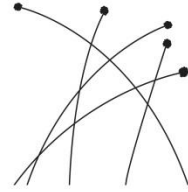


Autumn Walks 2018

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HARTZ PEAK – Saturday 17 March

Walk coordinator: Catharine Errey

Difficulty: Suitable for experienced and fit bushwalkers

Duration of walk: 5 hours, including breaks for views, photography and lunch

Hartz Plateau and Peak are popular destinations for Tasmanians and visitors. An unsealed road takes us to the sub-alpine environment with its many lakes and tarns. The track is mostly well-constructed with some steep and rocky sections and an ascent of 400m to the summit. If the weather is clear we will be treated to extensive views of the wild South West as well as to Bruny Island and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Distance: 13km return. Driving distance from Hobart: 84km. You will be away for most of the day.

What to bring: Waterproof jacket with a hood, warm jacket or jumper, beanie and gloves, sturdy footwear. All food and snacks for the day.

Note: Vehicles will need a Parks Pass. **This will need to be purchased prior to the walk.**

Departure details and booking: Contact Catharine no later than 8.30pm on Thursday 15 March at: catherrey@gmail.com or phone 0418 276 896

FERN TREE TO LENAH VALLEY – Sunday 18 March

Walk co-ordinator: Rob Hill

Difficulty: Medium – all on tracks. 11km distance and 200m climb. Pace slow

*From the Fern Tree Tavern we walk up Fern Glade track to Radfords Monument. Then via Rocky Whelans Cave to Shoebridge Bend and from there along the North-South Track to Junction Cabin, a suitable lunch spot. From there we head downhill via the Lenah Valley Track, crossing New Town Falls, to Lenah Valley Road, which takes us to the Lady Franklin Museum. **This walk will use public transport (Metro buses) to get to the start of and at the end of the walk.***

What to bring: Sturdy footwear, warm clothes, a raincoat, a drink, lunch and the bus fare.

Bus transport details and booking: Rob on 6247 6537 or robtonski6@bigpond.com by Friday 16 March

THREE WATERFALLS WALK, MT FIELD NATIONAL PARK (Lady Barron Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Russell Falls) – Sunday 25 March

Walk coordinator: Val Baxter

Difficulty: Moderate, with some steps and gentle ascents on a well formed track. Duration could be up to three hours with photographic stops and an easy pace. No age limit and children most welcome.

One of Tasmania's Great Short Walks, offering the best of Mt Field's lower altitude tracks. We will first visit Lady Barron Falls, via a gentle incline and then a long flight of timber steps to the river below. After the falls we cross the Lake Dobson Rd and connect with the Tall Trees circuit to admire the swamp gums, which are among the tallest trees in Australia. The track then continues to the Horseshoe Falls, descending through rainforest, and down another set of steps to Russell Falls and return to the Visitor Centre.

You will need to organise your own transport to the Mt Field National Park Visitor Centre. Driving time approx one and a quarter hours from Hobart.

What to bring: Drink, snacks, wet weather clothing and sensible walking shoes. Vehicles will need a Parks Pass, which can be purchased from the Visitor Centre.

Departure details and booking: Contact Val at gvbaxter@live.com Phone: 6228 4968 or 0411 266 016. Book by Friday 23 March

MOUNT FIELD EAST VIA LAKE FENTON – Saturday 14 April

Walk coordinator: Peter Franklin

Difficulty: Generally considered a moderate to slightly hard walk as it does cross boulders

Duration: 5 hours

From the Lake Fenton carpark, the track passes Lake Fenton where fagus (deciduous beech) should be starting to take on autumn colours. It is a steady but not overly steep climb to Windy Moor. The moor has recently had timber planks installed to protect the cushion plants growing there and to improve the walking experience. It is a kilometre to cross to the foot of the ascent of Mount Field East. The climb to the peak is over boulders and is optional. Return will be by the same track.

The track from the carpark to the foot of Mount Field East is 3.1k with the elevation gain 230m. The (optional) climb to the summit is 400 metres.

What to bring: This is a high country walk and parts are in exposed elevation. The walk will not proceed if the weather is unsuitable. April is prone to sudden climate changes and warm clothing and wet weather gear is needed. You will need to bring lunch and water. Vehicles will need a Parks Pass, which can be purchased on the day at the Mt Field National Park Visitor Centre.

