BUSHWALKING AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM AUTUMN 2018

In this Autumn 2018 program you will find a great mix of activities to choose from including bushwalks and urban walks, excursions, camps and social nights.

Once you’ve had a read through the program and have found an activity or activities you’re interested in, follow the steps below to make a booking.

HOW TO JOIN IN THE ACTIVITIES

BOOKING A WALK OR ACTIVITY

• Contact the activity leader about 2-3 weeks, but not more than one month, before the trip, unless early booking is indicated in the program. Leader phone numbers are generally home numbers and calls should be made in the evening on weeknights before 9:00pm or on weekends. Please remember that all leaders are volunteers.
• When booking, indicate your name, telephone number, personal emergency contact number, and whether you are interested in car sharing. If contacting a leader by email, put the email subject as “BWAG <walk name>”.
• If you are unknown to the leader, s/he will discuss with you your fitness, equipment and experience to undertake the activity you have chosen, or they can recommend another activity that is more suited to your ability. Persons under 18 cannot be accepted unless accompanied by an adult.
• Leaders will not accept early bookings – it increases the chances of cancellations and it is unfair to those who follow the guidelines. Leaders will limit numbers on a trip to comply with our Minimal Impact Bushwalking Policy and safety considerations.
• Please read the Activity Descriptions table before booking a trip.
• Non-members are welcome on trips. They must be booked in with the leader and may attend three trips before it is necessary to join the VNPA.
• To book a NatureWatch activity, please email the NatureWatch Coordinator (christine@vnpa.org.au) and include your phone number. Bookings for NatureWatch activities can be made at any time.
• Keep updated with activity changes by subscribing to the VNPA monthly Bushwalking, Event and Activities email update. Subscribe via vnpa@vnpa.org.au.

FEES

The activity leader will collect fees, with the money used to pay for general BWAG expenses, printing the walks program, and VNPA conservation activities. Attendance fees per day are:

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The fee for multi-day activities will not exceed a three day fee.

BOOTS WASHING – DIEBACK THREAT

Dieback is caused by **Pytophthora cinnamomi**, a plant disease that lives in the soil. Clean your boots with a 70% methylated spirits/water solution immediately after completing your bushwalking activity.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION (VNPA)

The Victorian National Parks Association is Victoria’s leading nature conservation organisation. It is an independent, non-profit, membership-based group that exists to protect Victoria’s unique natural environment and biodiversity through the establishment and effective management of national parks, conservation reserves and other measures.

The Bushwalking and Activities Group (BWAG) is part of the VNPA and its committee of volunteers prepares and coordinates the activities in this program.

NatureWatch is a VNPA community engagement and citizen science program that brings together community groups, scientists and land managers to develop and manage projects that get volunteers out into the field monitoring native plants and animals.

BWAG CONTACTS

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Treasurer/Trip reports: Rob Argent 0417 502 191 vnpabwag.treasurer@gmail.com

Victorian National Parks Association
Level 3, 60 Leicester St, Carlton VIC 3053
Ph: (03) 9341 6500, Fax: (03) 9347 5199
Email: vnpa@vnpa.org.au
Web: www.vnpa.org.au  ABN 34 217 717 593

TRANSPORT

Trips are by private transport unless otherwise stated. Where possible, please try to share transport, as it cuts costs and fuel usage. The leader may arrange car pooling. The objective of our cost-sharing policy is for costs to be shared between all the occupants of the vehicle.

INSURANCE

VNPA has a package of community organisation insurance policies that covers a range of activities. Check the activities infopak at www.vnpa.org.au/publications/activities-program

Every person participating in a VNPA activity does so at his or her own risk in all respects and as such accepts full responsibility for his/her suitability, fitness and preparedness for the activity and for any injury to him/herself. The Association, its office bearers, organisers, leaders and helpers are absolved from any liability in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by the participant while engaged in any VNPA activity to the extent permitted by law. While incidents are rare, the great outdoors can throw up challenges. If an incident occurs, you should inform the activity leader and the VNPA office.

