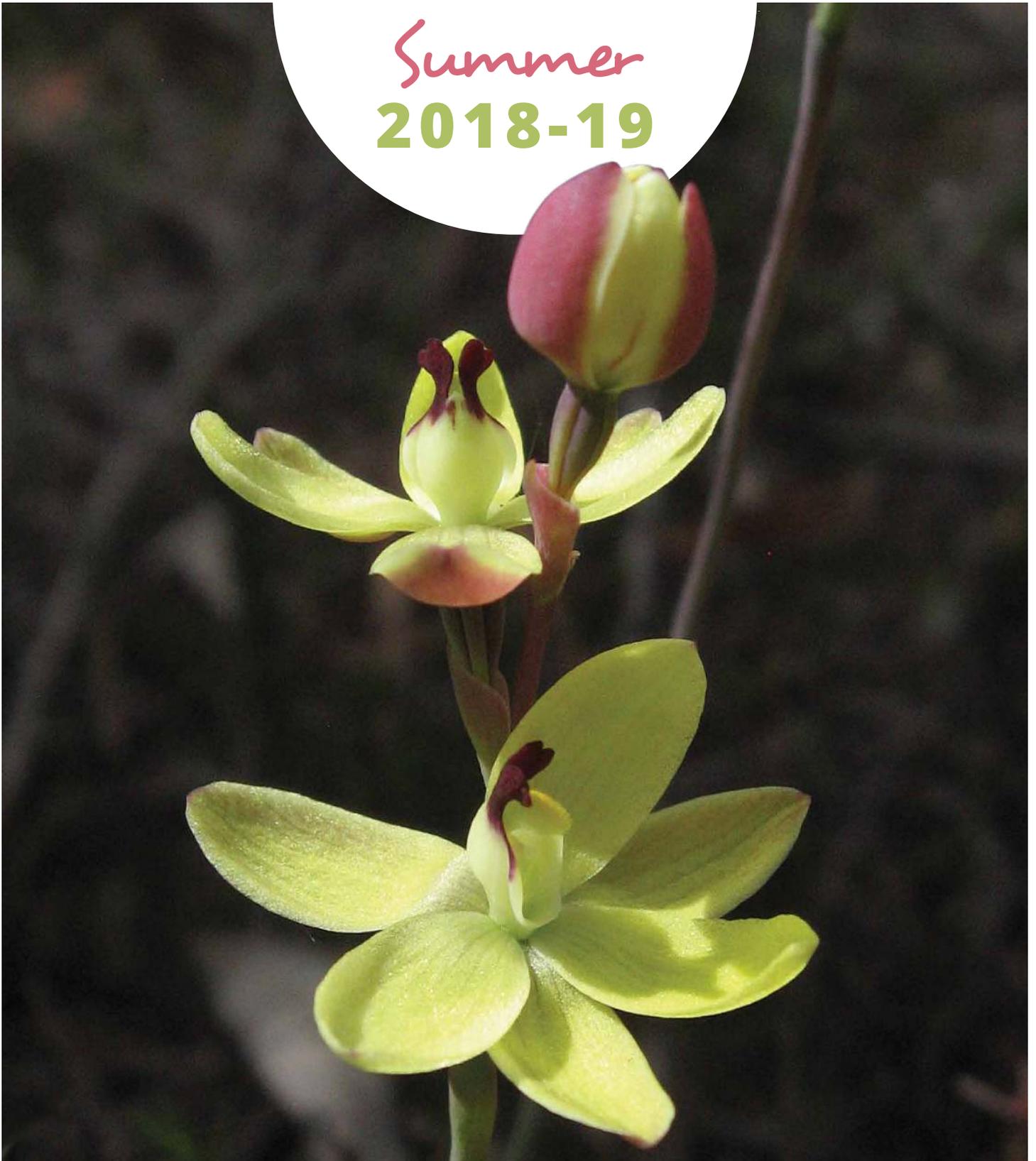




VNPA BUSHWALKING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Summer
2018-19





BUSHWALKING AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM SUMMER 2018-19

In this Summer 2018-19 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.
- **Keep updated with activity changes by regularly checking www.vnpa.org.au/adventures and subscribing to the VNPA monthly email update at www.vnpa.org.au/sign-up**

FEES

The activities leader will collect fees, with the money used to pay for general BWAG expenses. Attendance fees are:

	Adult	Child (U16)	Family
Member (per day)	\$5	\$2	\$10
Visitor (per day)	\$9	\$3	\$20
Annual Pass*	\$50	\$20	\$100

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

For Annual Pass info, visit www.vnpa.org.au/program

BOOT 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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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/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.

