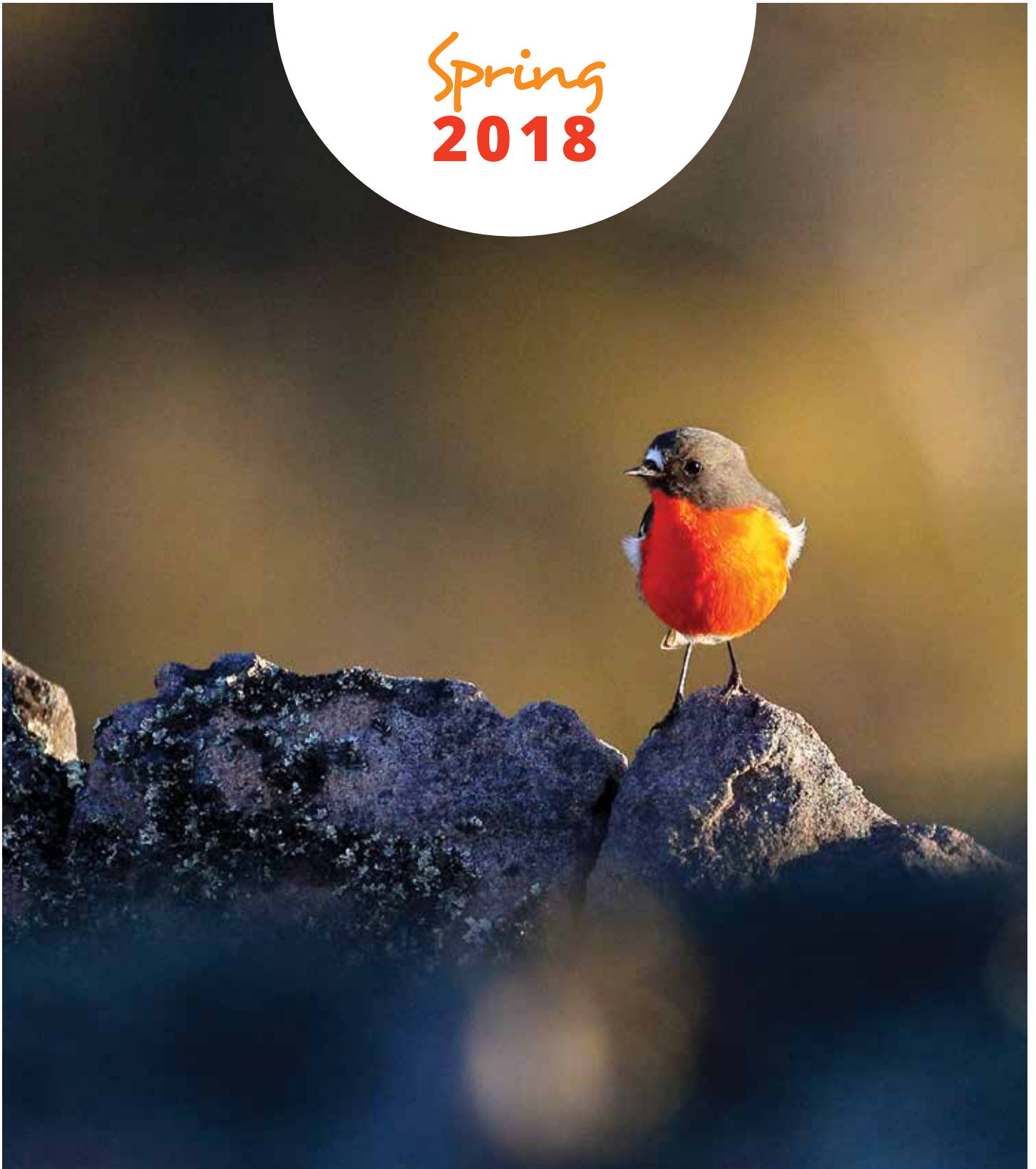




VNPA BUSHWALKING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Spring
2018





BUSHWALKING AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM SPRING 2018

In this Spring 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.
- **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

Convener: *Gayle Davey*
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Treasurer/Trip reports: *Rob Argent*
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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/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.

