



DANDENONG VALLEY BUSHWALKING CLUB INC. SPRING PROGRAMME 2024 v1

October 2024 – June 2025

The first six months of this programme are confirmed. Beyond this time, suggestions for base camps, overnight walks and extended walks are noted; your suggestions for walks are invited and appreciated. If leaders are unable to fulfil their role they must advise the Programme Co-ordinator **John Templer** as soon as possible.

Note that our activities programme (walks and bike rides) is organised around a rolling 4 week cycle as follows.

- **WEEK 1** - Sunday - Walk, **WEEK 2** – Sunday - Bike Ride, **WEEK 3** – Sunday - Walk
- **WEEK 4** – **Sunday** - Nothing scheduled. An activity may be notified at short notice. For instance, a walk that has been cancelled due to bad weather may be re-scheduled to this date.
- We also aim for one **Mid-Week** walk a month.

All participants in an activity please note the following:

- You **MUST** contact the Leader prior to attending any club activity. Do not assume that the walk details will not be changed or that the walk will go ahead.
- Club activities may be cancelled or changed at the discretion of the Leader or Programme Coordinator for safety reasons: e.g. on days of Total Fire Ban, extreme weather conditions, Park closures or if the number of participants is less than 4 persons. Please contact leader prior to the walk for more up to date information.
- All walkers are responsible for ensuring an adequate level of fitness. Any health problems or disabilities likely to affect your participation must be notified to the Leader prior to a Club activity.
- Petrol costs suggested in the programme for a Day Walk may be adjusted by the Leader, depending on the number of passengers per vehicle. Costs have been calculated assuming 3 persons in a vehicle.
- It is requested that all mobile phones be either switched off, or switched to “silent mode” for the duration of the walk. Please be discreet if you need to answer the phone.

Note: Length of walks are approximate and may be varied at Leader’s discretion

<i>Daylight Savings Start on 6th October</i>			
Sun 6 Oct Day walk	<i>Nothing scheduled for this date at present. An activity may be programmed closer to the day.</i>	\$10	Leader Required
<i>Thurs 10 Oct 7.45 pm - Monthly Club Meeting</i>			
Sun 13 Oct	Devils Bend Reservoir circuit. 12.6 kms Easy- Med Fairly Flat. It is approx. 6 km SE of Mornington.		Tiz Savaris 0438 905 318
Tues 15 Oct Walk and Nature Talk	A Walk and a Talk at the Australian Garden at Cranbourne A walk in Australian Garden and adjacent bushland followed by a talk on snakes (maybe) and how they manage them in this environment. The garden will be spectacular and in full bloom and the snakes up and about in the sun (we hope not).	Own Transport	Allan Gilles 0450 759 820
Sun 20 Oct Day Walk	Noojee Trestle Bridge and Toorong Falls 10 – 12 km easy We explore the area around Noojee including some of the historic logging infrastructure such as the massive trestle bridge and the Loch Valley tramway used for hauling logs to the local sawmills.	\$13	Richard Dunstone 0428 688 059
Fri 25 Oct - Sun 27 Oct Base Camp	A wonderful weekend at Walhalla We will explore the historic town of Walhalla and surrounds. Contact one of the leaders for details of accommodation and walks.	\$19	Ros Rogers & Allan Gilles 0403 399 975 (R) 0450 759 820 (A)
Sun 3 Nov Bike Ride	Tyabb Central Reserve to Coolart Wetlands 35 – 40 km. Generally flat riding. BBQ at Coolart homestead	Own Transport	Ian Danne 0490 897694

