

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn-Winter Programme 2026 (updated for May 3 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-Winter Programme				
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 – Dharug NP: Devines Hill & Finchs Line Circuit, Wisemans Ferry Area (G3/11 km/5 hours). The classic walk along Wisemans Ferry Road, ascending the still stupendous convict built Devines Hill on the Great North Road. Returning along the soon abandoned Finchs Line Road. Great views over the Hawkesbury. <i>Option of weekend C/C at Mill Creek inside the Park on Friday / Saturday nights. <u>Must</u> be pre-booked online with NPWS. Cost \$49.20 pp for two nights. Bring all water & firewood. Maps: St Albans, Lower Portland, Gunderman sheets</i>		Craig W 0405-615547 (text preferred)
10 May	Sun	D/W – Dharug NP: Mill Creek Loop (G 3-4/9 km/4 hours.) A circuit from the Mill Creek Campground climbing up Mill Creek returning along the undulating ridgeline.		Craig W 0405-615547 (text preferred)
13 May	Wed	BR - TBA		

13 May	Wed	D/W Spion Kop from Tascott. (G4/12 km/400m/5 hr not counting travel) Catch train to Tascott and climb up onto Koolewong Ridge. Walk to Spion Kop. Return to Koolewong Ridge and follow to descend a spur into Woy Woy Bay Map Gosford 1:25000 Limited numbers	TBC Morning train to Tascott	Lynne K 0435889233
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		
1 Jun	Mon	Meeting Night		
3 Jun	Wed	D/W - TBA		
6 Jun Long W/end	Sat	D/W - TBA		
7 Jun Long W/end	Sun	D/W - TBA		
10 Jun	Wed	BR Hermitage Road cycleway from Belford to Pokolbin return (36 km) Mostly on bike path, suitable for all bikes;	Start at 10 am on Hermitage Road soon after	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147

		Coffee at turnaround point on Broke Road	turning off the New England Highway and crossing over the railway,	
12-13 Jun	Fri-Sat	BP Brooklyn to Wondebyne (G4/23 km/650m/2 days) Day 1: Catch the train to Brooklyn – then the ferry to Little Wobby Wharf. Walk to Rocky Ponds to camp. Day 2: Climb Mt Wondebyne and then walk to Wondebyne Station via Kariong Brook Waterfall. Catch the train home. All on footpad/track – GNW Maps Gosford 1:25000 Limited Numbers	TBC	Lynne K 0435889233
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14 Jun	Sun	D/W - TBA		
17 Jun	Wed	D/W - TBA		
20 Jun	Sat	D/W - TBA		
21 Jun	Sun	D/W - TBA		
22 Jun	Mon	Meeting Night		
24 Jun	Wed	BR - TBA		
27 Jun	Sat	D/W - TBA		
28 Jun	Sun	D/W - TBA		
1 July	Wed	D/W - TBA		
4 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
5 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
6 July	Mon	Meeting Night		
8 July	Wed	D/W - TBA		
11 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
12 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
15 July	Wed	BR Bulahdelah – Markwell Loop (30 km). This ride includes unsealed road unsuitable for road bikes with smooth or narrow tyres.	Start at 10 am at Wade Park, Crawford	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147

		Late morning tea or lunch in cafe on return to Bulahdelah	Street, Bulahdelah	
18 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
19 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
20 July	Mon	Meeting Night		
23 July	Wed	D/W- TBA		
26 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
27 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
29 July	Wed	BR TBA		
1 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
2 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
3 August	Mon	Meeting Night		
5 August	Wed	D/W- TBA		
8 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
9 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
12 August	Wed	BR - TBA		
15 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
16 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
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29 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
30 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
		<i>Future Events</i>		
TBA		Visit to Westpac Rescue Base	TBA	
TBA		DW Mt Richardson / Dungog Common Details to be provided	TBA	Ingrid 0427 553212
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 .
8-15 November 2026	Sun - Sun	<p>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</p>		Bob Clifton 0417624091
21-29 Nov 2026	Sat- Sun	<p>BPack Snowy Mountains Details TBA Limited numbers EOI</p>		Alan Thomas 0419491612
27 April to 01 May 2027		<p>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.</p>		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred
16-17 September 2027	Thus- Fri	<p>2027 World Rogaining Championships – Flinders Ranges Site open from Mon 13 Sept – Rawnsley Station Coach travel available from Adelaide Teams of 2-3 people All information available on the following link:</p>		Information on the link povided

		https://wrc2027.rogaining.au/bulletin-1/#location In association with this event: Adelaide City 3 Hour Rogaine Sunday 12 September		
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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.