The wattle is in bloom! Photo by John Tann, Flickr CC.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

COORDINATOR

Adrianna Koutsofrigas Emergency Contacts Coordinator
0439 067 798 / vnpabwg.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 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

21 – 23 September	<i>Russell Bowey</i>	0417 328 651
28 – 30 September	<i>Christine Longman</i>	9397 5712 / 0411 483 571
5 – 7 October	<i>Adrianna Koutsofrigas</i>	0439 067 798
12 – 14 October	<i>Lisa Sulinski</i>	9383 2321 / 0408 308 208
19 – 21 October	<i>Kate Parker</i>	0409 231 746
26 – 28 October	<i>Robyn Desnoy</i>	9528 2390
2 – 4 November	<i>Pat Witt</i>	9802 8914 / 0407 360 650
9 – 11 November	<i>Russell Bowey</i>	0417 328 651
16 – 18 November	<i>Rob Argent</i>	0417 502 191
23 – 25 November	<i>Sue Parkhill</i>	9510 4316 / 0432 413 442
30 – 2 December	<i>Fred Gerardson</i>	9434 3078 / 0411 533 415
7 – 9 December	<i>Christine Longman</i>	9397 5712 / 0411 483 571
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

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



22 Sep (Sat)

Anglesea circuit in springtime

Medium 16km | Limit 16 | 100km SW Melb
 Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
 prendergast2009@hotmail.com



A springtime circuit walk around Anglesea. We will explore the coastline, the heathlands, and the river, with time to stop and look for spring wildflowers.

24 Sep (Mon)

Footscray

Easy 8km | Limit 20 | 7km NW Melb
 Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 1pm on the Maribyrnong River side of the Footscray railway station, at the foot of the overhead walkway. We will walk to the river – lots of development going on – past the Heavenly Queen Temple, wetlands and Pipemakers Park. We'll finish at Highpoint Shopping Centre, for coffee and buses back to Footscray station.

27 Sep (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.

28-29 Sep (w/e)

U35 Great Ocean Walk – Aire River to Ryans Den (EC)

Medium/Hard 28km | Limit 8 | 230km SW Melb
 Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
 eklusacek@hotmail.com



This is the next section of the Great Ocean Walk, continuing from where we walked in 2016. Enjoy amazing scenery of our coastline and surrounding environment. Leaving Melbourne on the evening of 27th. Early interest encouraged to ensure campsite bookings can be made in time.

29-30 Sep (w/e)

Grampians Wildflower Explorer

Medium 200km | Limit 6 | 245km W Melb
 John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH
 p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Commencing at Halls Gap Saturday morning, a focus on discovering wildflowers and photography with visits and walks to scenic and historic sites. Arrange own accommodation or camping over the weekend in the Halls Gap area. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

5 Oct (Fri)

Shrine of Remembrance – Royal Botanic Gardens

Easy/Medium 5km | Limit 15 | 1km S Melb
 Ken Crook 9844 0106



For those interested in military history. In the morning, an introductory tour to the new Galleries of Remembrance and the four courtyards surrounding this iconic building, then across Birdwood Avenue to the RBG. You may wish to say something poetic at each of the quaint rest houses and pavilions. We will visit the plant craft cottage which will inspire you. The finish of the walk will be at the cafe beside the ornamental lake.

6 Oct (Sat)

NatureWatch Caught on Camera – Bunyip State Park

Easy | Limit 12 | 65km E Melb
 Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
 sera@vnpa.org.au 9341 6510



Be a wildlife detective! Set up motion-detection cameras to record passing animals over the next three weeks. Experienced community leaders will introduce you to the wildlife living in these beautiful forests. This project provides important information on wildlife in the park, including feral species, to support well-informed park management. Some walking off-track and up steep hills for short distances may be required.

6 Oct (Sat)

Spring Gully, goldfields area

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



See the scenery of Fryerstown and surrounding area, and enjoy relaxed walking in a gold mine history area. Circuit walk, partly on the Goldfields Track. It's likely there will be time for Castlemaine post-walk also. A great spring walk to get ready for summer.

7 Oct (Sun)

Lerderderg Gorge and the Byers Back Track (EC)

Medium/Hard 22km | Limit 18 | 87km W Melb
 Anna van Tatenhove 0433 842 410
 annavt62@gmail.com



This circuit walk is a great showcase of the Lerderderg River's gold mining history with its water races, abandoned mines and mullock heaps. We will make our way up to Blackwood via the Byers Back Track, where we will have lunch in the Mineral Springs Reserve, before heading back via Shaw's Lake and the Tunnel.