The VNPA has determined that overseas trips have significant risks and insurance costs to the VNPA and are outside the scope of the VNPA’s geographical focus on Victoria. As such, overseas trips will no longer be offered under the auspice of the VNPA or BWAG and will not be covered by VNPA Insurance.

Participants of overseas trips, especially outdoors, are strongly encouraged to have appropriate personal travel insurance.
EMERGENCY CONTACTS

COORDINATOR

Adrianna Koutsofrigas  Emergency Contacts Coordinator 0439 067 798 / vnpabwag.ec@gmail.com

The (EC) notation after an activity title indicates that the emergency contact system is to be used. The leader will advise participants of the name and phone number of the selected contact. All participants should leave details of their trip, the expected time of return and the phone number of the contact with a relative or friend. Enquiries about the late return of people are to be directed to the contact. Do not ring the police. The names and phone numbers of emergency contacts are listed for relevant dates in the program. Direct any queries to the emergency contact coordinator.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

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| Walk  | • on formed tracks  
|       | • terrain level or undulating  
|       | • pace relaxed  | • some rough terrain, forest or road walking  
|       | | • longer ascents or descents  
|       | | • up to 6 hours walking in a day  | • rough terrain  
|       | | | • 8 hrs or more each day  
|       | | | • steep sustained ascents or descents  |
| Excursion | • Bus trips to places of interest to members, including the option of an easy or medium grade walk (see ‘easy walk’ above)  
| | | • Bus trips to places of interest to members, including the option of an easy or medium grade walk (see ‘medium walk’ above)  | N/A  |
| Walk, Talk & Gawk | • Park visits/guided walks, with frequent stops for observation of significant features or ecology.  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Easy Going Amble | • Slow-as-you go strolls with rests along the way still enjoying the great outdoors  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Canoe Kayaking | • slow-flowing rivers  
| | • small rapids  
| | • a good command of basic strokes required  
| | • beginner trips assume no experience  | • moderately flowing rivers  
| | | • small rapids requiring some manoeuvring  
| | | • route generally easy to recognise  | • Level 1 rapids  
| | | | • longer days, sustained paddling required  
| | | | • manoeuvring in faster flowing water  |
| Cycle | • up to 40km/day  
| | • bitumen roads  
| | • few hills  
| | • no steep grades  | • up to 50km/day in hilly country or 70km/day in flat country  
| | | • short stretches of dirt road  | • sustained stretches on dirt roads  
| | | | • up to 60km/day in hilly country or 80km/day on the flat  
| | | | • 7hr/day or more  
| | | | • good skating skills  
| | | | • off trail, steep slopes, all snow conditions  
| | | | • competent in poor weather  |
| Ski Snowshoe (day) | • up to 5hr/day  
| | • mainly groomed trails  
| | • limited experience is assumed  | • ability to snow plough and stop  
| | | • up to 7hr/day  
| | | • moderate slopes and off-trail  | • moderate slopes in all snow conditions  
| | | | • with a full pack  
| | | | • snowcamping experience desirable  
| | | | • snowcamping experience in all conditions  |
| Ski Snowshoe (overnight) | • able to snow plough and stop with a daypack  
| | • overnight backpack camping experience  | • ability to ski gentle slopes with a full pack  
| | | • snowcamping experience desirable  | • moderate slopes in all snow conditions  
| | | | • with a full pack  
| | | | • snowcamping experience in all conditions  |

You can use the descriptions above to decide whether you can complete a proposed activity enjoyably and with little risk.
If you are inexperienced, you would be expected to progress through the grades, doing day walks before attempting overnight pack-carrying walks.
You should discuss any doubts about your abilities with the activity leader. In some cases gradings are combined, e.g. easy/medium or medium/hard.

ACTIVITY ICONS

Cover image: One of 2,300 species of sea slug (nudibranch). See activity on page 5. Photo by lan Scholey.
26 Mar (Mon)
Macedon in Autumn
Easy/Medium 10km | Limit 20 | 65km NW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151

We will take the morning train to Macedon (9:14am from Southern Cross Station), for an uphill walk towards Mt Macedon, taking in side streets and peeking at beautiful gardens. We will return to Melbourne on the 3:36pm train from Macedon.

