



Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Regular Monthly Meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall 24 Milson St. Charlestown

Ramblers 2022 Activity Program (Updated 21Nov 2022)

TO SUBMIT AN ACTIVITY:

Email details to WALKS OFFICER AT ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com or call Alan on 0419491612

DW: Day Walk, TW: Twilight Walk, BF: Breakfast Walk, BP: Backpack BR: Bike Ride CC: Car Camp PA: Paddle

W/E = Weekend

Anyone wanting to join an activity must contact the leader at least 24 hours before the activity is scheduled to begin.

3 Sept	Sat	DW Awaba Gynea Lillies (G3/13km/380m) - In early September, there is a forest of Gynea lillies in flower in the bush near Awaba. This walk will start from Toronto and walk along a ridge to near Awaba before doing a loop through the forest and back to Toronto. Many small climbs and one longer one. Bring afternoon tea for back at the cars. (Swansea map)
5 Sept	Mon	PA. Wallingat River Explore
5 Sept	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall Talk. "NSW Marine Parks" Peter G
6-9 th Sept.		CC Wollomi NP, Ganguddy camping area, Dunns Swamp on Cudgegong River. G2-3.
10 – 18 Sept	Sat-Sun (week)	CC Warrumbungles (School holidays 24 Sept to 9 Oct) Limit 15 (due to booking complications) Activities Day walks One night backpack (optional, if water available) Pilliga NR Timmallallie NP (Pilliga forest) Ukerbarley Aboriginal Area? Siding Springs observatory Wildflowers in early Spring Visitor centre Sunset/happy hour on Belougery Rock Group camping at Camp Walaay Picnic tables Toilets and tank water - suggest bring

		drinking water Hot showers at Camp Blackman Bring firewood for group fire
10-11 Sept	Sat-Sun	BP Burragurra via Mogo Creek Off track loop walk to Burragurra from Mogo Creek Camping Ground using 2 of the ridges. 16 km over the 2 days 840 m (390m day 1; 450m day 2) .Limited numbers
16-18 Sept	Fri-Sun	CC (tents only) Euroka Campground Glenbrook Blue Mountains National Park. A weekend of walking and exploring the Mid Mountain Garden Festival - 8 stunning gardens from Linden to Lawson. Enjoy a relaxed weekend of walking and garden exploring
18-19 Sept	Sun-Mon	BR. Day 1 Gloucester to Waukivory & return.9.00am start. Day 2 Gloucester to Rocky Crossing circuit 9.00am start .
18-19 Sept	Sun/Mon	BR. Gloucester to Rocky Crossing circuit.
18 Sept	Sun	DW. Spion Kop. G4/10km/150m climb 4.5 hrs. One of my favourite Day walks. Spion Kop is a hill overlooking Woy Woy Bay. Climb it for great views of Brisbane Waters, then a nice coastal bush track down to a Waterfall for lunch. Exit via a firetrail and the "Heiroglyphs". Early start to miss the tide. Car shuffle.
19 Sept	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall Talk "The Kimberleys 2022" Philippa H and John H.
25 Sept	Sun	DW Mount Cabrebald circuit. G4/10km/700m/700m Excellent views of Mount Royal, Barrington escarpment and the hunter valley and a magnificent grass tree forest at the top. Hike up a steep fire trail to the summit and return via an alternative trail to complete a circuit
29 Sept-4 Oct	Thur-Tues	Long weekend at "Two Styx Cabins", 1111 Point Lookout Rd., Ebor. www.twostyx.com.au I have booked the entire site i.e. Platypus Cottage, Flame Robin cabin & Lyrebird cabin. Arrive Thursday 29/9/2022 Depart Tuesday 04/10/2022 Come for a long weekend of many walks, G3 to G5, in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New England NP, a World Heritage Rainforest Park, with more than

