

ARMIDALE BUSHWALKING CLUB INC ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Winter 2015

DATE	CONTACT	VENUE AND GRADE	DETAILS
Saturday 2 nd to Sunday 3 rd May	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	New England NP BP2D1NMC4	Overnight walk along the escarpment from Majors Point to Point Lookout and return.
Sunday 17 th May	Jim Palmer 6772 1519	Warra NP east of Glencoe DWMB2	Day walk along the Sara River to the cascades. The Banksias should be in flower and will attract the birds.
Sunday 31 st May	Kathy King 6772 5401	Mount Duval near Armidale DWMB2	Day walk to the summit of Mount Duval. No views but some lovely forest and a gentle pace.
Sunday 14 th June	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Dangars Gorge near Armidale DWMD3	Day walk exploring Salisbury Waters downstream from McDirty's Lookout. Rock hopping and steep slopes.
Sunday 28 th June	Kathy King 6772 5401	Long Point east of Armidale DWMC2	Visit the lookouts overlooking the gorges of the Macleay and Chandler Rivers. A short section off track to explore the top of Michaeliana Spur to look for the Hillgrove Spotted Gums which are endemic to the area.
Sunday 19 th July	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Dangars Gorge near Armidale DWMD3	Day walk visiting Mihi Creek and the ridge south of the gorge which offers great views down the gorge of Salisbury Waters. Rock hopping and steep slopes.
Saturday 1 st to Sunday 2 nd August	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Gara River and gorge east of Armidale BP2D1NLD4	Overnight walk down a steep ridge to the Gara River and up Herders Gully. Rock hopping and steep slopes.
Saturday 15 th to Sunday 16 th August	Paul McCann 6772 6156	Guy Fawkes River east of Guyra BP2D1NLD3	Overnight walk down Bees Nest Ridge to the Guy Fawkes River, then upstream to a feature called London Bridge. Steep slopes and numerous river crossings expected.
Friday 28 th to Sunday 30 th August	Peter Laffan 6771 3097	Aberfoyle River east of Guyra BP3D2NXLD3	Overnight walk visiting the Devils Chimney and along the Aberfoyle River. Returning up another ridge on the last day. Steep slopes and numerous river crossings expected.

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 ON THE NEXT PAGE.

C – Good fitness

D – Good fitness with agility

E – High fitness level

F – Strenuous – experienced walkers only!

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

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