom of Mt Coree before the steep 2km climb to the summit. The 360 degrees view from the top includes Canberra and beyond.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 180kms Walk Distance: 6kms

Grade: **Hard** Carpool 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.

L/ 29th October, 2023 – Cumberland Range Walk

This walk is up on the Cumberland area following fire trails and will give views out over Talbingo Dam and Landers Falls.

Depart: TIC: 8.30am Travel Distance: 100kms Walk Distance: 10-12km

Grade: Medium Carpool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Ralph Hales Ph: 0422 205 120**

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

S/ 5th November, 2023 – Buddong Hut and Falls

Travel via Batlow to Buddong Falls camping area (road could be a little rough) where we will leave the cars. From the cars the walkers will be able to visit Buddong Hut built in 1925 and upper and low Buddong Falls via the Hume and Hovell Walking Track.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Batlow Hall: 9.00am Travel Distance: 125kms

Walk Distance: 8-10kms Grade: Medium with a steep section to the Falls

Carpool Fee: \$10

Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 69473058 or 0476 691 403**

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L/ 12th November, 2023 – Broken Dam Hut

The walk starts along the Four Mile Trail. Starting point is a wade across the Eucumbene River. After crossing the river there is a steady, sometimes steep climb, offering expansive views along the way. The trail winds in and around to Broken Dam Hut, which survived the recent fires and is a great spot for lunch. Return the same way.

Bring wading shoes as the Eucumbene River will have to be crossed at the beginning of the walk and at the end.

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 190km Walk Distance: 14km

Grade: Hard Carpool Fee: \$10

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

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L/ 19th November, 2023 – Witzes Hut and Goandra Hut via Nungar Trail

This will be a one way walk with a car shuttle involved. We will start by crossing the Eucumbene River at Kiandra and then following the Nungar Fire Trail for 8.5kms till we reach the Alpine Creek Trail. We will then walk 4kms along that Trail to reach Witzes Hut (an excellent example of a vertical slab hut and once an outstation for Goandra Station). After lunch we will follow the Bullocks Hill Trail then Goandra Trail and visit Goandra Hut before heading back to the cars.

Car Shuttle

Wading shoes required.

Depart: TIC: 7.30am Travel Distance: 200kms Walk Distance: 22 kms

Grade: Medium Carpool Fee: \$10

Contact Person: **Helen Kuchel: Ph: 0429 186 223**

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

L/ 26th November, 2023 – Pig Gully Hut Ruins and Mt Selwyn

The walk begins at Kiandra township and follows Tabletop Fire Trail for a while and then leaves the Trail to find Pig Gully Hut ruins before heading up to Mt Selwyn Trig.

Pig Gully Hut ruins are located near the base of Mount Selwyn where there is plenty of evidence of mining activity. Fred Bernhardt lived here from 1926 until the 1940's.

Depart: TIC: 8.00am Travel Distance: 180km Walk Distance: 13km

Grade: Medium with some off-track sections Carpool Fee: \$10

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

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