Port Fairy. Photo by Ed Dunnens, Flickr CC.

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.

2018-19 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

14-16 December	<i>Terese and Lawrie Dalman</i>	0413 234 130
21-23 December	<i>Ann Turner</i>	9878 3297 / 0425 732 384
28-30 December	<i>Helen Buckley</i>	9801 4346 / 0418 398 580
4-6 January	<i>Russell Bowey</i>	0417 328 651
11-13 January	<i>Cheryl Mioch</i>	9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
18-20 January	<i>Kate Parker</i>	0409 231 746
25-27 January	<i>Robyn Desnoy</i>	9528 2390
1-3 February	<i>Helen Buckley</i>	9801 4346 / 0418 398 580
8-10 February	<i>Terese Dalman</i>	0413 234 130
15-17 February	<i>Ann Turner</i>	9878 3297 / 0425 732 384
22-24 February	<i>Kyle Matheson</i>	0429 906 094
1-3 March	<i>Lisa Sulinski</i>	0408 308 208
8-10 March	<i>Pat Witt</i>	9802 8914 / 0407 360 650
15-17 March	<i>Adrianna Koutsofrigas</i>	0439 067 798
22-24 March	<i>Pat Witt</i>	9802 8914 / 0407 360 650
29-31 March	<i>Kate Parker</i>	0409 231 746
5-7 April	<i>Robyn Desnoy</i>	9528 2390
12-14 April	<i>Adrianna Koutsofrigas</i>	0439 067 798

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

GRADE	EASY	MEDIUM – May involve:	HARD – May involve:
Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on formed tracks terrain level or undulating pace relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some rough terrain, forest or road walking longer ascents or descents up to 6 hours walking in a day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rough terrain 8 hrs or more each day rock scrambling thick scrub steep sustained ascents or descents
Excursion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus trips to places of interest to members, including the option of an easy or medium grade walk (see 'easy walk' above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park visits/guided walks, with frequent stops for observation of significant features or ecology. 	N/A	N/A
Easy Going Amble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow-as-you go strolls with rests along the way still enjoying the great outdoors 	N/A	N/A
Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 40km/day bitumen roads few hills no steep grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 50km/day in hilly country or 70km/day in flat country short stretches of dirt road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sustained stretches on dirt roads up to 60km/day in hilly country hilly terrain or 80km/day on the flat
Snowshoe (day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 5hr/day mainly trails limited experience is assumed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 7hr/day moderate slopes and off-trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7hr/day or more off trail, steep slopes, all snow conditions competent in poor weather
Snowshoe (overnight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> able to snowshoe with a daypack overnight backpack camping experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ability to snowshoe gentle slopes with a full pack snowcamping experience desirable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

 Bushwalk	 Easy Going Amble	 Excursion	 Snowshoe
 Walk, Talk & Gawk	 Overnight/ Multi-day	 Public Transport	 Cycling
 Urban Walk/Activity	 Conservation Activity or Event/Training	 U35	 4WD
		 Family	 Social/Presentation



13 Dec (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 for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential.

17 Dec (Mon)

Dandenong

Easy 10km | Limit 20 | 35km SE Melb
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 11am at Dandenong railway station. We could get lost in the ever-interesting market and the Indian and Afghani shopping areas, but what we will do is head for the Dandenong Creek, and the reserves and wetlands along the Dandenong Creek Trail for our final walk of the year.

