

THE WANDERERS BUSHWALKING & OUTDOORS CLUB INC.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAM

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AN EXPLANATION OF WALK GRADINGS

Grade 1. Opportunity for large numbers of walkers, including those with reduced walking ability to walk on well marked and even tracks. Tracks are man-made and may have a few steps. Should not be steep. Suitable for beginners. Distance should not exceed about 10km.

Grade 2. Mostly on tracks of low gradient. Opportunity to walk easily in natural environments on well marked tracks. Tracks should not be steep. Distance should not exceed 15km.

Grade 3. Walk with some hilly sections &/or rougher terrain. Opportunity to walk on defined and distinct tracks with some steep sections requiring a moderate level of fitness. Suitable for fit beginners. Distance should not exceed 20km.

Grade 4. Steeper, rougher terrain & may have off-track sections (no more than one quarter of the walk) or a longer distance track walk. Opportunity to explore and discover relatively undisturbed natural environments mostly along defined and distinct tracks. Tracks can be steep. There may be short sections of rock scrambling involved. Leaders should have map reading abilities and/or ability to use a compass. Distance depending on circumstances. Not suitable for most beginners.

Grade 5. Off-track or difficult terrain. Opportunity for walkers with advanced outdoor knowledge and skill to find their own way along distinct tracks or off track in remote locations. May include steep sections of unmodified surfaces. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved. Distance should not exceed 30km, but may be short and difficult. Not suitable for Beginners.

Grade 6. Strenuous off-track walk or very long distance. Opportunity for highly experienced walkers to explore remote and challenging natural areas without reliance on managed tracks. Terrain may be steep, uneven and no track. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking & crossing involved. Distance covered is unlimited, but may be short & difficult. Only for experienced walkers and not suitable for beginners.

If you need further details of grading please discuss with the nominated leader.

CAR POOLING

The contribution costs are calculated on the travel time from the meeting place to the start of the activity: -

Up to 1 hour - \$5.00

Over 1 and up to 1.5 hours – \$7.50

Over 1.5 and up to 2 hours – \$10.00

*Please ensure that there is an even distribution of passengers within cars.

*Remember to also share the cost of parking and tolls.

*During Covid times a maximum of 4 persons per car.

Example of Toll costs: -

*Torr's St. to M4 (travelling west) and return - \$23.18 (includes M2)

*Torr's St. to Ryde or Lane Cove (travelling east) and return - \$17.12

13th April 2022 to 12th July 2022

April 2022

Tuesday 12th April 2022

Monthly Meeting 8.00 pm at Crestwood Community Centre.

Easter, Thursday 14th April to Tuesday 19th April, 2022

Tombarra at Mongarlowe

Easter accommodation is at Tombarra that is situated 15 kilometres out of Braidwood at Mongarlowe. Members are to bring their own breakfasts and lunches and dinner will be catered by club members with one night dinner at a hotel. Various walks of different grades to cater for all attendees.

Sunday, 17th April 2022

Middle Head to Cremorne Point

This is a walk through Mosman. From Middle Head we walk along boardwalk, reserves and streets. Impressive views and real estate. Transport exit opportunities along the way.

Bring morning tea and lunch.

Grade: 2 **Length:** 10km

Meeting Place: Meet Circular Quay in time for 9.00 am ferry to Mosman South.
Transport: Ferry and Bus

Thursday 21st April 2022

Paddington Walk and Reservoir Gardens

Enjoy the terrace houses and "Paddington Lace". Walk narrow streets and pass small cottages from early Victoria Barracks' days. Visit the reservoir. Bring morning tea and lunch.

Grade: 1 **Length:** 6km

Meeting Place: Meet Wynyard Park 9.00 am. Transport is train to Edgecliff.

Sunday, 24th April 2022

Past member Memorial Walks

Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill to Bidjigal & beyond.

We meet at Eric Mobbs Reserve at the end of Brushford Avenue Castle Hill at 8am. There is some parking here and parking in adjacent streets & within the reserve adjacent to the playing fields.

There will be offered a range of lengths to try to accommodate all who would like to come.

1. A short easy walk before returning to the start for morning tea. Grade 1 approx. 1.5 km
2. Then - starting at about 8.45 am - a longer walk with an easy creek crossing & a climb with steps. Again, return to the starting point by about 10 am. Grade 2 approx. 2.5 km.
3. A longer walk. heading off on a different track and going to the retention basin on Darling Mills Creek. From here we either return to the cars **or if all of the group wish**, follow Darling Mills Creek down to Lake Parramatta & then to Windsor Rd to catch a bus back to Excelsior Avenue. We then follow Excelsior Avenue back to cars. This means quite a long walk with a creek crossing or two. Total to Parramatta – approx.6 km.

Bring morning tea & lunch for the longer walkers & OPAL Card in case it is the wish of everyone on the longer walk to continue to Windsor Road North Parramatta.