29 Mar (Thu)
U35 Social Night
Contact: Eva Klusacek
U35 Social vnau35@gmail.com

Hear about our recent walks, catch up with those you've walked with before, or make new friends to walk with in the future! Dinners are a very informal way to meet others under 35 (more or less) who are interested in bushwalking. Details and contact information for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential.

30 Mar-2 Apr (long)
Alpine National Park – Refrigerator Gap to Hellfire Creek and back (amended route) (EC)
Hard/Exploratory 40km | Limit 6 | 350km NE Melb
Taariq Hassan taariq.music@gmail.com

Easter long weekend pack-carry hike. Meet Friday 9am at Sheepyard Flat. 4WD/AWD car-shuttle to 8 Mile Flat and Refrigerator Gap. Hike the Bluff (weather permitting) to Bluff Hut and Lovick’s Hut. Saturday to Hell's Window via King Billy #1 and Mt Magdala. Sunday, return to Bluff Hut and 14 Mile Spur and camp at Ritchie's Hut. Monday return to 8 Mile Flat, car shuttle and drive home. You need to be fit and carry extra water.

30 Mar-2 Apr (long)
Forests Forever Easter Ecology Camp
Easy/Medium | 420km E Melb
VNPA and Environment East Gippsland

Camp beside the Brodribb River at Goongerah in East Gippsland. Walk amongst the rainforest trees and visit Errinundra National Park. Learn about the ecology of these forests from scientists who have been studying them. Visit www.vnpa.org.au/forests-forever.

Contact Mike Forster: mike.forster10@gmail.com or Euan Moore: calamanthus5@bigpond.com

5 Apr (Thu)
Silvan Reservoir public transport walk
Medium 15km | Limit 15 | 40km E Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)

This public transport walk begins at Kalorama, and climbs to an attractive public garden, maintained very well by Yarra Ranges Council. We then head downhill all the way to Silvan Reservoir, finishing in Powerful Owl territory at Mount Evelyn.

7 Apr (Sat)
Mt Macedon, summit and circuit (EC)
Medium 16km | Limit 14 | 65km NW Melb
Doug Palmer 9399 4494
dpalmer@imetro.com.au

A circuit walk to enjoy features of the mountain, Camels Hump, lake, views and varied vegetation. We will start near the village, beginning with an uphill section to the summit, then undulations. Aerobic and scenic. Short car-shuttle.

9 Apr (Mon)
Quarry Hills Park, South Morang
Easy 9km | Limit 20 | 40km NE Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151

Meet at South Morang station 11.30am. BYO lunch. Distant views, space, eagles, kangaroos and wetlands. Has it changed since our last visit in 2015?

11 Apr (Wed)
Social Night: The personal and positive impacts of long distance walking with Rob Saunders
VNPA 9341 6500
vnpa bwag.social@gmail.com

