

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

PO Box 719 Charlestown NSW 2290

www.newcastleramblers.org.au

Autumn Programme 2026 (updated 1 April 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 the Milson St Community Hub. 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 |
| 16 Mar | Mon | AGM Meeting – Election of Officers and Annual Reports Supper by Jill | | |
| 18 March | Wed | BR TBA | | |
| 19 March | Thur | T/W Third Creek Loop – and Trivia Evening (optional) Walk to Third Creek via Owens Walkway and then back along Redhead Beach. Optional Dinner and Trivia Night at Redhead Bowling Club afterwards. | 4:30 pm Redhead Bowling Club | Sue H 0437213221 |
| 21 March | Sat | | | |
| 22 March | Sun | DW Redhead to Whitebridge via Dudley Rock Platform (G3-4/approx. 10km/200m) Walk from Redhead Beach through Awabakal Reserve, visiting lookouts and Redhead Lagoon. Walk down to Dudley Rock platform and then to Whitebridge for coffee. Car Shuffle required. Map - Wallsend 1:25000 | 8 am Whitebridge Fernleigh Track access point – Hudson St | Lynne K 0435889233 |
| 25 Mar | Wed | DW Tanilba Habitat Centre Details to be provided | 9am at Centre. | Ingrid 0427 553212 |
| 26 Mar | Thur | T/W – Historic Mayfield Dinner afterwards at the Stag & Hunter Hotel, Mayfield. | Meet at 5.30 pm in Webb Park, Mayfield. The park lies between Hanbury, Baker & Waratah Streets. Meet near the Baker & Waratah St corner | Margaret Covi Text 0412 194 194 |
| 28 Mar | Sat | DW Fennel Bay to Teralba (G3/approx. 8 km/50m) Walk around the foreshore from Fennel Bay Bridge to Teralba via Bolton Point, Marmong Point and Booragul. Bring morning tea – lunch afterwards at Madz Café in Teralba. Car shuffle needed. Maps - Swansea and Wallsend 1:25000 | 8 am Teralba (Near Madz Café) | Lynne K 0435889233 |
| 29 Mar | Sun | DW Fingal Island (G3-4/7 km) | TBA | Pamela 0429600121 |

| | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| | | This walk will take people to look at the ruins and light house on Fingal Island. Low tide will be around 1pm on 29 March. The walk will comprise walking on beach and then track to light house. Lunch at the lighthouse, so please bring along a packed lunch. | | |
| 29 Mar | Sun | DW Rogaine – Mt Victoria The event starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm. The course is largely on bush tracks from easy to challenging. Plan your own route based on the locations provided. The views are spectacular. <i>Why not make a team and join in – all info on the following link.</i> 2026 Explorergaine - NSW Rogaining | | Individual arrangements – use the link for all information. |
| 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 (N.B. Postponed due to fuel issue – Stockton ride in lieu) | Start from Queens Wharf Park Morpeth at 10 am | Philippa Hodgins 0402844147 |
| 4 April | Sat | D/W Warners Bay (G1/6km/10m) Walk from Eleebana to Warners Bay for coffee/breakfast and then return. Bring umbrella or raincoat | Start Bundarra Close, Eleebana at 8am | David M 0427 783059 |
| 5 April | Sun | Easter Sunday Daylight Saving Ends | | |
| 6 April | Mon | Fassifern to Toronto (G1/8.5km/0m) Walk Fassifern to Toronto along the old railway line for coffee. Return the same way. | Start from Fassifern Station at 8:30am. | David M 0427 783059 |
| 6 April | Mon | No Meeting - Easter Mon | | |
| 8 April | Wed | DW Blackbutt Reserve (G3/6.5 km/245m/2.5 – 3 hr) A circuit walk around Blackbutt Reserve – including visits to Richley Reserve, Lily Pond Picnic Area, Native Animal Centre and Carnley Reserve. All on footpad/track Optional coffee afterwards (or during – if we decide to stop at Durk’s Café at Carnley reserve 😊) | 8:45 am. Park near the intersection of Mahogany & Freyberg St. | Lynne K 0435889233 |
| 11 April | Sat | DW Charlestown Family Walk (G2, 3km, 1 hr) Leaving from the Milson Street Hub, lets walk down to the bush trails in Milson St through to Guna St, before returning along the Great North Walk. An easy, accessible walk for families with children 5 yrs and older. | Milson St Community Hub – 9:55 am | Dale Graham 0428399083 or dalegraham27@hotmail.com |
| 12 April | Sun | DW Mt Richardson / Dungog Common Details to be provided | | Ingrid 0427 553212 |
| 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, | Start at 10 am on Hermitage | Philippa Hodgins |

