

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Activity Program for 2024 (updated 29 Jan)

TO SUBMIT AN ACTIVITY:

Email details to WALKS OFFICER at ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com

TO JOIN AN ACTIVITY:

Contact (text, phone or email) the Leader at least 24 hours before the activity is scheduled to begin.

TO ATTEND A CLUB MEETING:

Club Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at our Meeting Hall, 24 Milson St, Charlestown.

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

1 Jan	Mon	New Year's Day – NO MEETING		
3 Jan	Wed	BR. Pelican to Murrays Beach via Blacksmiths break wall and Swansea boardwalk ~ 23 km return, mostly on cycleway, one short steep hill into Murray's Beach, coffee at Murray's Beach, suitable for all bikes.	Start at 8 am from northern end of Lakeview Parade Pelican (near Soldiers Road),	Philippa H. 0402844147
4-8 Jan	Thur-Mon	Sailing Adventure. SE Tasmania. Lady Nelson square-rigged tall ship. Hobart to Triabunna (bus return to Hobart). Daily short walks, possible - Port Arthur, Tasman Peninsula, Fortescue Bay, Marion Bay, Maria Island. 5 days/4nights sleep aboard, all meals. 10 berths available. \$1250 per person.	This trip will depart Hobart for Triabunna on the East Coast (the gateway to Maria Island). Transport from Triabunna to Hobart at trips end will be by regular bus service	https://www.ladynelson.org.au/ Col McCluskey 0418 473014 coliflower@westnet.com.au
6 Jan	Sat			
7 Jan	Sun			
13 Jan	Sat			
14 Jan	Sun	DW. Merewether to Glenrock return. G4/200m/about 3 hrs. Walk from Merewether Ocean baths along Burwood Beach, up ridge and across to Flaggy Creek and back via Yulearbah track.	8:00am Merewether baths.	Alan T. 0419491612
15Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting. Talk "planning and running a walk"- Lois S Supper – Philippa & John		
16 Jan	Tues	TW Swansea. G2/5 km/1.5 hrs. Flat walk from Swansea RSL along the Channel foreshore pathway to Pirratta Island return. Dinner at Swansea RSL. Map: Street Directory	Meet 5.30 pm Swansea RSL car park, Bridge Street, Swansea	Jenny B. 0419 249 335

17 Jan	Wed	BR. Beresfield to Morpeth return, ~ 32 km , flat, mostly quiet roads but some unsealed track so not suitable for road tyres,	meet at Beresfield railway station, Addison Street at 8 am	Philippa H. 0402844147
19 Jan	Fri	DW. Croker's Creek Loop Walk. 2 hours; 7 km; 30m; Grade 2 Follow the Fernleigh Track to Jewells Crossing and Carol's beach track to where Croker's Creek enters the ocean. Then walk back through the tracks in the coastal bush and dunes to the Duck Pond walk to return to the cars. Coffee afterwards at one of the excellent Redhead cafes.	Meet at the entry to the Duck Pond Walk in Cain St at Redhead at 7am where we will begin the walk	Lynne 0435889233
20 Jan	Sat	DW. Fernleigh Track, Dudley rail trail, Redhead swamp, Dudley beach to Glenrock G3 14km 4hrs Great bush tracks, great coastal views, bring morning tea and lunch.	8.00am at Yuelarbah track head car park located on Burwood road just down from the pedestrian crossing traffic lights for the Fernleigh Track at Kahibah	Frank Text 0402456459 or frank.kupina@live.com.au
21 Jan	Sun	DW. Caves Beach to Catherine Hill Bay. (G3/ 6km/4hrs/100m) Great walk along the Coastline. Mostly on track, some rock-hopping, some beach walking. Swimming option at large Rock Pool. Lunch at Catho Pub.	Car park above (S) of Caves Bch Surf Club.8;30 am Car Shuffle to CHB.	Alan T. 0419491612
22 Jan	Mon	DW. Pirrita Point to Galgabba Point. 2 hours (including time to enjoy the views); 7 km; flat; on track; Grade 2. Walk on tracks/paths around the channel via the Pirrita Island Reserve and the lake foreshore to the Galgabba Point walking track. Bring an early morning tea to enjoy here by the lake. Return from Galgabba point to the cars.	Meet at the the car park near the Swansea Boat Ramp (off Wallarah St) at 7 :30 am. A short car Shuffle will be needed to take cars to Galgabba Point.	Lynne 0435889233
23-25 Jan	Tues-Thur	CC. Two nights camping midweek in the Barrington Tops for walks and a visit to Planet Ark. Depart Tues, back Thurs. Max 10. <i>Full booked. Reserves only.</i>		Bob C. 041762409
26 Jan	Fri	AUSTRALIA DAY		
26 Jan	Fri	DW. Mt. Sugarloaf. (G4/5km/70m) Start from the picnic area below Sugarloaf, then walk down the main road to a track leading off left. Follow that track around to the northern spur of Sugarloaf and climb up to the picnic area. Continue around the western side of the peak and return via the	8 am start.	David M. 49546164