27 Dec-1 Jan (long)

Alpine NP: Mt McDonald – Mt Clear – Hell's Window – The Bluff circuit (EC)

Hard/Exploratory 55km | Limit 6 | 370km NE Melb
Taariq Hassan taariq.music@gmail.com



This route covers a good chunk of the AAWT and takes in Mt McDonald, The Nobs, High Cone, Square Top, Mt Clear, The King Billies, Hell's Window, Mt Lovick and The Bluff. Alpine wildflowers should be blooming and water not too hard to find. Meet Sheeppond Flat and AWD/4WD car pool to near Upper Jamieson Hut. Some overgrown tracks and steep scrambling over rocks. You'll need to be fit, well-equipped, and prepared to carry extra water.

12 Jan (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: Brighton Beach

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 10km S Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



An along-and-back seaside stroll including the famous heritage listed bathing boxes at Brighton Beach. Optional lunch/coffee.

12 Jan (Sat)

Geelong woolshed and walk along promenade

Easy 10km | Limit 14 | 75km SW Melb
Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470/ 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Public transport down to Geelong, visiting the National Wool Museum and seeing Masters: Art of the Precious Metal Object at the (price available when enquiring), the art gallery and library. Then a walk along the promenade.

14 Jan (Mon)

City to St Kilda

Easy 7km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at 3pm, in front of the stage in Federation Square. Walk along the Yarra River to Birrarung Marr and on to Morell Bridge. Pass through the Botanic Gardens, around Albert Park Lake and finish in Fitzroy Street for early dinner.

19 Jan (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Inverloch and Kilcunda

Easy 6km | Limit 57 | 147km SE Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leader: Larysa Kucan



After walking part of the Bass Coast Trail, we will explore the cliff tops and rock pools at Kilcunda. The rest of the day will be spent in the coastal resort township of Inverloch, which will include the Screw Creek Nature Walk.

19 Jan (Sat)

A Yarra River ramble

Medium 16km | Limit 15
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



A Yarra River walk commencing at South Yarra railway station. We walk along the river and through the back streets of Kooyong to where the Yarra joins Gardner Creek. We do a short section of the Gardner Creek trail before returning back along a section of the Yarra to the Botanical Gardens, and finish up at Fed Square.

20 Jan (Sun)

U35 Ferntree Gully Forest

Medium 12km | Limit 10 | 35km E Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



Cool off from the summer heat with a circuit bushwalk in the Ferntree Gully Forest. A network of walking tracks and closed fire management tracks penetrate the forest, providing fantastic walking adventures in the Dandenong Ranges.

Sealers Cove Camp Site, Wilsons Promontory National Park. Photo by Daniel Walker, Flickr CC.

20 Jan (Sun)

Marysville and surrounding forests – Manna Gums to Snow Gums (EC)

Easy/Medium 110km | Limit 20 | 98km NE Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH / 0439 890 688
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Driving and walking in forests, we visit tall trees, a hut, waterfalls, a summit, rainforests, viewpoints and points of historic interest. We will have a picnic in the bush and enjoy exploring and learning about the local flora. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners' Club of Victoria.

26-28 Jan (long)

Alpine NP: Bogong High Plains and Roper's Hut (EC)

Hard/Exploratory 35km | Limit 6 | 400km NE Melb
Taariq Hassan taariq.music@gmail.com



A pack carry hike on the long weekend in January. Option for camping on Friday night at Mountain Creek. Meet in Mt Beauty on Saturday. Car pool/car shuttle via Bogong Village. We will head for Bogong Creek Saddle, Timms Spur, Roper's Hut and Spion Kopje.

28 Jan (Mon)

City parks

Easy 7km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 9.30am in the 3rd floor food court in the Myers Emporium before starting a city walk at 10am.

2 Feb (Sat)

Exploring Plenty Gorge

Medium/Exploratory 16km | Limit 18 | 20km N Melb
Anna van Tatenhove 0433 842 410
annavt62@gmail.com



An exploratory walk through this hidden treasure so close to Melbourne. We will walk along the trails in both sections of the park, taking in the Plenty River, wetlands, Blue Lake and grasslands. The gorge and surrounding areas provided food, medicines, shelter and fresh water for the Wurindjeri people and evidence of their use of the area still exists due to the survival of scarred trees and stone artefact scatters.