		<p>20km of walking tracks though a variety of environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathedral Rocks NP • & Dorrigo NP, if time permits. <p>Fully Booked.</p>
1 Oct	Sat	DW. Mooney Mooney Wildlife Tunnel and (if time) the Mega Cave. G4/10km/50m.
2 Oct	Sun	Daylight Saving Begins. Twilight walks begin.
7 Oct	Fri	TW. Newcastle Foreshore, out to Nobby's breakwall, back via East End. G1/ 5km/90" Optional Fish and chips dinner at Scratchleys.
7-9 Oct		Blue Mountains Music Festival
8 Oct	Sat	DW. Mooney Mooney Wildlife Tunnel and (if time) the Mega Cave. G4/5km/50m.
9 Oct	Sun	DW. Explore Ridges near Mt. Yengo. G5. Originally this was planned to be a BP, however because of recent reports of overgrown tracks it will now be a DW to investigate how bad the grown is. Mostly off-track navigation.
10 Oct	Mon	DW-TW-BP Catho to Timber Beach Sea Caves - G3/6k/100m. Walk headlands and beaches to Timber Beach to explore magnificent coastal caves. You will get wet. Options to swim or snorkel, also to camp. Happy Hour on Flat Rock Point for - Sunset 19:02. Full moon rising 19:25. Map: Catherine Hill Bay
13 October	Thur	TW. G2. Lake ramble from Valentine Bowling Club & return to Bowling Club for dinner
15 Oct	Sat	Rambler's 60th Birthday Party. Rathmines Theatre. There are planned walking, bike riding, and paddling activities around the lake foreshore to warm us up before gathering at about 10.00am for morning tea in the theatre. These activities all start at 8:00am at the theatre. We have the facility booked until later in the day and plan to have a few speeches to commemorate the history of the Club followed by a catered luncheon at about 12.30pm. For those interested in staying on we will make use of the adjacent parkland for afternoon tea and maybe an informal BBQ. The cost for the catering will be \$30 per person.

16 Oct	Sun	DW. Lemon Tree Jilliby SCA (G4/450m/12k) Beautiful ridge walk, dropping down to explore a new ridge, palm lined creek, some offtrack, steep ascents, descents in state conservation area near Mandalong. Opportunities to practice navigation. Map: Dooralong
16 Oct	Sun	DW. Mt. Sugarloaf G4/10km/350m up and 350 down. About 4 hrs.
17 Oct	Mon	PHOTO COMP ENTRIES CLOSE
17 Oct	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall
18 Oct	Tues	TW Redhead Beach G2/5km/10m/2hrs Walk along boardwalk & bush tracks to beach & return by the beach. Option to have dinner at Malaysia Restaurant.
19 Oct	Wed	BR. Stockton to Fullerton Cove return, ~30 km, flat, mostly on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes,
22 Oct	Sat	DW Cessnock. 4km grade 2. Easy walk around Hebburn Dam at Weston then up Bridges Hill at Cessnock. Learn a little history of these 2 areas. Bring morning tea and lunch.
23 Oct	Sun	DW The Buckets from the West (G5/500m/8k). Exploratory walk up to the Buckets Ridge through private property on western side. Spectacular views, maybe orchids in flower. Steep slope, rock scrambling, off track, thick bush, cliff lines. Limited numbers. Maps: Gloucester Angela
25 Oct	Tues	TW. The Parks of 2300. A park ramble to visit Civic, Church Walk, Acadia, Obelisk Hill, King Edward, Nesca and Centennial Parks and to finish off with a meal at Lowlands Bowling Club at 7.00pm. Please let Bob know by Fri 21 October for catering purposes, if staying for a meal. This is a G3 walk however has a steep climb to Church Street and a tricky little descent into Nesca Park from Memorial Drive. Fully Booked.
28-30 Oct		CC (sort of!) Tallow Beach Bouddi National Park. A fabulous 3 days of day walks enjoying great coastal scenery and wildflowers. Camp spot is a 1.3 km walk from the parking area so load up your backpack or wheelbarrow.

