

VMTC Walks Program April to July 2024

Type	Date	No. Days	Activity	Grade	Leader
P/hol	29 Mar - 1 Apr	4	Quartz Ridge-Mt Bogong (Easter Friday start)	M	Gina
Ext	6-14 Apr	8	Kiandra to Kosciuszko	M-A	Damien
Sun	7 Apr	1	Kinglake NP - Sugarloaf - Masons Falls Circuit	M	Tony
Ext	11-14 Apr	4	Western District Volcanos Basecamp	E-M	Keith
W/E	13-14 Apr	2	Bungalow Spur-Feathertop-Bon Accord Spur	M	Gina
W/E	13-14 Apr	2	You Yangs & Brisbane Ranges navigation skills basecamp	E	Chris
Sun	14 Apr	1	South Gippsland Rail Trail Bike Ride	E-M	Peter
Wed	17 Apr	1	Darebin to Heidelberg via Main Yarra Trail (Public Transport)	E	Phil
Soc	18 Apr		Social Club night		Nola
W/E	20-21 Apr	2	Bogong High Plains ramble	M	Colin
Sun	21 Apr	1	Mt Donna Buang	M-H	Mark
Mid Wk	24-25 Apr	2	Bairnsdale Base Camp. Day 1 Mt Taylor, Day 2 Paynesville Sunset Cove	E-M	Maureen
Ext	26-29 Apr	4	Grampians Peak Trail, from Mt Zero to Halls Gap	M	Jim
W/E	27-28 Apr	2	Baw Baw	M	Chris
W/E	4-5 May	2	Grampians track clearing - with Melbourne Bushwalkers	E	Jim
Sun	5 May	1	Maribyrnong River walk - approx 17km	E	Nola
W/E	11-12 May	2	Lerderderg Gorge packcarry	M	Alan
Sun	12 May	1	Blackwood tunnel circuit day walk	M	Colin
Soc	16 May		Social Club night		Nola
W/E	18-19 May	2	Mt Hotham - TBA		Gary
Sun	19 May	1	Dandenong to Mt Dandenong and back - Bike ride	E	Agata
Sun	19 May	1	Powelltown walk - dog friendly	E-M	Julia
W/E	25-26 May	2	The Crinoline	M	Chris
Sat	25-May	1	Dandenong's - Saturday	M-H	Mark

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Ext	25 May -1 June	8	Budawangs	M	James
Sun	2 Jun	1	Little River Gorge & Staughton Vale Cliff.	M	Jopie
L W/E	8-10 Jun	3	Little Waterloo - Lighthouse/ Roaring Meg	M	Chris
L W/E	8-10 Jun	3	Borough Huts Grampians base camp	M	Jim
Ext	12- 28 Jun	17	Carr Boyd Range and Keep River NP	E-M	Damien
Sun	16 Jun	1	Trenham Lyonville Bullarto Reservoir - approx 17kms	E	Nola
Soc	20 Jun		Social Club night		Nola
Ext	16 Jun - 14 July	29	GR 5 Vosges and Jura Regions (France & Switzerland)	M	Peter
W/E	22-23 Jun	2	Wilsons Prom south	M	James
Sun	23 Jun	1	Churchill National/Park and Lysterfield Park	E	Agata
Ext	29 Jun -7 July	9	Overland Track	M-A	Chris
	29 Jun				
	30 Jun				
Ext	1-25 Jul	25	Lawley River - King Edward River - Drysdale River. Kimberley WA	M	Damien
W/E	6-7 Jul	2	W/E Pack Carry TBA		Julia
Sun	7 Jul	1	Bass Coastal Walk finishing Kilcunda	E-M	Peter
W/E	13-14 Jul	2	Bear Gully Cape Liptrap base camp	E	Jim
Soc	18 Jul		Social Club night		Nola
W/E	20-21 Jul	2	Grampians weekend TBA	M	Alan
W/E	27-28 Jul	2	Tidal River base camp	E	Jim

Trip Ratings: E = Easy, M = Medium, H = Hard, VH = Very Hard, A = Alpine

Standard: the gradings below are given as examples only. 'Easy', 'medium-hard' etc should be supplemented by the leader's description of why the grading is given.

o Easy: mainly on tracks, with few climbs and descents. Suitable for most people in good health. Walking time four to five hours, distance up to 15 kilometres per day.

o Medium: moderate climbs and descents, on and/or off track in open or forest areas. Suitable for fit people with experience. Walking time five to six hours, distance up to 20 kilometres per day.

o Hard: hard consistent walking, moderate or longer climbs and descents, on and/or off track in medium scrub or forest areas. May include rough terrain. May include sections exposed to bad weather (blizzards, etc). Walking time six to eight hours, distance can be 20 kilometres or more per day.

o Very hard: very hard consistent walking in difficult terrain, few rests, thick scrub, alpine or desert areas. Walking time eight to 12 hours.

o Alpine: subject to severe changes in weather without warning: must be prepared for snow, blizzards and below zero temperatures even in summer.