Sun 10 Nov Walk	The Briars (near Mt Martha) 10 – 15 km Easy - Med We will explore The Briars historic property & homestead built in 1851. We then walk along the Balcombe Creek estuary to the Mt Martha foreshore and along the coast towards Mornington. Distance can be varied in discussion with participants.	\$7.50	Ron Nethercott 0401 277 852
<i>Thurs 14 Nov 7.45 pm - Monthly Club Meeting</i>			
Sun 17 Nov	Morley's Track - Dom Dom Saddle to Fernshaw 14 km Med. This track descends into the Watts River valley through the Mountain Ash forest of the Black Spur and follows the Watts River to Fernshaw.	\$10	John Langford 0438 372 022
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Nov Weekend Camping or Day Walk	Mt Torbeck & Royston Power Station. We drive to Eildon and walk to the alpine summit of Mt Torbeck on Saturday. 6 km Med/Hard with 300 m climb. We camp near the Royston Power Station on Saturday night. On Sunday we explore the old Royston Power Station and its hydro scheme. 12 km Medium, includes some climbing Ring me regarding grading of the walks.	Own Transport	John Templer 0418 809 259
Sun 1 Dec Bike Ride	Dandenong to Jells Park. 35 km. Starting at Dandenong we will ride via the Eastlink trail to Jells Park and return via the Dandenong Creek trail. The ride is on bike paths and relatively flat terrain.	Own Transport	Bill Vincent 0457 360 793
Sun 8 Dec Day Walk	Shoreham to Flinders return. 12km. Easy/Medium A nice summer's stroll along the beach and rocky outcrops of Westernport Bay to the Flinders Pier with spectacular ocean views across to Phillip & French Islands from the park where we will have lunch then return.	\$8.50	Heather Walker 5966 9274 or 0429 948 826
<i>Thurs 12 Dec 7.45 pm - Monthly Club Meeting</i>			
Sat 14 Dec Social get together	Christmas Breakup and Xris Xringle	Own Transport	Phil Charters 0404 069 526
Sun 22 Dec	Picnic and Present Wrapping ?? – No DVBC activity planned		
Fri 27 Dec to Thurs 2 Jan 2025 Base Camp	Base Camp at Beechworth Holiday Park Walking and riding in the Beechworth area based at the Holiday Park on Stanley Rd in Beechworth	Own Transport	Anna Lee 0456 301 473 Ken Lee 0428 843 013
Sun Jan 5 Walk	A walk close to Melbourne ??		Leader Required
Sun Jan 12 Bike Ride	Dandenong Park to Carrum beach. 41km Meet at 9.30 at far end of Pultney St. Dandenong opposite Wedge street.	Own Transport	Phil Charters 0404 069 526
Wed Jan 15 Walk	Cardinia Aqueduct. An easy 10 km walk through forested areas and farmland, just north of Pakenham.	Own Transport	Gerry McKellar 0411 744 354
Sun Jan 19 Walk	Mt Baw Baw 14 km Med Starting at the Baw Baw Ski Village we will aim to walk along ski trails and walking trails, via Mt Baw Baw, to Mt St Gwinear and return. Alpine wildflowers should be in full bloom. Please note: Early start . Meet at Pre-school James Cook Drive Endeavour Hills at 7:30 am, or in Baw Baw Village 9:45 am	\$17.50	Heather Walker 5966 9274 or 0429 948 826
Sun Jan 26	No activity scheduled Note That this is Australia Day		
Weekend of Feb 1&2 Car Camping and Day Walks	Murrindindi and Wilhemina Falls Overnight car camping at a lovely spot along the Murrindindi River OR you can also come up for a day walk. Details and specific days TBC	Own Transport	Tiz Savaris 0438 905 318
Sun Feb 9 Ride	Jells Park to Ringwood 45 kms Box Hill rail trail, Laburnum and return via Gardiners creek and Scotchman's creek trails. Meet at 9.30 at Jells Park south off Ferntree Gully Rd	Own Transport	Anna Lee 0456 301 473 Ken Lee 0428 843 013
<i>Thurs 14 Feb 7.45 pm - Monthly Meeting</i>			
Sun Feb 16 Walk	Mount Riddell near Healesville 12 km Med A there-and-back walk up Mt Riddell in the Yarra Ranges National Park. A gradual climb at first, becoming steeper nearer the top with great views over the Maroondah Reservoir, mountains and valleys from cleared viewing points Meet at the pre-school at 8.00 am or in Healesville at 9.00 am	\$8.50	John Templer 0418 809 259