		southern side. Bring coffee/morning tea for after. Optional climb 50m to top of Sugarloaf.		
27 Jan	Sat			
28 Jan	Sun	DW. Dudley to Redhead along the rocks. G5/7km/4 hrs. Rock hopping along the shoreline. Rugged shoreline and fantastic tessellated pavement. Climb up Redhead Bluff and back to cars via Awabakal track. Low tide at 10:30.	Park cars end of Bombala St. Dudley. Start walking at 8:30am.	Alan T. 0419491612
30 Jan	Tues	DW, walk around Glenrock SCA via Baileys Track and Burwood Beach Grade 3/4. Small scramble onto the beach	8 am start. Meet at Hickson Road at the phone towers for.	Tracy H. 0414843024
31 Jan	Wed	BR. Stockton to Fullerton Cove return, ~30 km, flat, mostly on bike path, suitable for all types of bikes,	Meet at Stockton ferry wharf at 7.50 am or at Newcastle ferry wharf in time to catch the 7.45 ferry	Philippa H. 0402844147
2 Feb	Fri	TW. Newcastle City Council "Convict and Industry" self-guiding walk. G2/6km/70m. Starts at Convict Lumber yard and winds its way through the city and up to the Bogey Hole, then back down to Newcastle Museum. I expect it will take about 2 hrs. All on footpaths, moderately steep gradient to Shepherds Hill and back.	Meet outside Scratchley's Restaurant on Hunter River. Start walking 5:30. Optional Fish and Chips for tea at Scratchley's on return.	Alan T. 0419491612
3 Feb	Sat			
4 Feb	Sun	DW Birubi to Morna Point Return. G4/10k/5hr/100m. Circuit coastal walk along rock platforms and through coastal headlands, Swimming. Maps Morna Point	Meet Iris Moore Reserve, Birubi Point 8am.	Angela ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com
Feb 5	Mon	Regular Meeting. Walks Planning Meeting. Supper Dale G.		
Feb 9-11	Mon-Sun	CC. Nundle Blackberry picking Stay at Nundle Caravan Park in van, cabin or tent, we will take our van. Friday dinner at the Hotel Sat drive to Hanging Rock for picking Saturday dinner at Bowling Club. You can come for picking or just for a relaxing weekend away.		Ingrid W 0427 553212
11-14 Feb	Sun-Wed	BP. Tasmania. Three Capes Walk. Track Walk and Hut Accommodation 11, 12 and 13 Feb Fortescue Bay to Port Arthur Shuttle 16:00, 14 Feb Adult \$495. Concession \$396.		Bob B. 0403272266
10-21 Feb	Sat-Tues	Three Capes Walk and East Coast Tasmania- Join Bob Barber on his Three Capes Walk and later walks to Cockle Creek, Mt Field and	TBA	Bob C. 0417624091

		other locations – Fly, stay in cabins, car hire involved – numbers limited		
10 Feb	Sat			
11 Feb	Sun			
14 Feb	Wed	BR. Budgewoi Lake Loop possibly including Norah Head, ~ 30 km , mostly on cycleway, some quiet streets, mostly flat.	start from Slade Park Budgewoi at 8 am.	Philippa H. 0402844147
17 Feb	Sat			
18 Feb	Sun			
Feb 19	Mon	Regular Meeting – Members photos. Please bring some to share. Supper by Norm W.		
Feb 24	Sat			
Feb 25	Sun	DW. Stockton Bridge-shipwreck walk. Details tba	tba	Lynne 0435889233
March 2	Sat	DW. Redhead Lookouts/Awabakal/Ferneleigh Loop. Details tba.		Lynne 0435889233
March 3	Sun			
March 4	Mon	Regular Meeting – Talk “Preparing the Hall for a meeting” – Malcolm M. Supper by Nell W.		
March 9	Sat			
March 10	Sun			
14-17 Mar	Thur-Sun	EOI - Blue Mountains Music Festival - Bushwalks and Music - - Drive to Katoomba on Thursday 14 March to stay 3 nights and attend BMMF - Google for details - early bird tickets on sale now - stay in ABB or at the YHA. On Friday we will do a good day walk before the music starts in the evening. Short morning walks on Sat and Sun - please let me know if you are interested	Please let me know if you are interested and I may be able to assist with accommodation – YHA and ABB are available at the moment for less \$100/p/n on a shared basis	Bob Clifton 0417624091
16 Mar				
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18-22 Mar	Mon-Fri	CC. Barrington Tops. 4 nights car camping in Barrington Tops for day walks. Similar, but different to Bob’s activity in January. Come for the 4 nights, or come for some of it. It is 1500 metres above sea level, so nights will be cool & days a lovely temperature for walks. <i>Restricted to 10.</i>		Alan S. 0408 657912
March 18	Mon	Regular Meeting – AGM. Supper by Ingrid W.		
23 March	Sat	DW. Point Clare to Woy Woy (Egyptian Hieroglyphs Walk) G3 11km 5hrs Check out the mini canyon with walls inscribed in mysterious Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Aboriginal rock carvings, interesting rock pools and waterfall,	Train Newcastle Interchange 6.53am Change at Wyong. I will be getting on at Cardiff. Second last carriage upper level.	Frank Text 0402456459 or frank.kupina@live.com.au