Note: If there has been significant rain in the previous few days, then the walks will need to be rescheduled.

Grade: Various as per above **Length:** Various as per above

Meeting Place: 8.00 am Eric Mobbs Reserve end of Brushford Avenue Castle Hill

May 2022

Sunday 1st May, 2022

Blackheath to Burra Korain Head & return

A walk on fire trail, bush track and foot pad out to Burra Korain Head above the Grose Valley and Victoria Falls. No significant climbs.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 14km

Meeting Place: 9:00 am at the end of Ridgewell Road Blackheath

Sunday 1st May, 2022

Cycle Francesco Oval to Rouse Hill

Francesco Oval to Rouse Hill & return alternative route. Follow Strangers Creek, Kellyville, Beaumont Hills, Smalls Creek, Rouse Hill, Caddies Creek. Some steep inclines but mostly flat.

Grade: 2 **Length:** 14km

Meeting Place 9.00 am Francesco Crescent Reserve, street parking.

Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May

Walks in Bungonia NP

Short but interesting walks (white, orange and yellow trails) with lookouts in Bungonia NP. Staying at the Willows Motel in Goulburn.

Grade: Various **Length:** Various

Meeting Place: Willows Motel in Goulburn.

Sunday 8th May, 2022

Berowra Valley NP

We will join the Great North Walk at Pennant Hills/Thornleigh and branch onto the Callicoma Track through Cherrybrook and return to start. Creek crossings and bush tracks.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 9km

Meeting Place: 8.30 am at end of Bellamy St. Pennant Hills

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Monthly Meeting 8.00 pm at Crestwood Community Centre.

Sunday 15th May, 2022

Spit Bridge to Manly Coastal Walk

This walk provides good views over Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour. Uneven track in parts with some beach and street walking. Return by bus from Manly to City.

Grade: Harder 2 **Length:** 10km

Meeting Place: 9.00 am at Wynyard Park, catching the bus to the Spit from Carrington Street.

Sunday 15th May, 2022

Cycle Wentworthville station to Wentworth Point and return

This ride is all cycleway with road crossings, mostly flat, stopping at Wentworth Point for coffee. Bring morning tea / lunch or buy at shop.

Grade: 2 **Length:** 30km

Meeting Place: 9.00 am at Wentworthville Avenue near Wentworthville Station

Thursday 19th May 2022

Spit Junction to Spit Bridge

This is a lovely walk around a quiet part of Middle Harbour. Impressive views of Folly Pt, Northbridge and Seaforth. We follow the water around to Pearl Beach and

the Spit Bridge. There is a section of bush track around Quakers Hat and Beauty Pt. so this is a grade 2 walk.
Bring morning tea [coffee available] and lunch.

Grade: 2 **Length:** 5km
Meeting Place: 9.00 am Wynyard Park for bus transport

Saturday 21st May / Sunday 22nd May, 2022
Relay for Life

We have entered a team under the name Wanderers Bushwalking Club.
Please enter using the Hills Relay for Life 2022 web page.

Grade: NA **Length:** Various
Meeting Place: Castle Hill Showground

Sunday 29th May, 2022
Walk Two Creeks Track Lindfield

Walk from the East Roseville shops to Echo Point to join the Foreshore Track of East Lindfield which makes its way to Middle Harbour. It then runs along waterfront with views of Killarney Heights and Castle Cove.
Bring Opal Card, morning tea, lunch, water, hat. Coffee at shops on return.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 14.4 km
Meeting Place: 8.15 am at Wynyard Park to catch bus to East Roseville.

June 2022

Sunday 5th June, 2022
Cowan, GNW and return via Berowra Reserve to Cowan

From Cowan follow the GNW to a rocky outcrop after Joe Crafts Creek. Take side tracks to the north then re-join the GNW and continue to a lookout over Berowra Waters. Follow the ridge to Turner Road and return to the GNW and Cowan via Berowra Reserve. Mainly bush tracks, rough in places; some steep sections with a couple of significant climbs; creek crossings. Great scenery and views along the way.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 14km
Meeting Place: Cowan, exact location details later when registering.

Sunday 5th June, 2022
Warrimoo to Blaxland by Florabella Pass

The track goes along Florabella Creek and Glenbrook Creek. Some interesting shelter caves, changing vegetation. A steep descent and ascent by stairs, which can be slippery when wet, makes it grade 3, otherwise it's pretty flat.
There could be leeches, so bring your preferred method of dealing with them. I prefer salt.
Bring morning tea and lunch.

Grade: 2/3 **Length:** 8km

Meeting Place: Meet on Blaxland station by 9.30 am for the 9.45 am train.
I'll check the timetable closer to the walk for any changes.

Sunday 12th June, 2022

Walk to Flat Rock Point and Brooklyn Dam

Mostly well-formed tracks, but some steep, rocky sections. Many scenic views of the bushland, dam and Hawkesbury River.

