

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Summer Programme 2026 (updated 14 February 2026)

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

Summer Programme				
		January		
3 Jan	Sat	DW TBA		
4 Jan	Sun	DW TBA		
5 Jan	Mon	No Meeting		
7 Jan	Wed	BR Teralba Sailing club to Speers Point Return Ride along the tramway track to Wallsend and return for coffee at Teralba or Speers Point.	8:30am at the sailing club at Teralba Sailing club	Sue Holt 0437213221
8 Jan	Thur	TW Green Pt. Bring picnic tea to eat on the way.	Meet 6pm in Bennett Park at the dead end of Dilker Ave, Valentine	Text Margaret Covi, 0412 194 194
10 Jan	Sat	DW TBA		
11 Jan	Sun	MW Swansea (G2/5km/3hrs) Flat walk around Pirrita Island to the boardwalk & foreshore along the lake. Breakfast at The Channel Cafe, Swansea, near the bridge. Then along the channel foreshore back to the cars. Map: Swansea	Meet 7.00 am Thomas Humphreys Reserve, Cnr Channel & Wallarah St, Swansea.	Jenny Bourke 0419 249 335
12 – 17 Jan	Mon - Sat	BP Revisiting the Main Range (G5/65km/1840m) Loop Walk from Charlotte Pass - majority off track. Seamans Hut, Rawsons Creek, Mt Alice Rawson, Mt Townsend, Mount Du Faur, Mt Sentinel, Watsons Crag, Twynam Saddle, Illawong Swing Bridge, Snowy River Walk. Limited Numbers.		Lynne Walker 0435889233
14 Jan	Wed	Day or Morning Walk – Leader required		
17 Jan	Sat	DW TBA		

18 Jan	Sun	DW. Sunday 18 Jan. Birubi Beach to One Mile Beach (G4/10km/50m/4hrs) Coastal walk, beautiful scenery, over headlands, along small beaches, some rock scrambling, optional swim. Lunch at One Mile. Map: Morna Point.	Start from Iris Moore Reserve at 8:30 am.	Alan Thomas 0419491612
19 Jan	Mon	Regular Meeting Supper		
21 Jan	Wed	BR Redhead to Caves Beach, Swansea, Pelican - return 40 km, mostly flat, suitable for all bike types, Fernleigh track & other bike paths, some quiet roads	8 am start from Liles Oval car park, Cowlshaw Street, Redhead	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
22 Jan	Thur	TW Belmont & Marks Point. Bring picnic tea to eat during the walk.	Meet at 6 pm at old Belmont Railway Station, Railway Pde, Belmont	Margaret Covi 0412 194 194.
24 Jan	Sat	MW/BW Fassifern (but not to Toronto) (G3/6km/70m) A wander around a part of Fassifern destined to be houses but currently lovely bushland. Historic relics including a cemetery and mine buildings. All on tracks but there is a hill. (Wallsend map) Breakfast afterwards at Maddz Cafe at Teralba.	Meet 7:30am at Croft Oval on Macquarie Road, Fassifern.	David M 49546164
25 Jan	Sun	DW TBA		
26 Jan	Mon	Australia Day Holiday		
28 Jan	Wed	BR Belmont to Adamstown (return) – 30 km Coffee at Redhead	Meet at Belmont railway Station (Fernleigh Track)	Sue Holt 0437213221
31 Jan	Sat	DW Mt Manning Cave. (Approx 7 km/G3/150 m elevation gain).	Meet at Cameron Park Maccas at 8.00 am	Brett Bennie 0411752195
		February		
1 Feb	Sun	DW Glenrock SCA (G3/ 8km/ 3 hrs/ 200m) Take steps down from the Lookout, along Burwood Beach, up Ridge near Scout camp and to Flaggy creek for morning tea. Back via Gun Club track. Great views, all on track.	Meet near water tanks at Hickson St Lookout, Merewether	Alan Thomas 0419491612
2 Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting Walks Planning Supper by Bob		
4 Feb	Wed	BR Magenta - The Entrance – Long Jetty – Chittaway Bay return along Tuggerah Lake, ~ 32 km. Mostly cycle way, very flat.	Start at 9 am from the car park at the end of Magenta Drive in the Magenta Shores golf club resort.	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
5 Feb	Thur	T/W - Bailey's Orchard, Dudley . This was once an orchard down the back of Dudley and Barry will show us where it was and what can still be seen.	Meet 5:30pm at corner of Bombala and Bathurst Sts, Dudley. Bring picnic dinner.	Barry W 0431 237 976
7 Feb	Sat	DW TBA		

