

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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October Programme 2026 (updated Sept 29, 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

October Programme

3 Oct	Sat	TW Valentine via Green Point to Belmont 16 Foot Sailing club (G2/5km/20m) Dinner at the club afterwards - someone is celebrating their birthday! Please call to advise if you are coming.	Meet at car park 16 Foot Sailing Club 4.30 pm - for car shuffle	Lisa 0438993493
5 Oct	Mon	Caves to Murray's Beach (G4/4.5km/200m) Early morning walk through the bush from Caves Beach to Murray's Beach, followed by breakfast at Murray's Restaurant. Contact leader by Saturday night as a booking must be made. Swansea map	Meet at end of Spoon Rocks Road, Caves Beach	David M 49546164
5 Oct	Mon	No Meeting Public Holiday Photo Competition Entries close midnight tonight		
8 Oct	Thur	TW Blue Wren Creek & Dinner (G2/5km/3hrs) Street walk, through an oval to walk along pretty Blue Wren Creek, Rankin Park's 30-year Landcare project. Then return for dinner at Hotel Elernmore (formally Shaft Tavern).	Meet 5.30 pm car park, Hotel Elernmore, 145 Croudace Rd, Elernmore Vale	Jenny B 0419 249 335
8-10 Oct	Thur - Sat	BP. Mt Yengo NP (G5/10-12 km each day/ mostly off-track). Planning to camp at Mountain Arm Creek and Riley's Paddock. Limited numbers.		Alan T 0419491612
11 Oct	Sun	DW Fingal Bay to Port Stephens Lighthouse (G3/8km/100m elevation gain) Meet at 2pm as low tide is at 15:37 Walk along the final bike path and fire trail to the back of the shoal bay sand dune. Climb dune to obtain view point of Fingal spit. Cross the spit and walk to Port	Contact Pamela for meeting point	Pamela 0429 600 121

		Stephens lighthouse and historical ruins. Return along Fingal beach. Dinner at Lunar Fingal cellars		
17 Oct	Sat	Rogaine Spring Challenge NSW vs ACT 6hr/12hr Gurnang State Forest near Oberon https://nswrogaining.org/event/2026-spring-challenge/		All information on the link
17 Oct	Sat	DW Blacksmiths to Galgabba Point (G2/11 km/flat) Follow the shoreline from Blacksmiths Beach, crossing the Swansea Bridge and visiting Pirrita Point before walking out to Galgabba Point for a picnic lunch (lunch can be left in the cars and carried in the last 1.5 km to our picnic spot). Map Swansea 1:25000	Meet at the intersection of Nioka Place and the Old Pacific Hwy at 9 am ready for car shuffle	Lynne K 0435889233
18 Oct	Sun	DW Dungog area Mt Richardson and Dungog Common.	Meet Dungog 9am	Malcolm 04290641640
19 Oct	Mon	Meeting Guest Speaker Ed Tonks, a local historian Supper		
21 Oct	WED	DW Newcastle Geotrail (G2/12km) The Newcastle Coastal Geotrail explores the prominent rock platforms and cliffs of the coastline from Nobbys Beach to Merewether headland, revealing how the amazing geology has influenced natural features and cultural heritage along the coastline. Walk out to Nobby's Lighthouse to begin the walk which ends on the southern side of the Merewether Headland. Walk back to the Merewether Surf Club for coffee/lunch. (Low Tide 11:11 am – this will allow us to walk around Merewether Headland in the mid to late morning)	Meet at the top car park at Merewether Beach at 8:30 am ready for car shuffle	Lynne K 0435889233
24 Oct	Sat	DW Explore Bulahdelah State Forest (G3/5km/200m elevation gain) Walk the Boolah Dillah Track, Mountain track and Ted Baker Track. Walk to two lookouts and enjoy the forest. Lunch at a café in Bulahdelah.	Contact Pamela for meeting point	Pamela 0429 600 121
25 October	Sun	DW – GNW Macquarie Place Park to Hunters Hill (G3/ 2.5 hours/ 6km/140m;180m) This southernmost stretch of the GNW spends much of its time exploring the scenic and historic urban areas around Woolwich and Hunters Hill. Starting at the birthplace of modern Sydney, enjoy a ferry ride across the harbour, then when back on dry land, the route winds through the streets and some pockets of remnant bushland on the Hunters Hill peninsular.	Travel: Train: Newcastle Interchange 6.58, Hamilton 7.00, Broadmeadow 7.04, Cardiff 7.11, Fassifern 7.21, Morisset 7.36. Change train at Hornsby on Central via Gordon line to Wynyard, walk to Macquarie Place Park	Kay 0412561801
28 Oct	Wed	DW Details to come.		Ingrid 04275533212
31 Oct	Sat	DW Fingal to Big Rocky and Return (G3-G4/6km/50m elevation gain) Walk from the Fingal sewage works to Big Rocky,	Contact Pamela for meeting point	Pamela 0429 600 121

		explore rock pools along the way (this part G4). View any wildflowers still in bloom.		
1 Nov	Sun	DW SUMMERLAND POINT TO GWANDALAN Return (G2/10km/10m/4hrs) Track walk along foreshore, reserves & easements to Gwandalan. Map: Catherine Hill Bay	Meet 8.30 am car park Boat ramp off Cams Blvd, Summerland Pt. Opposite the shops.	Jenny Bourke 0419 249 335
Oct-Nov 2026		Nakasendo Way (135km over 9 days. Each day's walking is 10-24km.) Fully Booked		David M davidmorrisonan@gmail.com .
		<i>Future Events</i>		
8-15 November 2026	Sun - Sun	Bob' Snowy BP – Namadgi NP and Snowy Plains. (G4/less than 10 km per day/and only up to 150m climbs per day) Easy backpack at lower elevation to visit mountain huts in these locations. Leave early and drive to Mt Selwyn to begin the backpack. Walk 4 km to Four Mile Hut to stay for two nights. Day-walk via 9 Mile Diggings to Broken Dam Hut. Walk out from Four Mile Hut and drive to Gooandra Track to walk 5km into Gooandra Homestead to stay for one night. Then complete a circuit walk to Witzes Hut for a night, Haines Hut for a night and then return to Gooandra for a night before driving to Cooma ABB. Limited numbers. Maps 1:25000 Tantangara and Denison		Bob C 0417624091
21-29 Nov 2026	Sat-Sun	BP Snowy Mountains Details TBA Limited numbers EOI		Alan T 0419491612
29 November	Sun	DW – Great North Walk, Merewether to Newcastle finish line! Details TBA		Kay 0412561801
7 December		Photo Competition Entries close midnight 5 October. Presentation will be the first meeting in December		
11 to 14 Mar 2027		Blue Mountains Music Festival Yes, it's on again! Early Bird Tickets now on sale. Think about accommodation – expressions of interest re attendance and possible ABB shared accommodation.		Contact Bob C 0417624091
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.		
May 2027		Daintree Rainforest Community Planting Planting day on Saturday 15 May 2027 followed by Inland tour over 7 days Fly to Cairns and hire vehicle EOI Limited numbers		Contact Bob C 0417624091
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.