After a 30-year career in park visitor communication and management, VNPA member Rob Saunders undertook a PhD on the lasting personal effects of experiences in parks. This talk will outline his research and provide an opportunity to discuss its implications for leaders of extended activities. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry $2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.
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<td>Discover Dandenong Creek Festival</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>30 km SE Melb</td>
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<td>Tirhatuan Reserve, Kriegel Way, Dandenong North</td>
<td>11am-2pm. As part of Nature Play April, join in for a wild day of family-friendly fun and discovery celebrating Dandenong Creek’s natural wonders, hosted by City of Greater Dandenong and Living Links, including VNPA Wild Families activities. All are welcome but please book for catering purposes – call 8571 1702 or register online at <a href="http://www.greaterdandenong.com">www.greaterdandenong.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>14 Apr (Sat)</strong></td>
<td>Easy Going Amble: Lillydale Lake</td>
<td>Easy/5km</td>
<td>Limit 15</td>
<td>45km NE Melb</td>
<td>Geoff Durham 9523 5559</td>
<td>Keep moving to keep going. A return walk from Lilydale Station around the artificial Lillydale Lake and interesting wetlands. Optional coffee/lunch.</td>
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<td><strong>14 Apr (Sat)</strong></td>
<td>Caught on Camera at Wombat State Forest</td>
<td>Easy/Medium</td>
<td>Limit 30</td>
<td>100 km NW Melb</td>
<td>VNPA NatureWatch <a href="mailto:naturewatch@vnpa.org.au">naturewatch@vnpa.org.au</a> 9341 6500</td>
<td>9.30am-1pm. Join NatureWatch and Wombat Forestcare to begin our 2018 Caught on Camera season. Learn how to use motion-sensing camera and help set them at the first sites. Fully field-based, meet in Wombat State Forest near Trentham - details on registration. Some driving on dirt tracks (car-pooling). Morning tea provided, registration required. Email or phone Christine.</td>
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<td><strong>15 Apr (Sun)</strong></td>
<td>U35 Keppel Lookout via Steavenson Falls (EC)</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>16 km</td>
<td>Limit 10</td>
<td>100km NE Melb</td>
<td>Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318 <a href="mailto:eklusacek@hotmail.com">eklusacek@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>15 Apr (Sun)</strong></td>
<td>Queenscliff walk</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>16 km</td>
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<td>100km SW Melb</td>
<td>Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866 <a href="mailto:cherylmioch@bigpond.com">cherylmioch@bigpond.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>18 Apr (Wed)</strong></td>
<td>Conserving the Bogong High Plains Joint presentation by La Trobe University and VNPA</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>30 km SE Melb</td>
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<td>VNPA NatureWatch <a href="mailto:naturewatch@vnpa.org.au">naturewatch@vnpa.org.au</a> 9341 6500</td>
<td>6.30pm-8pm. Deer are a major conservation concern especially in vulnerable ecosystems. La Trobe University, with VNPA, are monitoring deer in the Alpine National Park’s fragile wetlands. Presentations by the VNPA’s Phil Ingamells and Christine Connelly, and La Trobe research scientist Zac Walker, about the issues associated with deer and our monitoring results.</td>
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<td>Alpine National Park – Mt Clear circuit (EC)</td>
<td>Hard/Exploratory 22km</td>
<td>Limit 6</td>
<td>400km NE Melb</td>
<td>Taariq Hassan <a href="mailto:taariq.music@gmail.com">taariq.music@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>A weekend pack-carry hike taking in a section of the AAWT including: The Nobs; High Cone and the prominent summit of Mt Clear (1695m) Friday: camp Sheeypyard Flat. Saturday: 4WD/AWD car pooling to the trail head. A steep ascent, ridge trek, and camping near water NW of Mt Clear. Sunday: complete the loop and drive home via Mansfield. Good fitness, carrying extra water and reliable hiking/camping gear.</td>
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<td><strong>21-22 Apr (w/e)</strong></td>
<td>Cycling and cake on the Great Victorian Rail Trail (EC)</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>100 km</td>
<td>Limit 8</td>
<td>100km N Melb</td>
<td>Lesley Gillespie 9386 9077 <a href="mailto:lesley.gillespie999@hotmail.com">lesley.gillespie999@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>21-22 Apr (w/e)</strong></td>
<td>Port Phillip Bay Sea Slug Census</td>
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<td>Kade Mills, ReefWatch Coordinator <a href="mailto:kade@vnpa.org.au">kade@vnpa.org.au</a> 9341 6519</td>
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21 Apr (Sat)
Excursion by coach: Whroo and Chateau Tahbilk
Easy 5km | Limit 57 | 190km N Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leader: Larysa Kucan

On this Autumn trip, there will be a stop at Nagambie Lake before we travel to Whroo Historic Reserve to view the Balaclava open cut mine and visit the old cemetery. Our next stop will be Chateau Tahbilk. The historic winery, situated on the Goulburn River, was established in 1860 and comprises acres of vineyard, beautiful historic buildings and the Tahbilk Wetlands.