9 Feb (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: Maribyrnong River – Pipemakers Park

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 8km NW Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



Pipemakers Park is on the site of a former pipe works and meat preserving factory, and retains historic buildings adapted to a museum. This loop walk along the river includes Burndap Park and Frog Hollow. Optional lunch/coffee.

11 Feb (Mon)

Melton / Toolern Creek

Easy 7km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at Melton railway station at 11am, with BYO lunch. We will walk upstream and back on the Toolern Creek, enjoying the planting and maintenance the Friends Group have done over many years, including the Botanic Gardens.

12 Feb (Tue)

NatureWatch Stagwatching – Central Highlands

Easy/Medium 1-3km | Limit 8 | 65km E Melb
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au, 9341 6510



We start in Healesville, then carpool to DIY picnic at Maroondah Dam with presentations on the Central Highlands forests and the Great Forest National Park. Then into the forest for stagwatching followed by a walking spotlight. Volunteers must be happy to sit quietly, alone (but close to others) in the dark forest for an hour. BYO 4WD vehicle helpful. Transport from/to Lilydale train station available.

13 Feb (Wed)

Social night: TBA

VNPA 9341 6500
vnabwag.social@gmail.com



TBA. Details will be posted on the VNPA website activities page (www.vnpa.org.au/adventures) when available. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.

16 Feb (Sat)

NatureWatch Stagwatching – Central Highlands

Easy/Medium 1-3km | Limit 23 | 65km E Melb
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au, 9341 6510



We start in Healesville, then carpool to DIY picnic at Maroondah Dam with presentations on the Central Highlands forests and the Great Forest National Park. Then into the forest for stagwatching followed by a walking spotlight. Volunteers must be happy to sit quietly, alone (but close to others) in the dark forest for an hour. BYO 4WD vehicle helpful. Transport from/to Lilydale train station available.



16 Feb (Sat)

Waterways walk

Medium 16-18km | Limit 15 | 65km S Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



Starting at Carrum railway station we walk along the beach before joining the Seaford Foreshore Reserve track, which leads into the Katanook Creek trail. Lunch around Frankston pier, and returning via the Seaford Wetlands.

17 Feb (Sun)

Eildon and beyond (EC)

Easy/Medium 100km | Limit 20 | 140km NE Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH / 0439 890 688
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Driving and walking in the bush on the edge of Lake Eildon to the base of Mt Torbreck, we will explore greater glider habitat, enjoy views of the bush and lake and various forest types. A picnic lunch in the bush and an opportunity to learn about the local flora. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners' Club of Victoria.

22 Feb (Fri)

NatureWatch Stagwatching – Central Highlands

Easy/Medium 1-3km | Limit 18 | 65km E Melb
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au, 9341 6510



We start in Healesville, then carpool to DIY picnic at Maroondah Dam with presentations on the Central Highlands forests and the Great Forest National Park. Then into the forest for stagwatching followed by a walking spotlight. Volunteers must be happy to sit quietly, alone (but close to others) in the dark forest for an hour. BYO 4WD vehicle helpful. Transport from/to Lilydale train station available.

23 Feb (Sat)

Excursion by coach:

Phillip Island and Corinella

Easy 6km | Limit 57 | 140km SE Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leader: Larysa Kucan



After a short stop at Tooradin we will travel to Corinella where we will commence a walk along the coast to Coronet Bay. This walk was cancelled in September due to severe weather conditions. The afternoon will be spent on Phillip Island including a walk at Rhyll.

23 Feb (Sat)

Lilydale op shop walk

Easy 12km | Limit 12 | 40km E Melb
Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Starting at the Lilydale railway station, we will walk around Lilydale Lake area, then have a look at a few op shops at the end.

23 Feb (Sat)

Lorne Circuit walk via Erskine Falls and Cora Lynne Cascades

Hard 24km | Limit 14 | 140km SW Melb
David Moore 0448 555 666
david@alexanderschool.edu.au



This is a long walk with quite a number of river crossings. If there is a lot of water in the rivers you will get wet feet. The walk involves a steep climb and it is long. We will start and end in Lorne. Those who wish can stay overnight in Lorne to do the Eastern View walk the next day.

