

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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July Programme 2026 (updated for July 6, 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

July Programme				
1 July	Wed	DW East Maitland (G2/6km/2hrs) Walk around Rathluba Lagoon in East Maitland Easy walk around the lagoon Coffee after in East Maitland	Meet in East Maitland 9am	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.	am	David M 49546164
6 July	Mon	Meeting Night Supper- Peter C		
8 July	Wed	DW Walka Water Works (G3/5km/2hrs) Visit historial Walka Water Works Loop walk around the lagoon, lots of birds.	Meet at Walka at 9.30	Ingrid 0427 553212
11 July	Sat	Two Creeks Track. Lindfield station to Roseville Bridge return. (G3/14km) Moderate, some steep stairs but mostly flat. Catch train to Lindfield station and walk to start of track. 7:21am train from Fassifern, change at Hornsby and get to Lindfield by 9:15. Bring MT and lunch. Should be back at Lindfield station for the 3:30 train at the latest. Weather dependent.	7:21am train from Fassifern, change at Hornsby and get to Lindfield by 9:15	Mary M
12 July	Sun	Big L Cave and Stockyard Creek (G4/12km/169m) - Start from Finchley Trig, walk down a bushy spur to a creek and follow an old road around to the cave	Meet at 8am at Edgeworth McDonalds. Bring afternoon tea to	David M 49546164

		where the farmer used to sleep when working nearby. Continue on downstream a couple of kilometres to pick up a road to take us back to the start. (Map 1:25000 Wollombi)	have back at the cars.	
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 H 0402844147
18 July	Sat	Day Walk – Wangi Foreshore - Details coming soon		Lisa L 0438993493
19 July	Sun	Lyre Trig (Mainly G4 - some G5 due to offtrack exploring/11km/300m) - rescheduled Tascott to Koolewong via Gosford Glyphs, Lyre Trig, Aboriginal sites, Waterfall Creek and Koolewong Ridge. Footpad, firetrail and some off-track exploring. Map: Gosford 1:25000	Early Train TBA	Lynne K 0435889233
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	DW Stockrington SCA southern section (G3 with G4 – in a short climb /13 kms /200 m /5 hours) A walk in the forested area at the northern end of the Sugarloaf Range close to Newcastle. Across Blue Gum Creek, visiting JewBoy Cave returning via the edge of disused Stockrington Quarry with good views easterly and then along the Richmond Vale Railway easement through Tunnel #1. Bring morning tea, lunch, water. Maps: Wallsend & Beresfield 1:25000		Craig W 0405 615547 (text preferred)
25 July	Sat	DW – Lake Macquarie Rogaine https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-nsw-championships/ Find all information on the link. Make a team and have some fun		
26 July	Sun	DW - Heaton to Wakefield (G3/9km/470m) Training walk for a future trip. From Brunkerville Gap to a lookout over Wakefield on fire trails and foot tracks. Perhaps wildflowers. Back at the cars for lunch. Map: 1:25000 Wallsend	Meet 8am Brunkerville Gap.	David M 4954 6164
29 July	Wed	D/W The Basin and Lyrebird Track in the Watagan NP returning via Walkers Ridge Road (G4/ 10km/200m) All on tracks in beautiful creek rainforest -	Meet Edgeworth McD at 8.00am	Bob 0417624091
31 July – 2 August	Fri - Sun	BPack Yengo National Park (G4-5) Details TBC A late morning start to drive to Wollombi for early lunch – then on to Finchley Campsite to car camp Fri Night and visit the Finchley Aboriginal Engraving Site. Loop walk Sat/Sun – mainly off track. EOI- possibility to only do Sat/Sun or to do Sat-Mon depending on those interested		Lynne K 0435889233
1 August	Sat			

2 August	Sun	DW Kuringai Chase Sphinx Memorial (G3/6km/4hrs) Visit the historical Sphinx Memorial at North Turramurra, constructed in 1920 Early train to Hornsby, then train to Turramurra, then a bus.		Malcolm M 0429 641 640
3 August	Mon	Meeting Night Walks planning Supper Kay		
		<i>Future Events</i>		
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
18 August	Tues	D/W Tin City (G4/8km/100m) A beaut shortish walk across sand dunes, with middens and a beach walk to this interesting Tin City location.	Meet opposite Fern Bay Coffee Shop at 8.00am	Bob C 0417624091
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		
11-13 September	Fri-Sun	Car Camp Mid Mountain Garden Festival plus walks. Camp Euroka Campground Glenbrook. Sorry no campervans steep descent. Walks each day around 6-8 kilometres followed by visiting the 11 gardens open for the Mid Mountain Garden festival a fundraiser for Hazelbrook Public School held every 2 years. A relaxed weekend mixing spring gardens with walking.		Please phone Anna B 0408612674 before booking and for more information.
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. <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 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 davidmorrisonann@gmail.com .
8-15 November 2026	Sun - Sun	EOI - Bob' Snowy B/P Walk – Namadgi NP and Snowy Plains. (G4/less than 10 km/and only up to 150m climbs) Easy backpack at lower elevation to visit mountain huts in these locations. Leave early and drive to Mt Selwyn location to backpack four kilometres to Four Mile Hut for two nights – day walk via 9 Mile Diggings to Broken Dam Hut. Walk out from 4 Mile Hut and drive to Gooandra Track to walk 5km into Gooandra Homestead and the next day a circuit walk to Witze Hut for a night and Haines Hut for a night and return to Gooandra for a night before driving to Cooma ABB - Limited numbers. Maps 1:25000 Tantangarra and Denison		Bob C 0417624091
21-29 Nov 2026	Sat-Sun	BPack Snowy Mountains Details TBA Limited numbers EOI		Alan T 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.		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

		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.