

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn Programme 2025

(Updated 4 May 2025)

Activity Grading details are set out at the end of the program

TO SUBMIT AN ACTIVITY:

Email details to WALKS OFFICER at ramblerswalksofficer@gmail.com

TO JOIN AN ACTIVITY:

It is **essential** to contact (text, phone or email) the Leader at least 48 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 Uniting Church Hall, 24 Milson St, Charlestown.

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

Yellow Highlighting indicates NSW School Holidays

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		April		
2 April	Wed	DW Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage (Grade 3-4) Mostly flat with some rocky sections. Car shuffle required. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8:30 am, Sunset park at the end of Caswell Crescent, Tanilba Bay.	Bob C 0417624091
3 April	Thur	T/W SWANSEA & LITTLE PELICAN TWILIGHT WALK Dinner afterwards at Swansea Workers' Club, Rawson St, Swansea. Meet at 5.30 pm at the park at the corner of Wallarah St & Dobinson Drive, Swansea near the public toilets		Margaret C 0412194194
5 April	Sat	DW TBA		
6 April	Sun	DW TBA		
7 April	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Jenni M		
9 April	Wed	BR Bulahdelah – Markwell Loop, 30 km This ride includes unsealed road unsuitable for road bikes with smooth or narrow tyres. Late morning tea or lunch in cafe on return to Bulahdelah.	10 am at Wade Park, Crawford Street, Bulahdelah.	Philippa 0402 844 147
9 April	Wed	DW The Coastal Walking Track from Blue Lagoon Beach to Forrester Beach and return. (G3/10.5km/316m) 8.30am start. Bring morning tea and lunch. Option to stay at Blue Lagoon Resort Caravan Park.		Ring Jenni for more details. 0439387426

10 April	Thur	TW HIGHLIGHTS OF HAMILTON PART 2 TWILIGHT WALK Dinner afterwards at the Northern Star Hotel Meet at 4.30pm in Gregson Park, Hamilton at the canons (off Steel St)		Margaret, 0412 194 194
12 April	Sat	DW TBA		
13 April	Sun	DW Rocky Crossing (15.6 km/4.30 hrs/ 468m)	Meet 7.30 Hexham MacDonalds 8.45 Dungog cnr Brown & Dowling near public toilet 10.00 at Rocky Crossing	Kate R 0439374323
16 April	Wed	DW Werakata National Park. (Grade 4, approx. 13km) Loop walk including out and return to Mt Tomalpin. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at 8:30am, George Jeffery Park, Caledonia Street, Kearsley.	Arthur R 0408 943 282
18 April	Fri (Good)	DW Warre Warren Creek (G4/13km/220m) – This is an area in Macpherson State Forest which we have not been to for many years. It has relics of early settlement, an old airstrip and a number of cave painting and engraving sites. It should be fire trails all the way, but some may be a bit overgrown now. Kulnura and Mangrove maps.		David M 49546164
18 – 21 April 22 – 26 April	Fri – Mon Tue – Wed	B/P and Paddle - Griffins Walking Track, Morton NP – Tallow Dam/Shoalhaven Three-day backpack to be followed by a few nights canoe/kayak trip on the Tallow Dam and Shoalhaven River	For info contact Pamela	Pamela 0429600121
19 April	Sat	DW TBA		
20 April	Sun	DW TBA		
20 April	Sun	Ingrid & Malcolm will go to the Hunter Gliding Club at Warkworth on Easter Sunday for the Easter Vintage & Classic gliders meeting. They hope to catch up with Tracy and Peter.		Malcolm M 0429641640
21 April	Mon Easter	Woy Woy Basalt Railway and WWII tunnel above Wondabyne Tunnel - (G4/7km/60m) - A large quantity of basalt rock was found in the bush south of Woy Woy in the early 1900s. In 1927, a railway was built to harvest it to use as ballast on the railways. It was abandoned a few years later, but the remains of the old railway are still in the bush. This walk will follow the line to see bridges and other relics of that period. There is an old tunnel which we will look for if we have time. Broken Bay map.		David M 49546164