29 Oct	Sat	
31 Oct	Mon	BR. Morpeth to Paterson via Martins Creek.
5 Nov	Sat	CC. Rylstone Street Feast. A great day of Feasting and entertainment in the main street of Rylstone. Camping 3 nights at Dunns Swamp- DWs.
6 Nov	Sun	DW Glenrock to Redhead (G3/10km/100m/100m/5hrs) Follow coast and coastal tracks through Awabakal Nature Reserve. Optional swimming at Dudley and/or Redhead Beach if conditions permit. Bring morning tea and lunch, swimmers, sunscreen, hat etc. Suggest 2 litres water min. Car shuffle required.
7 Nov	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall Talk. Maps 101-contours and grid lines. Malcolm M.
9 Nov	Wed	BR. Booragul to Wallsend return ~25 km, 3% gradient on Tramway Track, all on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes
10 Nov	Thur	TW Swansea to Blacksmiths Breakwall (G1/6km/2m). Walk across Swansea Channel to the Tasman Sea and return. Dinner afterwards at Swansea Hotel, 196 Pacific Highway. Map: Swansea..
12 Nov	Sat	DW. Wangi Wangi Peninsular Circuit G3 7km 3hrs Enjoy the views as you go along, visit the World War Two gun emplacements. Bring morning tea and it is an option to have lunch back at Dobel Park.
13 Nov	Sun	BFst Walk.Fassifern to Toronto (G1/8.5km/0m). From Fassifern Station, follow the old railway line into Toronto, with a deviation to Blackalls Park. Breakfast will be at Toronto - either at a cafe or bring your own to eat on the waterfront. Return to Fassifern afterwards along the same track. I imagine we will be back at Fassifern by about 10am.
13-20 Nov	Sat-Sun	Easy Snowy Back Pack - Seven Days - The Huts of Tantangara -Northern Kosciusko NP - G4/5/10km/d / upto150m/day. Drive via Tumut and short walk to Gooandra Hut to camp and round trip to several huts - relocate to Port Phillip FT and walk to Old Curango, Jones Hut, Pockets Hut and Oldfields and Mt .- Limited numbers
16 Nov	Wed	TW Honeysuckle to Carrington Loop &

		<p>Return (G2/5km) Meet outside entrance to Honeysuckle Hotel at 5:30pm. Follow the waterfront walkway past Maryville to Carrington via the Throsby Basin loop before returning to Honeysuckle. Optional dinner at Honeysuckle Hotel at 7pm. Please let me know if you are staying for dinner by 10th November for booking purposes</p>
19 Nov		
20 Nov	Sun	<p>DW Mooney Mooney Wildlife Tunnel G3/5km/150m Another attempt to get here! Massive tunnel under the freeway you probably didn't know about. If time permits visit the Mega Cave in the same area. Maps Gosford & Gunderman</p>
21 Nov	Mon	<p>Regular Meeting – Church Hall PHOTO COMPETITION</p>
23 Nov	Wed	<p>BR. Adamstown to Belmont return on Fernleigh Track, ~ 30 km, 2-3% gradient, mostly on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes.</p>
26 Nov	Sat	<p>DW. Mt Royal Circuit G5 6km 1184m 5hrs Mt Royal is located about one hours drive north of Singleton. The walk starts at the southern base of Mt Royal. From there walk along a road and bush track on the western side to the northern end, up Sneaky Pinch to a grassy area for morning tea. Then a rock scramble to the ridge line, walk along the ridge line for about 300 metres before dropping down into the enchanted Beach Forest. Make your way to the ancient grove of Grass Trees and then to the trig point for lunch. Then head to the nose of the plateau to the drop down and grassy slope in open forest for the steep and long walk back to the vehicles. Bring morning tea, Lunch, gloves and because of the infestation of stinging nettles, long pants and long sleeves, hat and water.</p>
26 Nov- 4 Dec	Sat-Sun	<p>BP. Kosciuzko NP. G5/ 12-15km/day/ Start Guthega and arrive Island bend 6 days later. Via Rolling Grounds, Schlink Pass, Gungartan Pass, Kerries ridge , Mawsons hut, Kidman's Hut, Brassy Gap, Davies Hut. 8 people limit.</p>
27 Nov		

29 Nov	Tues	TW. Munmorah SCA
3 Dec	Sat	<p>RAMBLERS XMAS PARTY.</p> <p>As usual, it is BYO everything, ie, chair, food, drinks, happy hour, etc. There is a barbecue available. Mosquito repellent may be useful.</p> <p>If anyone wants to stay overnight, they are welcome to camp. Ingrid also has a few spare beds inside so if you want one, please apply now!</p>
4 Dec		
5 Dec	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall 10" Safety Talk. Falling Rocks. Alan T.
7 Dec	Wed	BR.Duckenfield Loop 25 km , almost completely flat, quiet rural roads suitable for all bikes, finishing with morning coffee at a Morpeth café
8 Dec	Thur	TW Edgeworth to Wallsend Tramway G2/5km/200m Easy walking along pathway followed by dinner at Edgeworth Bowling Club
10 Dec		
11 Dec		
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19 Dec		No Meeting
21 Dec	Wed	BR. Belmont South to Murrays Beach , ~ 30 km return, mostly on cycleway after short distance on quiet back streets, one short steep hill into Murray's Beach, coffee at Murray's Beach
27-31 Dec		<p>CC. Coolah Tops National Park</p> <p>Annual Car Camp at the Tops. Walking, Bike riding or just lazing about. Camp at The Pines.</p> <p>Map: Blackville</p> <p>Come or go anytime.</p>
31 Dec	Sat	
1 Jan	Sun	
2 Jan	Mon	No Meeting
7 Jan	Sat	
8 Jan	Sun	