Departure details and booking: (Email preferred): peterfranklin@iprimus.com.au Phone 6228 4889. Book before Thursday 12 April

COLLINS CAP CIRCUIT – Sunday 22 April

Walk coordinator: Bruce Wilson

Difficulty: Medium-Hard. Two short climbs, one long-ish descent, some rough rocky tracks, plus easy fire trails

Duration of walk: 4-5 hours + 45 minutes drive from central Hobart

We will climb through the beautiful Myrtle Forest to meet the Wellington Range where the forest is recovering from the damaging bushfires of 5 years ago. A short climb on a rocky track takes us to Collins Cap for magnificent views over the Derwent Valley and surrounding countryside. We will return to the Myrtle Forest on fire trails and a less rocky track. Meeting place for the start of the walk will be at the end of Myrtle Forest Road.

What to bring: Sturdy shoes/boots, water and lunch, raincoat, sunscreen and hat. The Wellington Park Walk Map is recommended.

Departure details and booking: Bruce on 0415 793 644 (before 9pm). Book by Fri 20 April

CHAUNCY VALE – CAVES and HISTORY – Saturday 28 April

Walk coordinator: Bec Johnson

Grade: Medium

Duration: 3 – 4 hours, including stops and lunch

Very child-friendly walk as long as your child enjoys scrambling over rocks and through caves! The track climbs and descends steeply in parts and is rough in places. Aboriginal and European history, wildlife, a creek crossing. The story of the life of Nan Chauncy, famous Tasmanian children's author. An opportunity to visit Nan Chauncy's historic cottage.

What to bring: Sturdy footwear, clothing suitable for walking in the bush, lunch and drinking water.

\$2 donation at the gate and a donation to look inside the cottage.

Directions and booking: Contact Bec on 0407 391 961

TASMAN PENINSULA – TASMAN COASTAL TRAIL (Waterfall Bay to Fortescue Bay) – Sunday 29 April

Walk coordinator: Anne McConnell

Grade: Medium

Duration of walk: Walk time c.7 hours including lunch; total time on the Tasman Peninsula - c.8-9hrs (expect not to be back in Hobart until after 7pm)

A long day on a lovely bush track with stunning coastal scenery. The walk is not hard - just long, with quite a bit of up and down, but no sustained climbs/drops; and on a mostly basic track. No prior bushwalking experience is necessary, but participants should have moderate fitness (be fit enough to walk for most of the day and walk up and down moderately steep short sections of track). The walk distance is about 12 km. The walk will be from Waterfall

Bay to Fortescue Bay. This will require some cars to be taken to Fortescue Bay before the walk starts, and will make it a long day from Hobart.

Meeting place will be at Eaglehawk Neck.

Vehicles will need a Parks Pass (this needs to be obtained prior to the walk)

What to bring: Sturdy sneakers or walking boots, raincoat, lunch, water

Bookings and details of where to meet: Before 5 April contact Catharine Errey 0418 276 896. After 5 April contact Anne McConnell - ph 6239 1494 or annemc@aaa.net.au Book by Friday 27 April

THARK RIDGE (MOUNT WELLINGTON) – Sunday 6 May

Walk coordinator: Nick Sawyer

Difficulty: Suitable for anyone confident of their ability to walk across rough ground. Pace moderate.

Duration: 3 – 4 hours

Approximately 2 km out and 2 km return. Generally flat but short steep climb onto the ridge itself. Track mostly straightforward but rocky and wet in a few places. One of the wildest parts of Wellington Range. Great views of Wellington Range and Derwent Valley. This area is very exposed to bad weather. If weather is really bad we may choose an alternative destination lower on The Mountain or walk may be cancelled altogether.

What to bring: Wet/cold weather clothes and appropriate footwear, plus lunch and water. The Wellington Park Walk Map is recommended.

Booking and departure details: Contact Nick nicksawyer@netspace.net.au or 6223 1492 before 8.30pm. Book by Friday 4 May

General Information for all TNPAs Autumn Walks

- Walks participants need to be confident of their own fitness to do the walk and to bring everything they need for the day, including clothing for protection from sun, wind, rain and cold, as well as sturdy footwear or boots, plus lunch, drinking water and snacks.
- For walks in National Parks, all vehicles entering the Park require a Parks Pass.
- You will need to organise your own transport to the start of the walk.
- Depending on the weather forecast for the day the walk coordinator may change the walk destination or cancel the walk altogether.