21 Apr (Sat)
Autumnal Daylesford walk (EC)
Medium 17km | Limit 16 | 110km NW Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com

Exploring trails around the lakes, Wombat Hill, the botanical gardens and part of the goldfields trail towards Hepburn Springs. Hopefully we will see the autumnal colours in all their glory.

22 Apr (Sun)
WT&G: Point Nepean National Park
Easy 10km | Limit 10 | 90km SE Melb
Terese Dalman 0413 234 130
teresedalman@gmail.com

Explore historical Point Nepean. Starting at the Quarantine Station we walk along the bay beach to the Fort at the Point. Returning via Cheviot Beach and the Monash Light.

23 Apr (Mon)
Geelong foreshore and gardens
Easy 8km | Limit 20 | 75km SW Melb
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316

Meet at 11am at Geelong station. This is our second go at this walk. Last year the weather was against us. From the station, we will walk to the foreshore on our way to Limeburners Point. We can check out some of the bollards before making our way to the gardens.

26 Apr (Thu)
U35 Social Night
Contact: Eva Klusacek
U35 Social vnpau35@gmail.com

Hear about our recent walks, catch up with those you’ve walked with before, or make new friends to walk with in the future! Dinners are a very informal way to meet others under 35 (more or less) who are interested in bushwalking. Details and contact information for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential.

28 Apr (Sat)
Yarraville to St Kilda
Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 16 | 5km S Melb
Glenn King 0448 816 504

From Yarraville Railway Station, we will walk down the Yarra River and cross the river on the punt (fee). Then walk through Westgate Park and follow the bay to St Kilda, finishing near Luna Park.

5-6 May (w/e)
Mt Erica and the Baw Baw Plateau (EC)
Medium 24km | Limit 10 | 200km E Melb
James Shannon 9754 4951 / 0407 346 467
jmshannon1962@hotmail.com