Sun Feb 23	No activity scheduled		
Wed Feb 26 Mid week walk	The Lyrebird Loop Nature Walk 5.6 kms moderately challenging (there is a hill) A classic Dandenong Ranges walk with tall trees, lyrebird calls, diving kookaburras and burrowing crayfish. Starting and finishing at Grant's Picnic Ground	Own Transport	Anna Lee 0456 301 473
Sun Mar 2 Walk	Taradale Historic Area 10 - 14 km Easy Option to stay overnight Saturday	\$16.50	Leader Required
Sun Mar 9 Ride	Jells Park to Belgrave 45 kms Train from Upper Ferntree Gully and ride back down. Meet at 9.30 at Jells park south off Ferntree Gully Rd.	Own Transport	Ian Danne 0490 897 694 Shirley Wallace 0439 044 007
Mon 10 Mar	This is the Labor Day Holiday		
Sun Mar 16 Walk	Base Camp at Stratford A few days of activities based at the Stratford Caravan Park Likely activities Include a bike ride along the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail . A walk into the Den of Nargun on the Mitchell River. Further details forthcoming	Own Transport	Alan Gilles 0450 759 820
Sun Mar 23	No activity scheduled		
Wed Mar 26 Mid week walk	A Walk along the Elwood Canal Linear Park		Leader Required
Sun Mar 30 Walk	Gossards Point Ventnor to Cowes return. 12 km Easy On tracks and along the beach.		Anna Lee 0456 301 473
Sun Apr 6 Bike Ride	Jells Park to North Croydon (McAdam square). 45kms. Meet 9.30 at Jells Park south off Ferntree Gully road.	Own Transport	Bill Vincent 0457 360 793
<i>Thurs 10 Apr 7.45 pm - Monthly Meeting</i>			
Wed Apr 9 Mid week walk	Mid week walk		Leader Required
Sun Apr 13 Walk	Macedon Ranges Walking Trail: 14km, Med This walk is a one way walk with a car shuttle taking in the three peaks of Mt Macedon, Camel's Hump and Mt Towrong with a couple of steep ascents but well worth the spectacular views, abundant wildlife and the autumn colour. Please note: Early start meet at Pre-school James Cook Drive Endeavour Hills at 7:30 am, or in Macedon 8:45 am		Heather Walker 5966 9274 or 0429 948 826
Sun Apr 20	No activity scheduled This is Easter Sunday		
Sun Apr 27 Walk	Keppel Lookout and Steavenson Falls, Marysville. 12 km, Med. Some excellent waterfalls and hopefully wildlife as you explore the stringybark and mountain ash forests. The first section up to Keppel Lookout is quite steep, but after that it is a gentle walk. You will pass Oxley Lookout, Del La Rue Lookout, and the Steavenson Falls Lookouts –expansive views of the greater Yarra and Cathedral Ranges. Meet at pre-school at 8:00am.	\$11.60	Leader Required
Sun May 4 Bike Ride	Forster road to Sandringham via Port Melb. & return. 45kms. Meet at 9.30 at Forster road bike path , Mount Waverley.	Own Transport	Ian Danne 0490 897 694 Shirley Wallace 0439 044 007
Sat May 10 Walk	Pauls Range – Dixons Creek 15 km Med. This is a pleasant circuit walk through undulating country in Pauls Range State Park with magnificent ridge views, plenty of birds and the possibility of wildflowers in bloom This is Saturday as we do not schedule a walk on Mother's Day	\$8.50	Leader Required
Sun May 11	Mother's Day – No activity		
Wed May 14 Mid week walk	A walk in Churchill National Park. 8-10 km Med This will be quite hilly	Own Transport	Gerry McKellar 0411 744 354
Sun May 18	No activity scheduled		

Sun May 25 Walk	La La Falls - Backstairs - Rail Trail, Warburton - 11km, Easy/Med This is mostly a circuit walk with a return section to visit the La La Falls. We'll travel through lush Yarra Ranges Wet Tall Eucalypt forest, a steepish drop down the Backstairs track and finish on the rail trail through Warburton. Meet at 8:00 am at the Pre-School Endeavour Hills or 9 am in Warburton	\$9.50	Heather Walker 5966 9274 or 0429 948 826
Sun Jun 1 Bike Ride	Dandenong Park to Frankston. 45 kms Train to Mordialloc and ride back from Mordialloc. Meet at 9.30 at far end of Pultney St. Dandenong opposite Wedge Street.	Own Transport	Bill Vincent 0457 360 793
Sun Jun 8 Walk	Mt Tanjil Loop in Moondara State Park. 14 km Med - Hard Mostly fire trails so easy under foot but about 800 m vertical to the top of Mt Tanjil	\$16	Leader Required
Mon Jun 9	This is the King's Birthday Holiday		
Wed Jun 11 Mid week walk	A Walk along the Elwood Canal Linear Park	Own Transport	Leader Required
Thurs Jun 12 7.45 pm - Monthly Meeting			
Sun Jun 15	No activity scheduled		
Sun Jun 22 Walk	A Ramble around Rhyll on Phillip Island 10 – 12 km Easy		Leader Required
Sun Jun 29 Bike Ride	A ride in the Berwick / Pakenham general area – (suggestions please) and a volunteer to lead the ride.		Leader Required