Upper tier of McKenzie Falls in The Grampians. Photo by Rexness, Flickr CC.

8 Oct (Mon)

Anglesea – Seniors Week

Easy 5km | Limit 20 | 114km SW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Free seniors transport: train to Geelong, then coach on the Great Ocean Road. Last year we walked surf beach and inland. This year we will follow the tracks and boardwalks in the wetlands of the river.

11 Oct (Thu)

Lower Mullum Mullum Creek

Easy/Medium 11km | Limit 15 | 25km NE Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)



This walk starts in Donvale, then more or less follows the Mullum Mullum Creek as it runs into the Yarra River. There are some very attractive views, and probably quite a few birds, as we wend our way to Eltham Lower Park. This is a public transport walk.

12-15 Oct (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

13 Oct (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: outer circle railway

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



From East Camberwell to High Street along the old Outer Circle rail reserve. Optional lunch/coffee.

13 Oct (Sat)

Powelltown – Ada Tree (EC)

Easy/Medium 12km | Limit 12 | 100km E Melb
John Van Leeuwen 0418 996 048
van.irrigate@gmail.com



A walk through the forest east of Powelltown. We will go past relics of Ada No 2 steam-driven sawmill along old tramway tracks to the Ada Tree, a forest giant, and return.

16 Oct (Tue)

Nocturnal Tour – La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary

Easy 2km | Limit 15 | 20km NE Melb
Lesley Gillespie 9386 9077
lesley_gillespie999@hotmail.com



Enjoy a spotlighting tour with an expert guide at this gem of recreated bushland attached to La Trobe University. The 1.5 hours tour will commence at 8pm and cost approximately \$20 per person (or less depending on numbers).

20 Oct (Sat)

Excursion by coach: The Grampians

Easy 5km | Limit 57 | 235km W Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leaders: Larysa Kucan and Glenn King



We will travel through the scenic countryside of the Western and Wimmera districts. Rising abruptly from the surrounding western plains, the Grampians are a series of rugged sandstone mountain ranges and forests, rich in wildlife and the wildflowers will be in full bloom. Stopping at Beaufort for morning tea. After a visit to the Aboriginal Culture Centre at Brambuck we will travel to Reeds Lookout and Mackenzie Falls for easy walks.

20-21 Oct (w/e)

Murrindindi base camp

Medium 25km | Limit 13 | 100km E Melb
Richard Tagg 0404 808 242
richard.tagg1@hotmail.com



A fun weekend of camping on a beautiful grassy campsite next to the Murrindindi River. Various walks will take in Wilhelmina Falls and the Cascades.

20 Oct (Sat)

Mt Buninyong

Medium 15km | Limit 16 | 126km NW Melb
Louise Prendergast 9826 0037
lprendergast2009@hotmail.com



From the township of Buninyong, we walk through varying forests and landscapes to the summit of the extinct volcano, Mt Buninyong. From the top we descend down wallaby track into the township of Buninyong. A chance to explore Victoria's oldest inland post contact settlement, established in 1841, with lovely old churches and botanical gardens, and of course, a coffee at the end.



20-21 Oct (w/e)

Far East Gippsland track clearing with Parks Victoria (EC)

Hard 150km | Limit 6 | 375km E Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Clearing various tracks in the Snowy River/Alpine/Errinundra National Parks. Bush camp on Saturday night and local community dinner at Tubbut. High clearance 4WD vehicle required. Further information on booking. Run in conjunction with Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

21 Oct (Sun)

Wild Families Wirrawilla Rainforest Walk

Easy 2km | Limit 25 | 85kms NE Melb
Caitlin Griffith 93416508
caitlin@vnpa.org.au



On this Wild Families wander, we will discover the wonders of cool temperate rainforest in Toolangi State Forest. Bring the family to find the world's tallest moss, the world's biggest flowering trees, tiny ferns and the waterway creatures of Sylvia Creek. Most suited to families with children up to 12 years old. Starting 10.30am.

22 Oct (Mon)

Ashburton

Easy 8km | Limit 20 | 14km SE Melb
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 1pm at Ashburton railway station. From the station, we will walk through a number of linear parks to Gardiners Creek, then back to Ashburton along the Anniversary Trail past Alamein station for coffee.