A pleasant walk across the beautiful Baw Baw Plateau, through long, unburnt snowgum woodlands and heathlands. We will visit Mushrooms Rocks and Mt St Gwinear along the way, as well as some other side-trips without packs.
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<td>Upper Mullum Mullum Creek public transport walk</td>
<td>This public transport walk begins in Doncaster East. We travel through Bellbird Park and Yarran Dheran Reserve, then above Eastlink to finish at Heatherdale Railway Station. Surprisingly ‘bushy’, and the home of large numbers of birds.</td>
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<td>5 May (Sat)</td>
<td>Boneseeding – Arthurs Seat State Park</td>
<td>Annual boneseed weeding at Arthurs Seat. Work alongside other bushwalking clubs to remove boneseeds from our marked plots on Cook Street Spur, while enjoying a beautiful part of the peninsula. Mostly boneseed regrowth and easy to remove. Lunch provided afterwards at Sea Winds on top of Arthurs Seat.</td>
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<td>9 May (Wed)</td>
<td>Social Night: Lightning Talks – short, sharp and intriguing topics of conservation</td>
<td>An erudite collection of short talks intended to inform and entertain. On a diverse range of topics from tall stories to fascinating facts. Come and hear a number of speakers on the one night and get your gold coin donation’s worth. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry $2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.</td>
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<td>12-13 May (w/e)</td>
<td>Exploring Victoria’s western volcanoes</td>
<td>We will be visiting a number of Victoria’s western volcanoes such as Mt Leura, Mt Napier, Mt Eccles and Tower Hill. We will be doing short hikes at each location, and observing how there has been good restoration work in some. The location for Saturday night’s base camp is yet to be determined.</td>
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<td>12 May (Sat)</td>
<td>Easy Going Amble: Carlton Gardens, Royal Exhibition Building, Murchison and Macarthur Squares</td>
<td>The World Heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and the Macarthur and Murchison Squares, are of state historical and architectural importance. These are the two most intact squares from an important phase of urban improvement initiated by the Surveyor-General Clarke, containing a great variety of buildings. Optional lunch/coffee.</td>
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<td>12 May (Sat)</td>
<td>Bendigo Art Gallery – Marimekko Design Icon</td>
<td>Going via train, we will visit the Bendigo Art Gallery and see their exhibition on Marimekko Design Icon. Then lunch at the gallery and train home.</td>
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<td>14 May (Mon)</td>
<td>Craigieburn</td>
<td>Meet at Craigieburn Station at 11am. We will walk from the station along the Aitken Creek Linear Park. The finer points of the walk are still to be checked out, but there is sure to be a coffee shop at the end.</td>
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<td>19-20 May (w/e)</td>
<td>Mt Buffalo National Park – Mt McLeod (EC)</td>
<td>A weekend pack-carry hike to the campsite at Mt McLeod on the northern section of the Mt Buffalo plateau. Hopefully there will be some fine late Autumn weather and views. Friday night option to camp at Nug Nug near Lake Buffalo. Saturday meet at the park entrance and drive near the trailhead. Hike out to Mt McLeod and camp. Return on Sunday the same way. Booking hike-in campsites is necessary.</td>
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<td>19 May (Sat)</td>
<td>Excursion by coach: Castlemaine</td>
<td>Castlemaine is a heritage smorgasbord with many listed buildings including the Market Hall, Castlemaine Art Museum and the botanical gardens established in 1860. We will sample the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park, the impressive Garfield Water Wheel and the Forest Hill Historic Gold Diggings. We will also call in on the Wesley Hill Market. Morning tea in Malsbury and afternoon tea at Daylesford.</td>
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19 May (Sat)
Mt Macedon circuit walk
Medium/Hard 18km | Limit 18 | 65km NW Melb
Anna van Tatenhove 0433 842 410 annavt62@gmail.com
Starting at Mt Macedon township, this circuit walk takes in all of the Mt Macedon area's highlights. We climb up to the Memorial Cross before walking around to Camel's Hump, and then back to the township via Sanatorium Lake and Mt Towrong. Some short steep sections, but well worth the effort.

20 May (Sun)
Domino Rail Trail (EC)
Easy 14km | Limit 14 | 95km NW Melb
Lesley Gillespie 9386 9077 lesley_gillespie999@hotmail.com
A lovely wooded walk with a chance to take in some historic features around Trentham and Lyonville. This is a great location to see some colourful and unusual fungi in autumn. There will also be an opportunity for cake and coffee for those who are interested.

24 May (Thu)
William Angliss buffet dinner
Limit 14
Cheryl Mioch 9399 7470 / 0412 743 866 cherylmioch@bigpond.com
William Angliss is a training school with fine dining. Great value at $35 for all you can eat and the food is fantastic. Booking essential. Close to public transport in the city.

26 May (Sat)
Peninsula coastal walk
Medium 17km | Limit 16 | 100km S Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037 lprendergast2009@hotmail.com
If you love walking beside the ocean, then this is a walk for you. The Mornington Peninsula walk is 100kms long with lots of peaceful bays, ocean coastline and bush walking. Commencing at Rye we will explore a section from 16th Beach, Pearce's Beach to Diamond Bay.

26-27 May (w/e)
Friends of the Prom weekend working bee
Easy 5km | Limit 16 | 235km SE Melb
Deb Henry 0499 338 182 debhenry@debst.net.au
Come and help the busy friends group on a working bee weekend in one of Victoria's most iconic national parks. You may find yourself planting trees, surveying animal habitat, track clearing or other volunteer activities which we undertake for Parks Victoria.

27 May (Sun)
Bunyip State Park – Black Snake Loop (EC)
Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 15 | 60km E Melb
Darren McClelland 0449 167 776 darrenmcclelland@gmail.com
Bunyip State Park is located on the eastern side of the Dandenongs. Parks Victoria are doing an outstanding job of controlling the trail bikes, thereby opening up many opportunities for walking in this beautiful park. This loop walk is in the vicinity of Black Snake Road, taking in Russells Track and a number of 4WD tracks.

