

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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Winter Programme 2026 (updated for June 27, 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	DW Spion Kop from Tascott. (G4/12 km/400m/approx. 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	DW Bangalay Reserve Bangalay Reserve, Tingira Heights. (G3/4km/3 hours) Cave, natural arch, Aboriginal axe grinding grooves.	Meet at the Balangalay Reserve car park, Croudace St, Tingira Heights at 9am	Barry W 0431237976
9 Jun	Tues	DW Johnson's Hill Myall Lakes NP (G3/9km/100m) Drive via Tea Gardens to near Bombah Point to start. Walk on tracks to Johnson Hill and Beach through beautiful coastal bushland. Return via ferry and Bulahdelah	Meet Hexham McD 8.00am to car pool	Bob C 0417624091
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)	TBC	Lynne K 0435889233

		<p>Day 1: Catch the train to Brooklyn – then the ferry to Little Wobby Wharf. Walk to Rocky Ponds to camp.</p> <p>Day 2: Climb Mt Wondebyne and then walk to Wondebyne Station via Kariong Brook Waterfall. Catch the train home.</p> <p>All on footpad/track – GNW</p> <p>Maps Broken Bay and Gosford 1:25000</p> <p>Limited Numbers</p>		
13 Jun	Sat			
14 Jun	Sun	<p>DW - Hornsby Quarry Park (4 km/G2/2 hours)</p> <p>Catch train to Hornsby station walk 2km to park.</p>	<p>Train times: 6 .58 am Newcastle 7.10 am Cardiff 7.35 Morrisset</p>	Ingrid & Malcolm 0427553212
14 Jun	Sun	<p>DW Paddy Pallin Rogaine Glenbrook</p> <p>All info in link below – form a team or find a team https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-paddy-pallin/</p>		
15 Jun	Mon	<p>Meeting Night</p> <p>Supper Angela L</p>		
17 Jun	Wed	<p>BR Belmont to Swansea (< 25 km)</p> <p>Riding south on the Fernleigh Track extension, then Blacksmiths, Swansea Heads, Swansea lakeside, Pelican.</p> <p>Mix of cycleway and sealed road, suitable for all bikes, mostly flat.</p>	<p>Start at 9 am at the Belmont platform of the Fernleigh Track (parking on Railway Parade</p>	Philippa Hodgins 0402844147
20 Jun	Sat	<p>Warners Bay Bushland (G3/6km/60m) -</p> <p>Start from the end of Vermont Pl Warners Bay. Walk up through the bush to near Bayview Rd. Then down to the golf course and in the bush alongside Hillsborough Rd back to the start. Could be muddy after rain. (Wallsend map)</p>	<p>Meet at 8am at Vermont Place. Bring coffee, etc for afterwards.</p>	David M 49546164
21 Jun	Sun	<p>D/W Jesmond Park (G3/5km/2 hours)</p> <p>Circuit walk. Explore tracks in Jesmond Park to John Hunter Hospital. See the progress of the Jesmond to Elemore Vale bypass. Bring morning tea.</p>	<p>Meet at the Jesmond Park playground, Robinson Ave Lambton at 9am</p>	Kay England 0412561801
24 Jun	Wed	<p>DW Blue Gum Hills Park (G2/5 km/1.5 hr)</p> <p>Walk to see the historic mining chimney and cemetery</p>	<p>Meet at main car park at 10 am</p>	Nell Watson 0413899710
27 Jun	Sat	<p>Green Point and Skiff Club lunch (G2/10km/120m) -</p> <p>Start from end of Dilker Avenue for a pleasant walk through Green Point with lunch at the 16ft Skiff Club. Return along the lake front. (Wallsend map)</p>	<p>Meet 11am at end Dilker Ave.</p>	David M 49546164
28 Jun	Sun	<p>Lyre Trig (G4-5/11km/300m)</p> <p>Tascott to Koolewong via Gosford Glyphs, Lyre Trig, Aboriginal sites, Waterfall Creek and Koolewong Ridge. Footpad, firetrail, and some off-track exploring.</p> <p>Map: Gosford 1:25000</p>	<p>Early Train TBA</p>	Lynne K 0435889233
1 July	Wed	<p>DW East Maitland (G2/6km/2hrs)</p> <p>Walk around Rathluba Lagoon in East Maitland</p> <p>Easy walk around the lagoon</p> <p>Coffee after in East Maitland</p>	<p>Meet in East Maitland 9am</p>	Malcolm 0429641640

1 July	Wed	B/R Stockton to Fullerton (25-30km) Coffee at Lexie's.	8:30am at Stockton ferry terminal.	Sue Holt 0437213221
4 July	Sat			
5 July	Sun	Bather's Way (G2/9km/100m) - Start from Bar Beach carpark and walk along the coast to Nobby's Beach, then alongside the harbour to Wickham Boatshed for coffee. Return through Birdwood and National Parks after breakfast. About 90 minutes to cafe, 40 minutes back.	Meet 8:30am in the triangular carpark at Bar Beach	David M 49546164
6 July	Mon	Meeting Night Supper- Peter C		
8 July	Wed			
11 July	Sat			
12 July	Sun			
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			
19 July	Sun			
20 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			
25 July	Sat	DW – Lake Macquarie Rogaine https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-nsw-championships/		
25 July	Sat			
26 July	Sun			
29 July	Wed			
1 August	Sat			
2 August	Sun			

3 August	Mon	Meeting Night Walks planning Supper Kay		
5 August	Wed			
8 August	Sat			
9 August	Sun			
12 August	Wed			
15 August	Sat			
16 August	Sun	DW 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	DW-		
22 August	Sat	DW		
23 August	Sun	DW		
26 August	Wed	BR		
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	DW		
30 August	Sun	DW		
		<i>Future Events</i>		
TBA		D/W – Dharug NP: Devines Hill & Finchs Line Circuit, Wisemans Ferry Area (G3/11 km/5 hours).		Craig W 0411752195

		<p>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.</p> <p>Option of weekend C/C at Mill Creek inside the Park on Friday / Saturday nights. <u>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</u></p>		(text preferred)
TBA		<p>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.</p>		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		<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	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		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

		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.		
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 provided

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.