24 Feb (Sun)

Eastern View walk and Moggs Creek circuit

Medium 13km | Limit 14 | 140km SW Melb
David Moore 0448 555 666
david@alexanderschool.edu.au



A pleasant walk which involves some climbs.

25 Feb (Mon)

Sunbury

Easy 8km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at Sunbury train station at 11am (ish). From the station we will walk through local parks to Jacksons Hill. BYO lunch to eat along the way. Coffee before catching the train home.

28 Feb (Thu)

U35 Social Night

U35 Social vnpu35@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 for the host will be posted to the U35 email and Meetup list. RSVP essential. Contact: Eva Klusacek.

From Halls Gap to the Pinnacle, The Grampians. Photo by Warrick Wynne, Flickr CC.

2 Mar (Sat)

Sandringham to Ricketts Point and back

Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 14 | 20km S Melb
Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Walking along tracks and the beach, along the bayside with lovely views, to Ricketts Point and back.

3 Mar (Sun)

U35 Moggs Creek (EC)

Medium 14km | Limit 10 | 125km SW Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



Car shuffle bushwalk, combining ocean beach, coastal heathlands and eucalypt forest of the Otways National Park. If we are lucky, we may spot some birdlife or kangaroos.

7 Mar (Thu)

New members and supporters picnic

Easy | Limit 40 | 6km NE Melb
Amelia Easdale 03 9341 6500
amelia@vnpa.org.au



New to the VNPA community or want to learn more about our work? Come join us for a stroll to learn about our work protecting nature, taking adventures, and our education programs. Meet VNPA Councillors, Volunteers and staff, and enjoy a picnic dinner beside the Yarra River. 6:00-8:00pm, Yarra Bend Park, Loop Picnic area, southern end of Yarra Bend Road. Registration essential.

9 Mar (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: Edithvale – Seaford Wetlands – Southern Loop

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 35km S Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



Last September we did the northern loop walk. This time we will do the southern loop. Listed under the Ramsar Convention in recognition of their international importance, the wetlands are the last remaining examples of the once extensive Carrum Carrum Swamp. Optional lunch/coffee.

8-10 Mar (long)

Alpine NP: Mt Feathertop and the Razorback

Hard/Exploratory 30km | Limit 6 | 350km NE Melb
Taariq Hassan
taariq.music@gmail.com



Day 1: Ascending Mt Feathertop via the North West Spur, camping at MUMC Hut. Day 2: Visit the Summit. Move camp to High Knob. Day 3: Descend via Razorback and Bon Accord Spur. Walkers must be fit and carry extra water. A car shuttle is necessary.

9-11 Mar (long)

High country, huts and waterfalls (EC)

Easy/Medium 260km | Limit 20 | 250km E Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH / 0439 890 688
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Making our way from Licola to the Howitt High Plains, we will walk into Bryces Gorge on one day and to Mt Howitt and the Vellejo Gantner Hut on the next day. Enjoying a base camp, we will also visit The Pinnacles fire tower. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners' Club of Victoria.

11 Mar (Mon)

Yarra and Merri Creek

Easy 12km | Limit 20
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



My favourite city bushwalk and the first I did with the VNPA many years ago. Meet 10.30am, with BYO lunch, in Victoria Street Richmond, opposite Victoria Gardens. We will cross the Walmer Street Bridge and follow the Yarra to Studley Park for lunch. Cross Kane's Bridge and continue to Dights Falls, then upstream on the Merri Creek to finish at Rushall railway station.

13 Mar (Wed)

Social night: TBA

VNPA 9341 6500
vnabwag.social@gmail.com



TBA. Details will be posted on the VNPA website activities page (www.vnpa.org.au/adventures) when available. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.

14 Mar (Thu)

Kilcunda

Medium 13km | Limit 15 | 100km SE Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)



This walk starts at Anderson, which was an important rail junction, now the local rail trail. We follow this trail past some great views, then walk along the wild Kilcunda beach, returning to Kilcunda itself via a small but important reserve. Expect some soft sand walking, which can be tiring. This is a public transport walk.



