

Newcastle Ramblers Bushwalking Club

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September Programme 2026 (updated Sept 7, 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

September Programme

2 Sept	Wed	BR Broadmeadow to Teralba 36 km return. Ride to Wallsend, over the Tramway to Glendale, over Five Island Bridge to cafe at Teralba. Mostly on cycle paths, suitable for all bikes.	Start at 10 am at McDonald Jones stadium car park (from near Dark's coffee van).	Philippa H 0402844147
5 Sept	Sat	DW Munibung (G3/9-10 km/169m) Starting in Lakelands, ascending Munibung Hill walking across the ridge & descending to Speers Point. Return route TBA		Lisa L 0438993493 or Craig W 0405615547 (text preferred)
6 Sept	Sun	Awaba Gynea Lillies (G3/7km/280m) There is a forest of Gynea lillies in the bush near Awaba. This walk is a loop through the forest. Many small climbs and one longer one. Map: Swansea		David M 49546164
7 Sept	Mon	Warners Bay to Belmont - return (G3/20km/80m) Warners Bay Rotunda to Belmont via Green Point & return	Meet Warners Bay Rotunda – start walking at 8 am	Anne S 0427905530
7 Sept	Mon	Meeting Presentation by Barry Supper: Kay E		
9 Sept	Wed	DW Mysterious former military site near Stockton (G3/5km/10m) A bit of an explore of a former military site near Stockton. There are tracks between the relics, possibly some sand.		David M 49546164
11-13 Sept	Fri-Sun	Car Camp Mid Mountain Garden Festival plus walks. Camp Euroka Campground Glenbrook. Sorry no campervans steep descent.		Please phone Anna B 0408612674 before booking

		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.		and for more information.
12 Sept	Sat	DW - G.N.W, Teralba to Charlestown (G3/12km/80m) Car shuffle required TBA Bring morning T& Lunch Map: Great North Walk.	8.45 for 9am start	Nell 0413899710
13 Sept	Sun	Box Head (ocean side) - (G5/8km/220m) Walk from Wagstaffe to Box Head, steep climb down, then follow the rock platform around the ocean side to Little Tallow Beach then Tallow Beach. Rock engravings, wonderful coastal scenery, possibly seals. Visit Lobster Beach if there is enough time. Bring afternoon tea for back at the cars. Map: Broken Bay		David M 49546164
16 Sept	Wed	DW Belmont Wetlands State Park (G2/7.5 km/20m) Jewells to Redhead via the Fernleigh track and the Owens Boardwalk - with side excursions to the Wildflower Loop and Gilby Wetlands Loop. Car Shuffle needed. Coffee at Redhead afterwards.	Meet Webb Park at 8:50 am	Lynne K 0435889233
16 Sept	Wed	BR Redhead to Swansea Return (30 km on bike paths)	Leave Liles Oval at 8:30 am	Sue H 0437213221
18-20 September	Fri-Sun	CC Mill Creek Dharug National Park Weekend C/C at Mill Creek inside the Park on Friday/Saturday/Sunday nights. The sites must be pre-booked online with NPWS. (option to extend to Mon) https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/mill-creek-campground Bring all water & firewood. Maps: St Albans, Lower Portland, Gunderman 1:25000 Three x day walks will be available for campers or people who want to drive down for the day. (It takes about two hours from Newcastle to Mill Creek) <u>Saturday:</u> Devines Hill & Finchs Line Circuit, Wisemans Ferry Area (G3/11 km/5 hours). <u>Sunday:</u> Mill Creek Loop (G3-4/9 km/4 hours.) <u>Monday morning:</u> TBA, possibly old convict site.		Craig W 0405615547 (text preferred)
19 Sept	Sat	DW – 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.		Craig W 0405615547 (text preferred)
20 Sept	Sun	DW – 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 0405615547 (text preferred)

20 Sept	Sun	ACT Rogaine https://act.rogaine.asn.au/event-details/eventdetail/221/12/night-and-day-and-cyclegaine.html		All information provided on the link
21 Sept	Mon	Meeting Presentation by Jenny Kelly Supper: Lisa L		
26 Sept	Sat	DW Caves Beach to Catherine Hill Bay & return. (G3/ 6km one way -12 km return/290 metres) Starting end of Spoon Rocks Road, Caves Beach, walk along cliff tops to Pinny Beach, Shark Hole to Middle Camp Inlet, Catherine Hill Bay and return same way. Sweeping cliff top & coastal views. Not a lot of shade. Potential swimming at Catherine Hill Bay rock pools (depending on tides).	Contact Lisa	Lisa L 0438993493
27 Sept	Sun	DW – GNW Cowan to Brooklyn Trackhead (G4/5.5 hours/13km/600m;780m) Popular section of GNW with scenery ranging from foreshore to ridge-top lookouts. Starting from Cowan railway station heading to picturesque Jerusalem Bay, climbing a series of ridges before descending into Brooklyn. Catch train from Hawkesbury River railway station	Travel details: Train: Newcastle Interchange 6.58, Hamilton 7.00, Broadmeadow 7.04, Cardiff 7.11, Fassifern 7.21, Morisset 7.36. Change at Gosford to Cowan	Kay E 0412561801
30 Sept	Wed	DW Fassifern to Toronto via Blackalls Park & the "Greenway" (G1-2/5 km – or 10 km if the return walk is completed) This walk is all on paved roads/ pathway. The rise/fall is negligible. Coffee in Toronto & bus or walk back as desired		Angela L 0438016162
30 Sept	Wed	BR Fletcher Wetland (~30 km) Mostly cycleway or shared path, a bit up & down, suitable for all types of bikes. Start from Warabrook, ride through the university, Wallsend, Maryland, then lovely path following the shore of Fletcher wetlands with good views over the swamp. Café at Fletcher Village.	Station car park at 9 am (Warabrook side, not the university side of the station)	Philippa H 0402844147
		<i>Future Events</i>		
		Supper Roster 5 Oct Public Holiday – No Meeting 16 Nov Philippa		
8-10 October	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
8 October	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
25 October	Sun	DW – GNW Macquarie Place Park to Hunters Hill (G3/ 2.5 hours/ 6km/140m;180m)	Travel: Train: Newcastle Interchange 6.58, Hamilton 7.00,	Kay 0412561801

		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.	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	
Oct-Nov 2026		Nakasendo Way (135km over 9 days. Each day's walking is 10-24km.) Fully Booked		David M davidmorrisonan@gmail.com .
8-15 November 2026	Sun - Sun	EOI - Bob' Snowy BP – 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 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 7/12		
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. EOI in the first instance please.		Craig W 0405 615547 text preferred

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.