

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Winter Programme 2026 (updated for June 1, 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

Winter Programme				
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	Eleebana Hills (G3/8km/250m) A wander around the hills of Eleebana where Jackie used to train her horses. Wallsend map	Meet 8am Bundarra Close, Eleebana	Jackie M (contact David M 49546164)
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 (4 km/G2/2 hours) Catch train to Hornsby station walk 2km to park.	Train times: 6.58 am Newcastle 7.10 am Cardiff 7.35 Morrisset	Ingrid & Malcolm 0427553212
14 Jun	Sun	DW Paddy Pallin Rogaine Glenbrook All info in link below – form a team or find a team https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-paddy-pallin/		
15 Jun	Mon	Meeting Night Supper Angela L		
17 Jun	Wed	D/W - TBA		
20 Jun	Sat	D/W - TBA		
21 Jun	Sun	D/W - TBA		
	Wed	DW Blue Gum Hills Park (G2/5 km/1.5 hr) Walk to see the historic mining chimney and cemetery	Meet at main car park at 10 am	Malcolm 0429641640
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		
14 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

17 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
18 July	Sun	D/W - TBA		
19 July	Mon	Meeting Night Jodie Blake the "veteran engagement coordinator" from Invictus will speak about the organization on the night. Supper by Malcolm		
22 July	Wed	D/W- TBA		
25 July	Sat	DW – Lake Macquarie Rogaine https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-nsw-championships/		
25 July	Sat	D/W - TBA		
26 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 Walks planning Supper Kay		
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 Sydney Harbour Foreshore – Spit Bridge to Manly (G3/10 kms/180 m/4 hours) The claimed best harbourside walk in Sydney. Superb views. Hopefully some wild flowers might be out en-route. Get out your Opal Card. Mid-morning start to enable travel from Newcastle. Bus from Wynyard. Manly Ferry return to Circular Quay. Perhaps make a weekend of it and stay overnight in Sydney? Bring water, snacks and likely lunch or have a late lunch in Manly. Maps: Sydney Heads & Parramatta.		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

17 August	Mon	Meeting Night Supper Philippa & John		
19 August	Wed	D/W- TBA		
22 August	Sat	D/W - TBA		
23 August	Sun	D/W - TBA		
26 August	Wed	BR - TBA		
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.		David M at davidmorrisonann@gmail.com .

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