

ARMIDALE BUSHWALKING CLUB INC ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Spring and Summer 2015

DATE	CONTACT	VENUE AND GRADE	DETAILS
Saturday 12 th to Sunday 13 th September	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Aberfoyle River east of Guyra BP(2d1n)LD3	See the rock formation known as the Devils Chimney before descending a ridge to Bough Creek and the Aberfoyle River. We will return up another ridge on the Sunday.
Saturday 26 th to Sunday 27 th September	Kathy King 6772 5401	Washpool National Park east of Glen Innes BP(2d1n)MB1	A walk suitable for those new to overnight walks. The walk is all on tracks through forests and heath lands with an optional off track walk without the packs to the summit of Haystack Mountain for a superb view.
Saturday 3 rd to Monday 5 th October (public holiday)	Kathy King 6772 5401	Oxley Wild Rivers National Park east of Armidale BP(3d2n)MD3	Three day walk down along the Chandler and Macleay Rivers in the vicinity of Long Point. Easy river walking with numerous river crossings and a steep descent and ascent.
Sunday 11 th October	Joc Coventry 0427007458	Long Point area east of Armidale DWSB4	A traverse through several gullies a short distance below the escarpment with pockets of orchids which should be in flower at this time of the year.
Sunday 25 th October	Peter Roger 6772 0464	Gara Gorge near Armidale DWSB4	Day walk to explore Powers Creek and visit Mushroom Rock for a great view over the Gara Gorge.
Saturday 7 th November	Trudy Laffan 6771 3097	Gara Gorge near Armidale DWSB4	Day walk to Chaffey's Rock on the eastern rim of Gara Gorge. Some track and off track walking.
Saturday 21 st to Sunday 22 nd November	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Styx River area east of Armidale BP2D1NMC3	Follow the Styx River downstream from near the Point Lookout Road to Wattle Flat past a lovely waterfall and the remains of a hydro scheme built in the early 1900's to power a sawmill.
Saturday 5 th to Sunday 6 th December	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Gibraltar Range National Park east of Glen Innes BP(2d1n)MB2	A continuation of the overnight walk in September with a hill climb and the opportunity to see the Christmas Bells which should be in flower in the swamps.
Saturday 19 th or Sunday 20 th December	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Close to Armidale	A day walk close to Armidale. Venue and day to be decided closer to the walk.
Saturday 16 th to Sunday 17 th January 2016	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	New England National Park east of Armidale CC (2d2n)MB3	Day walks from a car camp at Thungutti Camping Area on the many tracks along and below the escarpment. Always a pleasant place to visit during the heat of summer.
Saturday 23 rd to Tuesday 26 th January 2016	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Washpool National Park east of Glen Innes BP(4d3n)MD5	A four day overnight walk down Pi Pi Creek to Pi Pi flat to see the lovely Christmas Orchids which should be flowering. Magnificent old growth forests are also a feature of the walk. Note that Monday 24th is not a public holiday but if you can get the day off come along and enjoy what the area has to offer. The walk is in conjunction with Sydney Bush Walkers.
Late January or early February 2016	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Annual General Meeting Venue and date to be advised	Come along and be part of the club. All suggestions for better running of the club are most welcome.

Expressions of interest February March 2016	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Great Ocean Walk in Victoria Extended walk up to 7 days	Walk along the magnificent coastline where the Otway Range meets the Southern Ocean. Scenic coastal vistas, lovely forests and spectacular rock formations including the Twelve Apostles. Contact leader ASAP if interested so permits can be arranged.
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NOTE ALL WALKS ARE SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES IF RIVER LEVELS, FIRE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS MAKE FOR UNSAFE WALKING. ALWAYS CONTACT THE LEADER PRIOR TO THE WALK AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE. THE GRADINGS ARE DETAILED BELOW.

Walk Type

DW = one day walk

BP (3d2n) = Backpack, 3 days, 2 nights

CC (2d2n) = Car camp, 2 days, 2 nights

Approx. Daily Distance

S = Short, less than 10 km

M = Medium c. 10-15 km

L = Long c. 15-20 km

XL = Extra long, over 20 km

Fitness Level

A – Low fitness

B – Moderate fitness

C – Good fitness

D – Good fitness with agility

E – High fitness level

F – Strenuous – experienced walkers only!

Terrain

Graded track walking – these walks are on formed and maintained tracks for walking or for vehicles

Off-Track walking – these walks are over territory where there are no formed or maintained tracks

1. Graded track, some incline
2. Graded track, hills, creek crossings
3. Rough track, steep sections, creek crossings
4. Off-track, moderate terrain
5. Off-track, thick terrain
6. Off-track, rock-climbing and exposure