25 Oct (Thu)

U35 Social Night

Contact: Eva Klusacek
U35 Social vnpu35@gmail.com



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27 Oct (Sat)

NatureWatch Caught on Camera – Bunyip State Park

Easy | Limit 12 | 65km E Melb
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au 9341 6510



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27 Oct (Sat)

Ocean Grove Nature Reserve

Easy 10km | Limit 12 | 105km SW Melb
Dale Stephenson 9885 0331 (H)



A visit to the last significant example of original woodland on the Bellarine Peninsula.

27 Oct (Sat)

Victorian Environmental Friends Network AGM

Secretary, Margaret Hunter
0417 323 460 friendsvic@hotmail.com



The Victorian Environmental Friends Network welcomes attendees at their AGM at 11am. The theme will be 'The past, present and future of VEFN'. Starting 11am in the Purple Room at the Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

27-28 Oct (w/e)

Beeripmo overnight walk

Medium 22km | Limit 8 | 180km NW Melb
Peter Whelan 9689 0606
Peter.Whelan@melbourne.vic.gov.au



A pleasant 22km circuit with great views of the Western plains and the Grampians and only 1.5 hours from Melbourne up the Western Highway. Terrific campsite nestled in the trees with water and a fire to brew up mulled wine if so desired.

27 Oct (Sat)

Mernda and Plenty River Gorge

Medium 16km | Limit 15 | 45km NE Melb
Philip Sharp 0448 838 055
sharpstick2011@hotmail.com



We start at Mernda, the newest terminal on the metro train system. Heading south through the Plenty Gorge Park and surrounds, finishing possibly at Lower Gorge (station to be confirmed). The area is near the eastern edge of what is possibly the third largest lava plain in the world. That's why the Plenty River is so far east. Hopefully the country will not have dried out too much by that date.

Wilsons Prom. Photo by Marian Harbach, Flickr CC.

28 Oct (Sun)

Jan Juc to Anglesea

Medium 19km | Limit 16 | 103km SW Melb
David Moore 0448 555 666
david@alexanderschool.edu.au



A pleasant coastal walk with only moderate undulations. Rated medium due to distance. We will do a car shuffle for this trip.

3 Nov (Sat)

Karkarook – Clayton

Easy/Medium 10km | Limit 15 | 15km SE Melb
Glenn King 0448 816 504



From Moorabbin railway station, catch the 824 bus to Karkarook Park. From there we follow local parks to Clayton 'sky' rail station.

3-6 Nov (long)

The Bluff and Mt McDonald (EC)

Hard 50km | Limit 8 | 270km NE Melb
James Shannon 9754 4951 / 0407 346 467
jmshannon1962@hotmail.com



A spectacular circuit walk that includes a section of the Australian Alps Walking Track.

3-6 Nov (long)

Viking Circuit – Victorian Alps (EC)

Hard 45km | Limit 8 | 350km NE Melb
John Van Leeuwen 0418 996 048
van.irrigate@gmail.com



Walk starts from Howitt Plains carpark to Macalister springs, Mt Speculation, Mt Despair, the Vikings, Wonnangatta River, and up from the river via a steep spur back to the start. A hard walk with spectacular views, possibly the best in the Victorian Alps, and incredible sunrise above the Wonnangatta Valley.

4 Nov (Sun)

Rippon Lea exhibition and gardens walk

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



Come visit Rippon Lea Estate and the Super 70s clothes exhibition. Cost is \$20 adult, \$18 for concession. Then a walk around the gardens and tea at the tea house.

10 Nov (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: St Kilda end of Albert Park

Easy 5km | Limit 15
Geoff Durham 9523 5559



Bushland regeneration, the Corroboree Tree, the Red Gum Triangle, the new Victorian Cricket Centre and interesting architecture and graffiti art. Optional lunch/coffee.

10-11 Nov (w/e)

Friends of the Prom working bee

Easy | 235km SE Melb
Deb Henry 0409 338 182
info@friendsoftheprom.org.au



Come and help this 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.

10-11 Nov (w/e)

Toolangi and Rubicon Forest Explorer

Easy 200km | Limit 8 | 65km N Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Commencing at Healesville visiting forests and historic sites with walks and talks including viewing various logging operations and post logging operations. Accommodation and camping available at Narbethong, with a group dinner on the Saturday night. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

12 Nov (Mon)

Alphington to Kew

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



Meet at Alphington railway station at 11.30am, with BYO lunch. We had to detour last year because of Chandler Highway works. Let's see the changes. Coffee at Ivanhoe Golf Club. Finish at Darebin railway station.