27 May (Sun)
Waurn Ponds to Marshall
Easy/Medium 15km | Limit 16 | 75km W Melb
Glenn King 0448 816 504
Leaving from Waurn Ponds Railway Station, we follow Waurn Ponds Creek to Marshall Station. The walk will also visit the local University.

28 May (Mon)
Maribyrnong River
Easy 7km | Limit 20 | 12km NW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151
Meet at Canning Reserve Avondale Heights at 1pm, to walk downstream to Aberfeldie and a café.

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U35 Social vnau35@gmail.com
Hear about our recent walks, catch up with those you've walked with before, or make new friends to walk with in the future! Dinners are a very informal way to meet others under 35 (more or less) who are interested in bushwalking. Details and contact information for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential.
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<td>Grampians National Park, Mt Thackery and the Fortress (EC)</td>
<td>Medium/Hard/Exploratory 27km</td>
<td>Limit 6</td>
<td>275km NW Melb</td>
<td>Winter pack carry hike to the remote Fortress and Mt Thackeray area and the Manja Cave of Hands. Friday night: meet at Hall's Gap YHA. Saturday: carpool AWD/4WD to trailhead at Buandik campground, hike to Fortress hiker campsite. Sunday: Hike to Mt Thackeray campsite. Monday: Hike to Buandik campsite, drive home. Rock scrambling, creek crossing, good winter gear and fitness required. Advance YHA and campsite bookings necessary.</td>
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<td>9-11 Jun (long)</td>
<td>Queen's Birthday Prom circuit (EC)</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Limit 6</td>
<td>235km SE Melb</td>
<td>The snow never arrives on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend, so come walking at the Prom instead. We will do the southern circuit. If you would like to step up to multiple nights out, then this could be the trip for you to go further than one night out under the stars.</td>
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<td>11 Jun (Mon)</td>
<td>West Gate Park</td>
<td>Easy 6km</td>
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<td>The Friends of West Gate Park have done extensive planting in a new area downstream. Meet at The Age building, corner Collins and Spencer Street at 11am. We will take the bus to WGP. BYO lunch. Finish at Station Pier and Tram 109.</td>
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<td>Easy Going Amble: Wyndham Harbour (revised date)</td>
<td>Easy 5km</td>
<td>Limit 15</td>
<td>40km SW Melb</td>
<td>Discover something new. We will walk along the coast from the mouth of the Werribee River at Werribee South, east to Wyndham Harbour, a big marina and housing development. Private car, or bus from Werribee Station.</td>
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<td>80km SE Melb</td>
<td>The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve is a small reserve protecting one of the largest remaining areas of native vegetation on the eastern shore of Westernport Bay. The rest is used for farmland, sand extraction or housing development. We circuit around the whole 260 hectares, then walk along the foreshore to finish at Grantville Jetty. Mangroves are also an important feature of this foreshore.</td>
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<td>2-3 Jun (w/e)</td>
<td>U35 Wilsons Prom base camp (EC)</td>
<td>Medium 30km</td>
<td>Limit 8</td>
<td>225km SE Melb</td>
<td>Leaving Melbourne on Friday night, we will base camp at Tidal River. The weekend will involve exploring the beauty of this coastal national park via a couple of day walks.</td>
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<td>9-11 Jun (long)</td>
<td>Hattah weed mapping (EC)</td>
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<td>450km NW Melb</td>
<td>Volunteer activity working with Mallee CMA and PV rangers mapping high priority weeds in the Hattah-Kulkyne NP. There will be two days of off-track walking, following set routes using a GPS (training provided). Monday morning we will do a short walk to enjoy this great national park. Travel from Melbourne on Friday. Camping at Lake Mournpall.</td>
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<td>10am-3pm (approx. finish). Join NatureWatch and Victoria University researcher Dr Megan O'Shea to monitor spiny rice-flower (<em>Pimelea spinescens</em>), a threatened grassland species, at a reserve in the Brimbank City Council area. Registration required.</td>
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