		huge rock overhang with Aboriginal rock art, panoramic views. Bring morning tea and lunch.		
26 Mar	Tues	TW Redhead Boardwalk & track walk. G2/5km/20m/1.5 hrs. through wetlands to the beach. Dinner at Malaysian Restaurant nearby. Come along for the walk & help Jenny celebrate her 60th Birthday after the walk. Map: Street Directory	Meet 5.30 pm Webb Park, Beach Rd. Redhead.	Jenny B. 0419249335
29 Mar- 1 Apr	Fri-Sun	EASTER WEEKEND – looking for someone to organise this year’s Easter CC.	??	??
15 April		Regular Meeting. Guest speaker, Johannes Hendriks “9 days packrafting the Franklin River in TASMANIA. - with a side trip to Frenchmans’ Cap.” Discussion will include the use of Garmin in Reach as an emergency communication device, a means of communicating with family and indicating position using Garmin Mapshare. Mapshare was used for rainfall forecasts & river flows. Supper Anne S.		
4-5 May	Sat-Sun	BP. Very Easy- beginners. Johnsons Beach. Details tba. <i>Limited numbers.</i>		Lynne 0435889233
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25-26 May	Sat-Sun	CC. Bouddi NP. Day walks tents only. Option to just do a single day.Details tba		Lynne 0435889233
31 May – 2 June tentative	Fri-Sun	BP. Long Wheeney Creek/Royce’s Arch. 3 Day BP. Details tba. <i>Limited numbers.</i>		Lynne 0435889233
14-16 June tentative	Fri-Sun	BP. Burragurra. (Devil’s Rock) Details tba. Limited numbers		Lynne 0435889233
28-30 June tentative	Fri-Sun	BP. The Pondage – Gardens of Stone. 3 day BP. Details tba		Lynne 0435889233
Usually late July actual date tba.	Fri-Sun	CC. Navigation Shield. Adventure weekend run by NSW Emergency Services. Join one of the Ramblers Teams for this fun navigation competition. No experience necessary although we usually offer a training walk or two in the weeks before the actual Competition. Club has compass’s for loan – contact Alan 0419491612.	Tba Participants are advised of the location a few days before the comp. Usually within 2 or 3 hrs drive from Sydney. Need to be set up by 6:00pm on the Friday night to collect Maps and for team to plan strategy.	Angela

May 24		EOI- FRANCE MAY 2024 hexatrek.com 3034klms 138,000 mtrs elevation gain, loss G6. Budget about \$12K Very very limited numbers (3).EOI-FRANCE 15 th May 2024 to 1 st October 140 days (just a guide) including 20 zero days. Budget – 12K Very very limited numbers (3) .HexaTrek is a 3034 km hiking trail, connecting 14 of the most beautiful national parks and crossing France from the Vosges to the Pyrenees. The path follows the highest mountain regions joining together some of the most emblematic summits, natural wonders and wildest places. Stopping off in the most picturesque villages.This walk has stunning scenery, (ignore) concentrate instead on the fact this will be a hardwalk with 138,000 metres of elevation change.		Alan K. 0411367428 alankellyplumbin@gmail.com
20-27 Oct	Sun-Sun	Yarrangobilly Caves House. A week of DWs (G2-G4)in Yarrangobilly Area and Snowy area. Accommodation at Yarrangobilly Caves House. Limited Numbers. Cost \$425pp. Deposit of \$200 to hold your reservation. Balance to be paid in April.		Jenni M 0439387426
23 Nov- 1 Dec.	Sat-Sun	BP. Kosciusko NP. G5. Route TBA will depend on Park closures and Snowy 2 construction. <i>Maximum 8. 2023 participants get priority.</i>	Not taking bookings till mid-year.	Alan T. 0419491612

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. 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.