

Moderate Walks

Below are the details for the first 4 Moderate Walks for this year - March to June

Thursday 25. March 2021 Sherbrooke Forest

This is an easy/medium 11km circuit walk, starting at Grants Picnic Ground car park in the Dandenongs. Well over half the route follows clearly defined foot tracks, with the remainder being along surfaced roads. There is only one steep climb, and the last track drops quite steeply back to the picnic ground nearby.

Meet at Grants Picnic Ground. Melway Ref: Map 75 K4 10.15am for a 10.30 start of walk

Leader: Franz Hanke 98905718, (mobile 0431814755 on day of walk only)

Thursday 22. April 2021 Wilhelmina Falls, Murrindindi, 10.15am for a 10.30 start of walk

Wilhelmina Falls are the highlight of this 12.9km medium grade circuit walk. They descend some 75m across a steep and slippery granite rock face. After visiting the falls the walk follows old forestry tracks. The falls are 92kms from Melbourne.

Getting there: Follow the Maroondah Highway to Lilydale, then onto Coldstream. Vere left along the Melba Highway and continue north to the small town of Glenburn. Follow the highway 6km further north, then turn right just before Devlins Bridge into Murrindindi Road and continue southeast to the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve. Park at the Suspension Bridge Car Park on the left.

Melway Ref: Map X910 R10

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Thursday 27 May 2021 Mortimer Circuit Walk

This is an easy/moderate walk of about 9.5 kms. The western part of Bunyip State Park has now been reopened, following the bushfire two years ago, although the central area is still closed. The area around Mortimer Picnic Ground was not affected by the fire, and it is a very picturesque location, with a toilet, a few tables, and wood fired BBQs, but no shelter.

Getting there: Go via Gembrook. A suggested route is initially along the M1 and then Wellington Road to Emerald, or along Burwood Highway. From Gembrook, drive straight along Beenak East Road and the Gembrook-Tominbuk Road for about 5 km into Bunyip State Park, and Mortimer Picnic Ground is on the left. The road is now all bitumen and the total distance from the U3A is about 60kms and should take just over an hour.

Melway Ref: Map 14 R12

Time: 10.15am for a 10.30 start of walk

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Thursday 24 June 2021 Mullum Mullum Creek Walk

Our midwinter walk will be closer to home. It's a flat walk of 8km, involving a car shuffle, along the beautiful Mullum Mullum Creek on a bush bike/walking track. Toilets are at each end, and in between. Meet at Beasley's Nursery car park, 195 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte. Melway 34 F2. Then we'll take half of the cars to Schwerkolt Cottage car park, Mitcham, Melway 49 D7 for start of walk.

Time: 10.15am for a 10.30 start of walk

Leader: Franz Hanke, ph. 98905718

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