15-18 Mar (w/e)

Melbourne Sea Slug Census

Easy | Port Phillip Bay & Western Port Bay
Nicole Mertens, Reefwatch Project Officer
nicole@vnpa.org.au



If you are taking a dive or rockpool ramble in the waters near Melbourne over these days, consider taking images for the Sea Slug Census. Sea slugs (also called nudibranchs) come in every colour and pattern and can be found in rockpools and the bottom of the sea. To find out more about these amazing creatures, and how to send in your images visit www.vnpa.org.au/sea-slug-census

16 Mar (Sat)

Tanglefoot Circuit including Mt St Leonard

Medium 21km | Limit 15 | 84km NE Melb
Anna van Tatenhove 0433 842 410
annavt62@gmail.com



The Tanglefoot Track and Mt St Leonards is a beautiful circuit walk that skirts the western side of Mt Tanglefoot. We will pass through a variety of forest types, including beautiful mountain ash and myrtle beech forest, as well as some areas of magnificent tree ferns. Hopefully the weather will be clear, giving us great views over Kinglake, Melbourne, the Dandenongs and beyond as we lunch at Mt St Leonard.

16 Mar (Sat)

Excursion by coach: Wilsons Promontory

Easy 10km | Limit 57 | 240km SE Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leader: Glenn King



We will visit Wilsons Promontory where the bus will continue to the Tidal River car park for those who want to do a short exploration of Tidal River. The walk option is a medium scenic 10km walk from Derby Saddle to Derby River. There will also be stops at Meeniyan and Inverloch.

17 Mar (Sun)

Mt Donna Buang (EC)

Hard 13.5km | Limit 14 | 75km E Melb
David Moore 0448 555 666
david@alexanderschool.edu.au



If you're up to it, it's very satisfying to climb the mountain right from the bottom. This walk is a bit of a 'Hero Hike' for people training for long trips. The 1,100 metre ascent is long and steep. While it is all on reasonable tracks, the walk is rated medium-hard. Fit people should be able to do the 7 km climb in 4 hours; the downhill return by almost the same route will take about 2½ hours. Unfit people will definitely struggle.

24 Mar (Sun)

Spring Gully, goldfields area

Easy 11km | Limit 14 | 130km NW Melb
Doug Palmer 9399 4494
dpalmer@iimetro.com.au



See the scenery of historic Fryerstown and surrounding area, and enjoy relaxed walking in a previous gold-mining area. Circuit walk in box-ironbark habitat, and partly on the Goldfields Track. It's likely there will be time for a Castlemaine visit post-walk also.

25 Mar (Mon)

Box Hill to Maranoa Gardens

Easy 7km | Limit 20
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 1pm on the corner of Station and Banks Streets, near Box Hill train station. We will be walking through small parks and the lovely streets of Box Hill and Balwyn.

30 Mar (Sat)

Mornington Peninsula coastal walk

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 100km S Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



From 16th Beach we head towards Rye Ocean Beach. Some beach and cliff top walking with great coastal views.

31 Mar (Sun)

Surf Coast: Anglesea to Aireys Inlet (EC)

Easy/Medium 15km | Limit 12 | 115km SW Melb
Lesley Gillespie 9386 9077
lesley_gillespie999@hotmail.com



Our walk will take in coastal forest, heathland and beach, with great views of the coast. There will be time for coffee at the end.

6 Apr (Sat)

Powerful owl walk (Wombat State Forest)

Easy/Medium 14km | Limit 15 | 120km NW Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)



There is something special about walking in the Wombat State Forest. This walk is not as hilly as usually expected in this area. The area is a known powerful owl habitat, but they are very elusive birds. We will see other birds on the walk. We also visit one mineral spring and walk along a scenic rail trail. This is a public transport walk.

Boardwalk on the walking track between Waterloo Bay and Telegraph Track, Wilsons Promontory. Photo by Steve Bennett, Wikipedia CC.