14 Nov (Wed)
Social Night: TBA

VNPA 9341 6500
vnpabwag.social@gmail.com



To be announced. 60 Leicester St Carlton.
Doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start.
Entry \$2. Tea, coffee, wine and biscuits provided.

15 Nov (Thu)
Upper Mullum Mullum Creek

Medium 14km | Limit 15 | 25km NE Melb
Mark Learmonth 9807 7506 (H)



This walk starts in Warrandyte and runs 'upstream' as this creek becomes smaller. Highlights include Currawong Bush Park, Yarran Dheran, Schwerkolt Cottage grounds and Antonio Park. Note that we will require the completion of the shared trail to be in place. This is a public transport walk.

17 Nov (Sat)
NatureWatch Caught on Camera -
Bunyip State Park

Easy | Limit 12 | 65km E Melb
Sera Blair, NatureWatch Coordinator
sera@vnpa.org.au 9341 6510



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17 Nov (Sat)
Excursion by coach: Euroa

Easy 7km | Limit 57 | 148km NE Melb
Bookings: Larysa Kucan 93473733
Leader: Sue Parkhill



Rescheduled from June, this excursion will centre on Euroa, north-east of Melbourne in Strathbogie, halfway between Benalla and Seymour. After a morning tea stop we will explore the town which has a colourful history, including a bank that had been robbed by Ned Kelly. We will be in time for the pre-christmas market. We will also walk the Sevens Creeks Trail.

17 Nov (Sat)
Werribee to Mansion:
walk and rose gardens

Easy 10km | Limit 10 | 40km W Melb
Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Walk along the banks of Werribee River and through the grass lands to Werribee Mansion. Then visit the gardens, especially the rose gardens that should be in bloom. Optional extra - tour the house.

17-18 Nov (w/e)
Mt Torbreck, Eildon region (EC)

Easy/Medium 8km | Limit 12 | 160km N Melb
Doug Palmer 9399 4494
dpalmer@iimetro.com.au



Enjoy the Eildon area, and climb to a lesser-known sub-alpine peak for views. Base camp on Saturday, likely at Jerusalem Creek. We will summit Torbreck on Saturday (600 metres), and there's an option of a short walk/amble on Sunday morning before our Melbourne return. (Option of day-trip only, but that involves quite a drive).

17 Nov-16 Dec
Great Victorian Fish Count

Various distances and locations, no limit.
Nicole Mertens, Reefwatch Project Officer
nicole@vnpa.org.au



Now in its fourteenth year, the Great Victorian Fish Count brings together over 700 divers and snorkelers to record 35 key Victorian fish species. There are great opportunities to get the whole family involved this year. To register your interest join the ReefWatch mailing list at www.vnpa.org.au/reefwatch/sign-up

18 Nov (Sun)
Kinglake National Park -
Captain's Creek circuit

Easy/Medium 16km | Limit 12 | 80km NE Melb
Darren McClelland 0449 167 776
darrenmcclelland@gmail.com



This walk takes in the northern extremes of the Kinglake National Park. It is all on 4WD tracks. A few steep ups and downs.

24 Nov (Sat)
Mt Macedon circuit walk

Medium/Hard 18km | Limit 18 | 90km NE 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 highlights. We climb up to the Memorial Cross before walking around to Camel's Hump, and then back via Sanatorium Lake and Mt Towrong. Some short steep sections but well worth the effort.

Views from Mount Macedon. Photo by Bea Pierce, Flickr CC.

24 Nov (Sat)

Bike ride – Geelong/Lara

Easy 25km | Limit 12 | 75km SW Melb
Philip Sharp 0448 838 055
sharpstick2011@hotmail.com



Geelong to Lara (or vice versa) depending on wind direction. Only five per cent on road, and quite wide roads at that. Includes Geelong waterfront with all its interesting features. Shell refinery, other industries, grain silos and ships, Geelong Grammar School, ocean or wetlands on one side all the way to Lara.

