

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn Programme 2026 (updated 24 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

Autumn Programme				
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

8 March	Sun	DW TBA		
11 March	Wed	DW TBA		
March 13-15 2026	Fri-Sun	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
14 March	Sat	DW TBA		
15 March	Sun	DW TBA		
16 Mar	Mon	AGM Meeting – Election of Officers and Annual Reports Supper by Jill		
18 March	Wed	BR TBA		
21 March	Sat	DW TBA		
22 March	Sun	DW TBA		
24 Mar	Wed	DW TBA		
26 Mar	Thur	T/W – Details to be provided		Margaret C
28 Mar	Sat	DW TBA		
29 Mar	Sun	DW TBA		
29 Mar	Sun	DW Rogaine – Mt Victoria Start at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. The course is largely on bush tracks from easy to challenging. Views are spectacular. 2026 Explorergaine - NSW Rogaining		
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
Fri 3 April to Mon 6 April		Easter Weekend – TBA		
4 April	Sat	D/W - TBA		
5 April	Sun	Daylight Saving Ends D/W – TBA		
6 April	Mon	No Meeting - Easter Mon		
8 April	Wed	D/W - TBA		
11 April	Sat	D/W - TBA		
12 April	Sun	D/W - TBA		
14- 15 April	Tues- Wed	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
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
17-19 April	Fri- Sun	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.		Enquires to Bob or Malcolm
17 April	Sat	D/W - TBA		
18 April	Sun	D/W - TBA		
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	Tracy 0414 843 024

			Burwood Road at 9:00 am	
25 April	Sat	D/W - TBA Anzac Day		
26 April	Sun	D/W - TBA		
29 April	Wed	BR - TBA		
1-3 May	Fri - Sun	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.		Enquires to Bob or Malcolm
2-3 May	Sat- Sun	C/C Baerami Bush Dance and Campout		
2 May	Sat	DW Watagans Rogaine NSW Championships – 8 Yr and 24 Hr events https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-nsw-championships/		
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		
8-10 May	Fri- Sun	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.		Enquires to Bob or Malcolm
9 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
10 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
13 May	Wed	BR - TBA		
15-17 May	Fri- Sun	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.		Enquires to Bob or Malcolm

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		
30 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
31 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
		<i>Future Events</i>		
TBA		Visit to Westpac Rescue Base	TBA	
Oct-Nov 2026		<p>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.</p> <p>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/</p> <p>We will use the following travel company (a number of Ramblers have travelled with before): https://walkjapan.com/tour/nakasendo-way</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EOI: contact David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com. Limited numbers.</p>		David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com .

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.