10 Jan	Tues	TW. Dudley Beach (G1) Beach walk, swim, fishing on the rising tide. Shayne will show you how to catch a fish! Relax with happy hour or picnic tea. BYO food, drinks, chair, fishing gear, swimmers
14 Jan	Sat	
15 Jan	Sun	
16 Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall Talk Backpacking Food – from Pantry Ingrid W.
18 Jan	Wed	BR. Carrington circuit from Carrington along Throsby Creek, through Mayfield and Waratah to the university, return via Brickworks Park, Jesmond, Lambton, and Broadmeadow ~ 25 km. Cycle paths and quietish roads, a bit up and down through the university.
21 Jan	Sat	DW. G3 Catherine Hill Bay to Frazer Park Beach circuit 10km 4hrs
22 Jan	Sun	
28 Jan	Sat	
29 Jan	Sun	
3-5 Feb		CC. Nundle. Blackberry Picking and Relaxing.
4 Feb	Sat	
5 Feb	Sun	
6 Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting – Church Hall Guest Speaker from Hunter Wildlife Rescue at 7:30pm
4 Mar	Sat	DW. March 4 G3 Millfield to Tinklers Vineyard (Extension of the Great North Walk) Track goes through undulating open forest to Bimbadeen Lookout, on to Mt bright lookout, extensive views.
		FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

18 – 26 March		BP. Tasmania. G5. L.St. Clair, staying the night in a cabin. Then on Sun, boat to Narcissus, up the overland to Du Cane Gap, then climb up the Travellers Range to "the Gatepost" and camp. Monday we'd find our way to Mt. Spurling and camp, Tues off to Mts of Jupiter and camp. Wednesday down to Artemis then Junction lake to camp. Thurs would be across the Never Never to the old Du Cane hut and camp. Friday up the overland to Kia Ora then off track to Lees Paddock hut. Sat would be out via Lees Paddock to Mersey Rd for pickup. Fly home Sunday. Expressions of interest.
26 Apr to 10 May 2023		Bike Rides. Victorian Rail Trails. 1 trail in NSW, 2 trails in Vic. Shared accommodation in caravan park cabins. \$300 deposit to secure booking. Limit 10. Now fully booked. Reserve list only.
12-15 Sept 2023	Tues- Fri	CC Wollomi NP, Ganguddy camping area, Dunns Swamp on Cudgegong River. G2-3. Scenic sandstone pagodas on the eroded western edge of the Sydney Basin, spectacular spring wildflowers. Walk, kayak, fish, bird watch, relax. Lakeview sites, toilets, picnic tables, BBQs. Bring firewood and drinking water. Map: Olinda. You need to book your camp site with NPWS. Contact Roz for details.

Notes to Program

Grading: The grade of the activity is represented by four numbers: the terrain, the distance, the altitude gain and the duration. It appears for example as G3/12km/200m/4hrs. The type of terrain is represented by a grade number: Grade 1 (G1) – On roads or tracks, mostly flat. Grade 2 (G2) – Mostly on tracks, low gradient, relatively flat terrain. Grade 3 (G3) – Mostly on tracks, some hilly sections, rougher terrain. Grade 4 (G4) – Steeper, rougher terrain, may be off track. Grade 5 (G5) – Mostly off track, difficult terrain. Grade 6 (G6) – Strenuous off track walks. The distance is the number of kilometres to be covered. The altitude gain is the total of all the separate climbs in the activity. The duration is the actual time taken for the activity, not including travelling time. **Grading is subjective and cannot take into account all possible factors, so if you are uncertain about the grade, the terrain, or the experience and fitness required, ask the leader for advice.**

Bookings: are required for all activities unless otherwise specified. Meeting place and time is decided at the meeting before each activity. People leading an activity for the club may decline any request to attend. Visitors are welcome on walks with the permission of the leader and are covered by the Club's insurance. Obtain the leader's permission before bringing any other person on an activity or if considering leaving an activity prematurely. People under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and are that person's responsibility for the duration of the activity. All participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk (waiver) form.