Bring: Opal Card, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 13km

Meeting Place: 9.00 am in Dangar Road opposite Hawkesbury River Station, Brooklyn. (Train departs Pennant Hills at 8:15, arrives 8:49.) If driving, there is parking available nearby.

Monday 13th June 2022

Baulkham Hills Heritage Walk

Walk from the Rose Garden in Roxborough Park Road to Seven Hills Road. There will be a mix of street walking, shared pathway and bush track. There are signs providing information on some of the pioneers of the area, especially George Suttor who established the first orange orchard in the district.

Grade: 2 **Length** 8km

Meeting Place: Rose Garden in Roxborough Park Road.

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Monthly Meeting 8.00 pm at Crestwood Community Centre.

Thursday 16th June, 2022

Woolwich Morts Dock to Hunters Hill

Explore the old Woolwich Dock area. Walk along the foreshore area of Clarkes Pt and Kellys Bush to Hunters Hill.

Bring morning tea and lunch.

Grade: 1 **Length** 5km

Meeting Place: Meet Circular Quay in time for 9.45 am ferry to Woolwich.
Transport is Ferry and Bus.

Sunday 19th June, 2022

Royal NP, Forest Path, Palona Cave

Forest Path, Lady Carrington Dr, Palona Cave. If we have time, we'll do the first part of the Wallamurra track (by Bola creek) on the way back to the cars.

The drive to the south end of Lady Carrington Dr. is approx. 1 hour from Torrs. I want to limit to 12 people. (Come prepared for possible leeches.)

Grade: 3

Length: 11km

Meeting Place: Leave 7.30am from Torrs St.

Sunday 26th June 2022

Walk Taronga Zoo to Balmoral Beach

Bradley's Head, Clifton Gardens, Georges Heights to Balmoral Beach with views of Sydney Harbour.

Bring Opal Card, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, water and hat.

Grades: 3 **Distance:** 6.5Km

Meeting Place: 9.00 am at Circular Quay for ferry.

Sunday 26th June, 2022

Cycle, Rydalmere to Cabarita via Putney Ferry and return

Easy cycle on tracks by the Parramatta River with a tiny amount of quiet street riding. We cross on the Putney Punt to Breakfast Point then on to Cabarita for lunch. Bring morning tea and lunch.

Grade: 2 **Length:** approx.25km

Meeting Place: 9.30 am Rydalmere Wharf car park

July 2022

Sunday 3rd July, 2022

From GIRRAKOOL Picnic Area PILES Creek Circuit

Start and finish at GIRRAKOOL picnic area. PILES Creek circuit with side trip to Scopas Peak. Bush tracks with some minor creek crossings and moderate ascents.

Grade: 3 **Length** 11-13km

Meeting Place: TBA

Sunday 10th July, 2022

Cowan Station to Taffy's Rock and return

From Cowan Station the walk is via GNW down to Jerusalem Bay and then a steep climb up to the top of the hill. At the top we then leave the GNW and head east along the Taffy's Rock track. Views along this track are down to Jerusalem Bay, Cowan Creek and Hawkesbury River. At Taffy's Rock there are views over Broken Bay, Lion Island and Pittwater.

Grade: 3 **Length:** 15km

Meeting Place: 8.30am at Cowan Station

Thursday 7th July

Como Heritage Trail

The walk starts from Como Station with both street and bush track walking. The shorter walk is a return to Como Station with the longer walk going across the old rail bridge and on to Oatley Station.

Grade: 2

Length 5 or 8km

Meeting Place: Como Station

Sunday 10th July, 2022

The City to Surf Route- Edgecliff to Bondi Beach

It is a long grade 2 with one long, steep gradient, Heartbreak Hill, and a few other hills. All the walking is on footpaths.

We will start at Edgecliff station and walk along New South Head Rd, then Old South Head Rd. There are great views and interesting sights. We will take our time.

From Bondi we will get the bus to Bondi Junction and then the train.

Bring morning tea, lunch.

Grade: 2 **Length:** 13km

Meeting Place: Meet at Edgecliff station 9.30am. I will give an exact meeting spot closer to the walk.

Tuesday 12th July 2022

Monthly Meeting 8.00 pm at Crestwood Community Centre.

Thursday 14th July, 2022

Sydney Olympic Park

Walk from Sydney Olympic Park Wharf over the Bennelong Bridge and along the Rhodes Foreshore. Catch a bus back to the wharf. The bus journey is quite an excursion through built up areas of the park and Newington suburb.

Bring morning tea [coffee available] and lunch

Grade: 1 **Length** 5km

Meeting Place: Meet at Circular Quay in time for 9.37am ferry to Olympic Park.

Advance Notice

17th July 2022 Winter Picnic

Winter picnic at Fagan Park, Arcadia Road Galston.