8 Apr (Mon)
Gisborne

Easy 8km | Limit 20 | 54km NW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Vline train from Southern Cross at 10.15am. BYO lunch. The walk from Gisborne railway station into town, and the leafy tracks in the town parks, should show us autumn colour in the many deciduous trees. And there are coffee shops.

10 Apr (Wed)
Social night: TBA

VNPA 9341 6500
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TBA. Details will be posted on the VNPA website activities page (www.vnpa.org.au/adventures) when available. 60 Leicester St Carlton. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.

13 Apr (Sat)
Easy Going Amble:
Valley Reserve, Mount Waverley

Easy 5km | Limit 15 | 15km SE Melb
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



Valley Reserve is a 15 hectare bushland reserve providing vital habitat for a wide range of fauna and has remained intact as an insight into how Mount Waverley looked before urban development. Optional lunch/coffee.

14 Apr (Sun)
Lara circuit walk featuring
Serendip Sanctuary

Easy 15km | Limit 12 | 60km SW Melb
Darren McClelland 0449 167 776
darrenmcclelland@gmail.com



This walk commences at Lara railway station and takes in the Serendip Sanctuary, a wonderful place for spotting birdlife and observing fauna. The walk will also visit the Lakelands Reserve. Most of the walking is on footpaths or tracks, but there are some short sections along the sides of road reserves.

Wild Families marine activities

Did you know there are many amazing locations to experience and discover marine life in Victoria?
Our latest Wild Families activity sheet features how to get in touch with a snorkel tour operator to take your family out into the water, and inspiration on some of the creatures you can meet under the sea.
See www.vnpa.org.au/wild-families

Don't miss any activity changes!

Make sure you are getting the most up to date details of the activities in this program.

Check for any activity alterations, additions or cancellations on our website:
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Hasler, John & Prue 5975 7350 AH / 0439 890 688

- 5 Marysville and surrounding forests – Manna Gums to Snow Gums (EC)
- 6 Eildon and beyond (EC)
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Hassan, Taariq taariq.music@gmail.com

- 4 Alpine NP: Mt McDonald – Mt Clear – Hell's Window – The Bluff circuit (EC)
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Upcoming events in the Bushwalking and Activities Program Autumn 2019

22 Apr (Mon)

Clifton Hill

Easy 6km | Sue Parkhill

25-28 Apr (long)

Little Desert National Park base camp (EC)

Easy/Medium 30km | Lesley Gillespie

13 May (Mon)

Kyneton

Easy 6km | Ruth Stirling

18 May (Sat)

Malmsbury

Easy/Medium 13km | Mark Learmonth

25 May (Sat)

Dandenongs autumnal walk

Medium 16km | Louise Prendergast

27 May (Mon)

Werribee South Beach

Easy 8km | Sue Parkhill

10 Jun (Mon)

High St Kew to Hays Paddock

Easy 6km | Ruth Stirling

15 Jun (Sat)

Serendip

Medium 16km | Mark Learmonth

24 Jun (Mon)

Darebin Creek Trail

Easy 6km | Sue Parkhill

Put these future events into your calendar, but note bookings will only open one month before the activity dates. More details in the Autumn 2019 program.

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Enjoying the beach along the Great Ocean Road. Photo by BMclvr, Flickr CC.

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Klusacek, Eva 0423 053 318

- 4 U35 Ferntree Gully Forest
- 7 U35 Moggs Creek (EC)

Kucan, Larysa 9347 3733

- 4 Excursion by coach: Inverloch and Kilcunda
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Learmonth, Mark 9807 7506 (H)

- 7 Kilcunda
- 8 Powerful owl walk (Wombat State Forest)

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McClelland, Darren 0449 167 776

- 9 Lara circuit walk featuring Serendip Sanctuary

Mioch, Cheryl 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866

- 4 Geelong woolshed and walk along promenade
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Moore, David 0449 555 666

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Palmer, Doug 9399 4494

- 8 Spring Gully, goldfields area

Parkhill, Sue 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316

- 4 Dandenong
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Prendergast, Louise 9826 0037

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VNPA 9341 6500

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