| | | | | |
|-------------|---------|---|--|--|
| | | Mostly on bike path, suitable for all bikes, coffee at turnaround point on Broke Road. | Road soon after turning off the New England Highway and crossing over the railway, | 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 0417624091 or Malcolm 0429 641640 |
| 18 April | Sat | D/W - TBA | | |
| 19 April | Sun | D/W Tascott to Woy Woy via Glyphs and Waterfall (G3/approx. 8 km/220m) Catch the train to Tascott – then climb up into Brisbane Waters National Park to visit the Woy Woy Hieroglyphs and a waterfall. Walk along the Koolewong ridge and down onto the foreshore across the Spike Milligan Bridge to Woy Woy. Coffee or ice cream at Woy Woy and catch the train home. Train travel approx. 1 hr each way. | TBC | Lynne K 0435889233 |
| 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 hr) 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 |
| 24-27 April | | Anzac Weekend at Cooyal Stay at Cooyal hotel Friday 24 th Attend Anzac service 11am 25 th Walk on 26th TBA | | Malcolm 0429 641640 |
| 25 April | Sat | Anzac Day | | |
| 26 April | Sun | D/W Self-Guided Heritage & History Trail – Tanilba Bay (G2/7km/3 hrs) 10 tickets available. The experience begins with a friendly, one-hour escorted introduction, which shows visitors how to follow the trail and use QR codes. After this, you continue independently by walking the seven-kilometre route. Thirty-two stations across the town reveal layers of history, from early settlement and heritage buildings to stone gates and planned garden suburbs. Information plaques and QR codes link to stories, images, and maps hosted by the Port Stephens Family History Society. <i>To enjoy the local history plaques, participants need to have a charged smartphone or iPad.</i> | Meeting point 10 am at Centenary Water Gate, 13 Avenue of the Allies, Tanilba | Dale Graham - 04283993083. |
| 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. | TBC | Enquires to Bob 0417624091 or Malcolm 0429 641640 |
| 2-3 May | Sat-Sun | C/C Baerami Bush Dance and Camp-out | | |
| 2 May | Sat | DW Watagans Rogaine NSW Championships – 8 Hr 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. | TBC | Enquires to Bob 0417624091 or Malcolm 0429 641640 |
| 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. | TBC | Enquires to Bob 0417624091 or Malcolm 0429 641640 |
| 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 | TBC | Bob C 0417624091 |
| 18 May | Mon | Meeting Night – Walks Planning | | |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|-----|--|
| 20 May | Wed | D/W - TBA | | |
| 22 – 24 May | Fri - Sun | BP Mt Yengo National Park (G5/10-12 km each day) Mostly off-track. Planning to camp at Mountain Arm Creek and Riley's Paddock Limited numbers | | Alan Thomas 0419491612 |
| 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 | | 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 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. | | David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com . |
| 8-15 November 2026 | Sun - Sun | 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 |
| 21-29 Nov 2026 | Sat-Sun | BPack Snowy Mountains Details TBA Limited numbers EOI | | Alan Thomas 0419491612 |
| 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 | | Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred |

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| | <p>area transport to and from, return to Launceston. 12 people maximum – a private group walk. Cost \$3700. A deposit is required.</p> <p>A 20pp information PDF is available by email from me. EOI in the first instance please.</p> | | |
|--|---|--|--|

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.