8 Feb	Sun	DW TBA		
11 Feb	Wed	DW Belmont Heritage & Lunch (G2/9km/50m/5hrs) Street walk up hill to see the Nissen Huts. Then walk to Belmont Community Gardens. Cross highway & on to Floraville Landcare Rainforest site. Have lunch at Eastlakes Salvos Cafe 360, Pacific Hwy Belmont. Then walk to old John Darling Colliery site to see the pit pony shed & restored mine managers' homes.	Meet 9 am Jewells Crossing Car Park, Cnr Railway Cres & Kalaroo Rd, Belmont North	Jenny Bourke 0419 249 335
13-15 Feb	Fri-Sun	CC Blackberry Picking at Nundle	Contact Malcolm or Ingrid for details	Ingrid 0429641640
14 Feb	Sat	DW TBA		
15 Feb	Sun	DW Yacaaba Peak – G3/8km/200m – Walk along Bennetts Beach and climb to lookout on Yacaaba for MT return along the shore of Port Stephens	7.00am Hexham McD	Kate R 0439374323
16 Feb	Mon	Regular Meeting – Presentation by Brett on his fabulous trip to the Antarctica Supper – Kate		
17 Feb	Tue	T/W – Lovely historical walk from Mainland to Lorn, returning to the River Bank for café meal or bring your own picnic dinner.	Meet 5.30pm outside of Redding Cinemas, Maitland	Angella H 0422 207 376.
18 Feb	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 9 am	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
21 Feb	Sat	DW TBA		
22 Feb	Sun	DW TBA		
22 Feb	Sun	Rogaine – Swansea Minigaine – 3 hr event Contact NSW Rogaining closer to the event. https://nswrogaining.org/coming-events/		TBC
22 Feb – 1 Mar	Sun - Sun	Perisher Lodge and Day Walks – a wonderful week in the Snowy Mountains – daywalks of all grades and other activities	Bookings in place – contact David for details	David M 0427783059
February 25th	Wed	DW Yuelarbah Trackhead to Dudley Beach Loop G3/G4 9km 700M 3.5 hours Walk to Dudley Beach via Leggy Point, return via GNW/Yuelarbah Track. Bring morning tea and lunch.	Meet at Yuelarbah Trackhead Carpark, Burwood Road at 8:00 am	Tracy 0414 843 024
28 Feb	Sat	DW – Bramble Green and Darks Point, Myall Lakes NP – Bob Clifton, G3/10km/50m – Walk through rainforest to Bramble Green for MT, return to beach and walk south to Darks Point	Meet Hexham McD at 8.00am	Bob Clifton 0417624091
1 Mar	Sun	DW TBA		
TBA		Visit to Westpac Rescue Base		

2 Mar	Mon	Meeting – Presentation by Margaret – One of her great trips Supper -		
2-9 March	Mon- Mon	BP Kosciuszko N.P. (G5/7 days). Consists of 2 consecutive walks. The first is a loop, starting from Deadhorse Gap then to Cascades Hut, The Chimney's, Teddy's Hut, Brindle Bull and back to DH Gap. The second, starting from Munyang power station on the Snowy River to Dicky Cooper Bogong via the Aqueduct route and Schlink Pass, then via the Rolling Ground, Consett Stephen Pass, Mt. Tate, Mt Anton to Guthega. Spectacular high-country scenery, mostly open walking on footpads. Daily distances range from 8 to 15km, daily climbs less than 200m. Experienced walkers only, limited numbers.		Alan Thomas 0419491612
4 March	Wed	DW Sugarloaf Circuit (6 km/ G3/200m/2 hours) Please bring water, sunscreen, a hat and a snack.	leaving from the carpark near the public toilets at 10 am	Dale G 0428 399 083 and Nell W 0413899710
5 March	Thur	BR Medowie to Raymond Terrace - return ~ 35 km, Some short ascents & descents, suitable for all bike types, bike paths, some road	Start from Pacific Dunes Golf Club car park at 9 am.	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
7 March	Sat	DW Blue Gum Hills, Minmi (5 km/G2/100m/1.5 hours) Walk to explore historical mining chimney & cemetery. Please bring water, sunscreen, a hat and a snack.	Leave main carpark 10 am.	Dale G 0428 399 083 and Nell W 0413899710
March 13-15 2026		2026 Blue Mountains Music Festival – It's not too early to start planning for this event by putting accommodation reservations in place – follow details on the BMMF website - please advise me of your interest – daywalks and music in the mountains		Bob Clifton 0417624091
16 Mar	Mon	AGM Meeting – Election of Officers and Annual Reports Supper by Jill		
26 Mar	Thur	T/W – Details to be provided		Margaret C
31 Mar	Tue	T/W – The Parks of Postcode 2300. Explore the parks of Newcastle starting at the Art Gallery, Civic, Church Walk, Church Street, Arcadia Park, KEP, Nesca Park and Centennial Park. Meal option at the Lowlands Bowling Club. G3/4km/100m up and down. Notes available from Bob	Meet at the Newcastle Art Gallery at 5.00pm	Bob Clifton 0417624091
1 April	Wed	BR Morpeth – Wallalong - Woodville – Largs – Lorn – Maitland – East Maitland – Pitnacree – Morpeth ~ 33 km, All on sealed road,	Start from Queens Wharf Park Morpeth at 10 am	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
Various Dates April/May		EOI for Volunteering with Bush Heritage at Scottsdale Nature Reserve (south of Canberra). Camp or book accommodation for 2 or 3 nights to help out. Friday 17 th April to Sunday 19 th April	Enquires to Bob or Malcolm	