21 April	Mon	Regular Meeting No Meeting - PH		
23 April	Wed	BR Broadmeadow to Booragul 42 km return. Ride to Wallsend, over the Tramway to Glendale, over Five Island Bridge to Lake Macquarie Art Gallery for coffee. Mostly on cycleway, suitable for all bikes	9 am at McDonald Jones stadium (canal end of car park)	Philippa 0402 844 147
25 April	Fri	ANZAC Day		
26 April	Sat	DW TBA		
27 April	Sun	Horse Run from the top (G4/11km/100m) – Postponed		David M 49546164
30 April	Wed	DW Glenrock circuit walk. (Grade 3/4, 8km) Merewether Beach, Bailey's Track, Yuelarbah track to Burwood Beach, retuning to Merewether. Some hilly sections. Bring morning tea.	Meet at 8:30, Merewether SLSC.	Anne S 0427 90 5530
		May		
2 – 6 May 2025		C/C - Hill End Village Camping Ground Sites will need to be booked – contact Kate to confirm dates and discuss There are powered and non-powered sites. There is a dump point next to the amenities block I would not recommend a site near that. There is a accommodation in the Hill End Village but not cheap. Hosies is the cheapest if you have 7 people (5 double 2 king single) would be \$95 a night per head.		Kate R 0439374323 text if interested some are going Friday the 2nd
3 May	Sat	DW TBA		
4 May	Sun	DW TBA		
5 May	Mon	Regular Meeting – Walks Planning – Bring your suggestions Supper Angela L		
7-9 May	Wed-Fri	C/C - Tent camping at Putty Beach Bouddi National Park - Series of day walks. Enjoy stunning coastal scenery, nearby local cafes and a range of day walks aimed to build gradual fitness including beach walking and some ascents and descents. Come for the day or the whole trip.	Meet Fat Goose Cafe Kilcare 10am Wednesday 7 May	Call Anna B on 0408612674 to book in and discuss arrangements.
7 May	Wed	BR Budgewoi to The Entrance North return, 35 km Mostly on new cycleway through Wyrabalong National Park. Includes Norah Head coffee detour Suitable for all bikes but some short steep sections.	9 am start at Slade Park Budgewoi	Philippa 0402 844 147
8-11 May	Thur-Sun	B/P 'The Pondage' Gardens of Stone NP (G5/Distance TBA /elevation TBA)	TBA	LynneK 0435889233

		3 nights out camping. Off track walk across pagoda country. Low total km as pagoda hopping can be slow! Visiting McLeans Gap, Cameron Point and Blue Rock Gap – and others, as time permits. These dates include the drive to and from the Gardens of Stone NP via Lithgow. Limited Numbers. Maps: Cullen Bullen and Ben Bullen		
10 May	Sat	D/W Wyrrabalong NP to Norah Head (G4/11km/100m) Lovely walk through the park along the Red Gum and Lilly Pilly walks beside the lake. Then cross the highway to the beach and walk northwards to Norah Head Lighthouse - tides will be good! On tracks on the lake side, but beach walking on the ocean side. Car shuffle. Toukley map		David M 49546164
11 May	Sun	DW TBA		
13 May	Tue	D/W Fairview Homestead (G3/12km/150m) Follow a fire trail into the beautiful Mangrove Valley to visit the historic Upper Mangrove cemetery and the old Fairview Homestead. Mangrove map.		David M 49546164
13- 20 May		Community Planting Day in the Daintree with Rainforest Rescue. A week of walks and activities checking out some tourist attractions in FNQ from Cairns. Participate with Rainforest Rescue (Google Rainforest Rescue for information) in a community planting day in the Daintree on 17 May 2025. Limited numbers. Fly up and back and hire a car in Cairns. Arrangements are confirmed and bookings in place		Bob Clifton 0417624091
17 May	Sat	DW TBA		
18 May	Sun	Mt Wareng (G4/10km/340m) Flat-topped mountain near Howes Valley on the Putty Road. Fire trail to the base of the mountain then up a mostly grassy spur for views of Wollemi and Mt Yengo. Maps: Howes Valley, Mount Yengo		David M 49546164
19 May	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper Jenny B		
21 May	Wed	Mt Sugarloaf (G4/5km/70m) A loop through some lovely natural bushland around Mt Sugarloaf. Views up the Hunter Valley and towards Barrington Tops. Optional climb 50m to top of Sugarloaf. Could be mossies. Wallsend map		David M 49546164
23-25 May	Fri- Mon	Car Camp and Day Walks (Nav Training Optional) Mogo Creek Details for walks TBA Come for all 3 days – or for part as you wish. Will need to book own site	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
24 May	Sat	DW Summerland Point to Gwandalan (G2/10km./20m/5hr) Track walk, easement trails and some street walking along foreshore reserve to Gwandalan and return.	8:30 am Summerland Point Reserve. Off Cams Blvd,	Jenny Bourke 0419249335

