

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Autumn-Winter Programme 2026 (updated for May 22 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				
3 May	Sun	DW Kahibah Loop (G2/6km/30m) Start from the carpark on Burwood Road, follow the Great North Walk towards Charlestown then loop back through patches of bushland. All on tracks or mown grass. (Wallsend map) Coffee afterwards.	Meet 9am at Yuelarbah Track carpark on Burwood Road.	David M 0427 783059
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 - Breakwalls x 2 (G2/16 km) Walk to Nobbys Breakwall then back to Queens Wharf to catch the ferry to Stockton, walk to Stockton Breakwall then morning tea at Lexies and return by ferry/walk to Carrington. All on path and flat.	Meet at Pat Jordan Oval, Fitzroy St, Carrington at 9.00am.	Brett B 0411752195
10 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
13 May	Wed	BR – Ash Island Circuit (12km) Bike around the majority of Ash Island, enjoy peace and water birds. Roads have been upgraded, not suitable for road bikes.	Meet 9 am at Riverside Park / north arm of the Hunter, end of The Lane.	Dale G. 0428399083

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	Heart of the Tomaree Coastal Walk (G3/13 km/400m) Park in Hannah Pde, One Mile. Catch #130 bus to Fingal Bay & walk back to cars over an undulating, coastal track. Gorgeous coastal views (whales?), we'll visit Big Rocky & cross Samurai & One Mile Beaches. Bring M/T & lunch.	Meet 7.30 am Hannah Pde or carpool from Stockton – contact for details.	Dale G 0428399083
14-24 May	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 – Photos & Talk by Barry W Supper Margaret C		
20 May	Wed	D/W Whitebridge Loop via the Old Dudley Colliery (G3-4/10 km/200m) Walk from Whitebridge to Glenrock SCA. Visit the site of the old Dudley Colliery. Return to Whitebridge via Dudley Beach. All on track or beach (a couple of rough tracks). Bring Morning Tea Optional coffee at Whitebridge afterwards	Meet at Whitebridge shops at 8:00 am	Lynne K 0435889233
22 – 24 May	Fri - Sun	BP Barrington Tops (3 days/G5) Loop walk from Little Murray. Camping at Junction Pools and Wombat Creek Limited numbers		Alan Thomas 0419491612
23 May	Sat	D/W - TBA		
24 May	Sun	D/W - TBA		
27 May	Wed	D/W Mt Sugarloaf (G3/6km) Walk to meet Invictus participants, loop around summit with Hunter Valley views.	10 am at the picnic area.	Malcolm M. 0429641640
27 May	Wed	B/R Stockton to Fullerton (25-30km) Coffee at Lexie's.	8:30am at Stockton ferry terminal.	Sue Holt 0437213221
30 May	Sat	Marks Point (G2/7 km/10m/3hrs) Walk the Fernleigh Track along Belmont Lagoon to Naru Beach on the lake. Then coffee at Marks Point Post Office Cafe & return to the cars.	8.00 am Cold Tea Ck car park, Pacific Hwy, Belmont Sth, opposite Robert St.	Jenny Bourke 0419 249 335
31 May	Sun	D/W (G2/9 km/0m/3 hr walking) Walk around the lake from Eleebana Lions Park to Museum of Art and Culture, yapang at Booragul. Have coffee and view the Exhibitions at the Art Gallery Car shuffle required	Meet at Eleebana Lions Park (Bareki Rd near Glad Gunston Drive) at 8:30 am	Lynne K 0435889233
1 Jun	Mon	Meeting Night Supper Jenny B		

3 Jun	Wed	D/W Spion Kop from Tascott. (G4/12 km/400m/5 hr not counting train 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
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; 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
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
13 Jun	Sat	D/W - TBA		
14 Jun	Sun	D/W - Hornsby Quarry Park Details to be confirmed		Ingrid & Malcolm 0427553212
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 Supper- Nell		
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. Late morning tea or lunch in cafe on return to Bulahdelah	Start at 10 am at Wade Park, Crawford Street, Bulahdelah	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
18 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
19 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
20 July	Mon	Meeting Night Jodie Blake the "veteran engagement coordinator" from Invictus will speak about the organization on the night. Supper by Malcolm		
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		
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28-30 August	Fri-Sun	CC NavShield 2026 Car Camp at Belangalo State Forest, NSW One Day event (Sat) – Day Walk or Two Day Event (Sat-Sun) - Backpack Put a team together and have some fun testing/honing your Navigation Skills! For more information follow the link below: https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/navshield		
29 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
30 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
		<i>Future Events</i>		
TBA		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. Must be pre-booked online with NPWS. Cost \$49.20 pp for two nights. Bring all water & firewood. Maps: St Albans, Lower Portland, Gunderman 1:25000</i>		Craig W 0411752195 (text preferred)
TBA		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 0411752195 (text preferred)
TBA		Visit to Westpac Rescue Base	TBA	

TBA		DW Mt Richardson / Dungog Common Details to be provided	TBA	Ingrid 0427 553212
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 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
16-17 September 2027	Thus- Fri	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: https://wrc2027.rogaining.au/bulletin-1/#location In association with this event: Adelaide City 3 Hour Rogaine Sunday 12 September		Information on the link povided

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.