		Friday 1 st May to Sunday 3 rd May Friday 8 th May to Sunday 10 th May Friday 15 th May to Sunday 17 th May Other opportunities for Tarcutter Hills Reserve to be advised later		
Fri 3 April to Mon 6 April		Easter Weekend – TBA		
4 April	Sun	Daylight Saving Ends		
6 April Easter Mon		No Meeting - PH		
15 April	Wed	BR Hermitage Road cycleway from Belford to Pokolbin return 36 km, Mostly on bike path, suitable for all bikes, coffee at turnaround point on Broke Road.	start at 10 am on Hermitage Road soon after turning off the New England Highway and crossing over the railway,	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
Tue 14-Wed 15 April		C/C Mogo Creek Camping Ground, Yengo NP. G3/<10km/100m Easy daywalks to Mt Manning Aboriginal Art Site and to Mogo Creek	Ring for arrangements	Bob Clifton 0417624091
20 April	Mon	Meeting Night – Club Auction – Bring your best stuff for a fun night Supper -		
22 April	Wed	DW Dudley Beach Loop G3/G4 8km 400M 2.5 hours Walk through southern section of the Glenrock SCA to Glenrock Lookout then return along Dudley Beach. Some short quiet road sections. Bring morning tea	Meet at Dudley Beach Carpark, Dudley Beach Road off Burwood Road at 9:00 am	Tracy 0414 843 024
25 April	Sat	Anzac Day		
26 April	Sun	D/W - TBA		
29 April	Wed	BR - TBA		
2 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
3 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
4 May	Mon	Meeting Night – Walks Planning		

6 May	Wed	D/W - TBA		
9 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
10 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
13 May	Wed	BR - TBA		
16 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
17 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
14-24 May 2026	Thur to Sat	EOI - Return to the Daintree for Rainforest Rescue Community Planting Day and touring the Wet Tropics and Cooktown	May 2026	Bob C 0417624091
18 May	Mon	Meeting Night – Walks Planning		
20 May	Wed	D/W - TBA		
23 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
24 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
27 May	Wed	BR - TBA		
		Future Events		
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 the night at Leliyn camp ground.		Nell Watson 0413899710
Oct-Nov 2026		Nakasendo Way (135km over 9 days. Each day's walking is 10-24km.) Late October/early November 2026, when the autumn leaves will be at their most spectacular. Staying mostly in historic inns and observing the Japanese way of life. The Nakasendo Way starts in Kyoto and ends at Tokyo. Read about it here: https://www.nakasendoway.com/ We will use the following travel company (a number of Ramblers have travelled with before): https://walkjapan.com/tour/nakasendo-way		David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com .

		Cost for the walk will be approximately \$6680. Flights will be around \$1300 return. There will ofc be other costs for local transport, some meals, tours of Kyoto and Tokyo, etc. EOI: contact David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com . Limited numbers.		
Sun 8 to Sun 15 November		EOI - Bob' Snowy B/P Walk – Namadgi NP and Snowy Plains. G3/10km/150m – Easy backpack at lower elevation to visit mountain huts in these locations – Itinerary to be finalised		Bob Clifton 0417624091
27 April to 01 May 2027		BP: Tasmania Overland Track – Northern section (G4/ 51km /4 Days) Private accommodation with all meals supplied. Light weight packs. The Fagus' leaves should be changing colour around this time of year. (The only native deciduous Australian plant.) Local, knowledgeable guides. Launceston area transport to and from, return to Launceston. 12 people maximum – a private group walk. Cost \$3700. A deposit is required. A 20pp information PDF is available by email from me. EOI in the first instance please.		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

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.