24-25 Nov (w/e)

Far East Gippsland Explorer (EC)

Easy 150km | Limit 6 | 445km E Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Travelling, walking and camping in native forests including viewing logging activity in the vicinity of Errinundra National Park including Hensleighs Creek area. Bush camp on the Saturday night. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

25 Nov (Sun)

Tanglefoot Track and Mt St Leonards

Medium 19km | Limit 16 | 86km NE Melb
David Moore 0448 555 666
david@alexanderschool.edu.au



This is a pleasant circuitry walk with some undulations. If the weather is good, we will visit the top of Mt St Leonard which will make the trip around 19km. Otherwise the circuit walk is 16.5km.

25 Nov (Sun)

U35 Spring Creek

Medium 13km | Limit 10 | 73km W Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



A walk along the northern extremity of Brisbane Ranges National Park, offering variety relatively close to Melbourne.

26 Nov (Mon)

La Trobe University

Easy 10km | Limit 20 | 16km NE Melb
Sue Parkhill 0432 413 442 / 9510 4316



Meet at 11am at Macleod railway station. Plenty of open space and nature reserves to explore at La Trobe University and the surrounding area.

1-2 Dec (w/e)

Great Ocean Walk highlights: Cape Otway – Aire – Johanna Beach (EC)

Medium 24km | Limit 12 | 230km SW Melb
Doug Palmer 9399 4494 dpalmer@iimetro.com.au



Two popular sections of our fantastic GOW coastal scenic walk; with a base-camp on Saturday night at Aire River camp; the day-walks are 10km Saturday and 14km Sunday. Early bookings welcome. (NB: The plan is to not pack-carry; so between the group one or two people per day will drive and not walk for car shuttles; all TBC).

1-2 Dec (w/e)

Mt Stirling, Mt Cobbler and Mountain Huts Explorer (EC)

Medium 200km | Limit 6 | 200km N Melb
John & Prue Hasler 5975 7350 AH
p.thwait@bigpond.net.au



Exploring the High Country with short walks to a variety of scenic and historic sites with bush camping on the Saturday night. High clearance 4WD required. Run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

2 Dec (Sun)

Cherry Lakes and Altona Homestead

Easy 10km | Limit 10 | 20km W Melb
Cheryl Mioch 9397 7470 / 0412 743 866
cherylmioch@bigpond.com



Walk around the Altona Cherry Lakes then back to the beach front for lunch. Then onto the homestead for a tour (gold coin) and then Devonshire tea.

7 Dec (Fri)

BWAG Christmas Dinner

VNPA 9341 6500
vn-pabwag.social@gmail.com



Celebrate another great VNPA year and catch up with friends for Christmas drinks, dinner and the annual BWAG Quiz at the (Glenferrie Hotel, 324 Burwood Road Hawthorn, at 6.30pm). RSVP by Friday 30th November to vn-pabwag.social@gmail.com or Terese Dalman 0413 234 130.



8 Dec (Sat)

Easy Going Amble: mouth of the Yarra

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



HMAS Yarra National Memorial, Greenwich Reserve, Greenwich Bay, 'The Warmies' and a remarkable view of the city skyline across Hobsons Bay. Optional lunch/coffee. Train to Newport station.

8 Dec (Sat)

Fingal to Bushrangers Bay (EC)

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



A walk that has it all – wonderful scenery, beach walking, rock pools and a light house. This walk includes a cardiac workout – over 400 steps each way to Fingal beach. Lunch at Bushrangers Bay and time to explore the historic lighthouse grounds.

10 Dec (Mon)

Westward ho!

Easy 12km | Limit 20 | 28km SW Melb
Ruth Stirling 9699 7225 / 0418 245 151



Meet at 9.30am at Southern Cross railway station. BYO lunch. Werribee line train to Williams Landing, then bus to central Point Cook. Walk east to Sanctuary Lakes. Continue through Cheetham Wetlands and on to Altona for coffee and train home.

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.

31 Dec-1 Jan (Mon/Tue)

U35 Mt Feathertop (EC)

Medium/Hard 23km | Limit 8 | 385km NE Melb
Eva Klusacek 0423 053 318
eklusacek@hotmail.com



Early bookings encouraged for this NYE pack carry trip to Victoria's second-highest peak. Car shuffle. Walk the Razorback to Mt Feathertop, camp by Federation Hut, and descend to Harrietville into 2019. Drive up from Melbourne on 30th.

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: www.vnpa.org.au/adventures

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