		Map: Catherine Hill Bay	opposite shops, Boat Ramp Rd Summerland Point	
25 May	Sun	DW TBA		
27 May	Tues	DW Shortland Wetlands Entry \$9:30 (\$6:00 concession) Bring morning tea or buy at café Lunch in the café is an option afterward – Numbers needed to book café.	Car Park 9 am	Nell W 0413899710
28 May	Wed	BR Hawks Nest – Mungo Brush return, 42 km All on quiet flattish road. BRING MORNING TEA. Suitable for all bikes. Picnic or café lunch after returning to Hawks Nest.	9 am start at Pelican Park/Moira Parade Reserve, Hawks Nest.	Philippa 0402 844 147
31 May		DW		
1 June	Sun	DW Horse Run from the top (G4/11km/100m) – We have been into the Horse Run from the Jerry's Plains end many times. This trip is looking for something on the hillside above the Horse Run so it will be easier to start from the road along the ridge. The Horse Run is an isolated valley in which a family lived in the early 1800s. There still some ruins from that time. Doyle's Creek map.		David M 49546164
1 June		DW Karuah Hill (G4-5/ /) Off track walk to climb to Karuah Trig (Optional Navex)	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
Future Events				
5-8 June		CC – Bungonia National Park A range of day walks to choose from in the park – all on track. Some very easy – others hard. Will need to book own site. Sites available from approx. 2 pm – vacate by 10 am. Come for as many days as you wish. We are looking at doing the Box Vale Walking track on the way home on Sunday 8 June (8.5 km/240m/G3/3 hours)	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
15-20 June	Sun - Sat	CC - Royal NP, Bonnie Vale Campground - 5 Nights camping, day walks, possible paddling and cycling. You will need to book your own site. Google Bonnie Vale Campground for more details on facilities.		Contact Jenni 0439387426.
15-22 June		Bush Regeneration Week – Crowdy Bay NP Come along & join with locals and others from all over camping in the winter sun about 30 minutes south of Laurieton. Come for one night, come for the whole week – your choice. Morning work in the Park, afternoons usually at leisure. Camping at Kylie's Beach Ground in the National Park with 2WD and van access available (but limited facilities). EoI in the first instance please:		Craig W Text only 0405 615-547

16 July	Wed	B/R Ash Island , 10 am start from the Welcome Walk car park, 20 km, some gravel so unsuitable for road bikes with narrow tyres		Philippa 0402 844 147
23 July	Wed	B/R Clarencetown – Glen William loop , 10 am start from Clarencetown Lions Park all on sealed quiet country roads, ~ 25 km		Philippa 0402 844 147
8-10 August	Fri-Sun	B/P Full Moon on Burragarra (G5/approx 30 km/1250m/3 days) Different route from last year (Mostly off track) Limited Numbers Maps: Murray's Run and Kulnura 1:25000	TBA	LynneK 0435889233
9 August	Sat	Lake Macquarie Rogaine https://nswrogaining.org/coming-events/ Individuals can enter this event – or put together a team!		Refer to link to register.
17-19 August	Fri - Sun	Navigation Shield Arrive Friday evening to receive navigation data One-day event on Saturday Two-day event over Saturday and Sunday		TBA
1-10 Nov		BP Buller Huts Trail. G5/90km/5000m/7days. This hike will be based on the Buller Hut Trail Circuit. It is a 7-day hike with additional travel days required. The hike will leave and finish at Mt Buller in Victoria. Due to the terrain, numbers will be limited. EOI please.		Contact Sue H 0437213221
1 Nov		First Aid Training with Kylie		
9-16 Nov		BP Easy Week in the Snowy Mountains – Easy backpacks and daywalks – itinerary to be decided EOI please		Bob C 0417624091
22-30 Nov		BP Jagungal Wilderness. G5. Route will depend on any National Park closures at the time, but the intention is to include climbing Mt. Jagungal and a fair amount of off-track walking. Limited numbers. EOI to Alan Thomas		Alan Thomas 0419491612
July 2026		BP Jatbula Trail. EOI (G4/ 62 km/5 days 4 nights) Nitmiluk Gorge to Leliyn (Edith Falls). Camp restricted to 15 people. Option to stay th night at Leliyn camp ground.		Nell Watson 0413899710

Activity 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 consider 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.