



**Bike riding on the Darebin Creek Trail, February 2023**

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by the 1st Wednesday in the month, 3rd April.

**The Mt Buller Lodge Story**

An old document by Gerald Morton giving the history of the Mt Buller Lodge has been found by Trevor Rosen. It has been transcribed and is now on the website's *Download* page as a PDF.

Click *The Mt Buller Lodge Story* link on the following web page:

[www.melbournewalkingclub.org/photo-gallery/downloads](http://www.melbournewalkingclub.org/photo-gallery/downloads)

## Laughter Is The Best Medicine

When one door opens and another door closes,  
you're probably in prison.



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by joining the Melbourne Walking Club Facebook page – and then *inviting your own friends and family* to also join our page...!  
*It's a great way to encourage new members!*

On our Facebook page we post pictures from weekly walks, upcoming events for your diary, invites to potential members to come along as a visitor, Mt Buller and Donna Buang news, and so much more!  
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either Boronia or Ferntree Gully stations.

### Sun 19 May Churchill Island Circuit – Philip Island

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Eileen O'Callaghan                      Phone: 0402 209 840

### Wed 22 May Baxter – Mornington

Leader: Les Littlejohn                              Phone: 0409 400 302

### Sun 26 May TBA

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: John Gates                                      Phone: 0428 761 644

### Mon 27 May Easy Metro: TBA

Leader: Jim Cone                                      Phone: 9560 8175

### Wed 29 May Ringwood – Wonga Park

Leader: David Watkins                              Phone: 0414 547 190

### The 4 Peaks Challenge 2024

Think you can rise to the challenge of 'summitting' Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf, Mt Elephant and Mt Noorat on the same day? Then this Friends of Mt Leura Inc. activity, in partnership with Mt Leura & Mt Sugarloaf Management Committee, is a must do for you and your family or friends.

- When: Sunday April 21st 2024 ... for a full day of activity.
- Where: Meet/start @ Volcanic Education Centre (Mt Leura Road, Camperdown) at base of Mt Leura at 9.30am. Coffee van onsite.
- BYO: Morning tea, lunch, snacks and plenty to drink; sunscreen, day pack plus camera and/or binoculars for the terrific views.
- Wear: Sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for the weather.
- Transport: BYO vehicle.

All welcome, and bring the kids ... but please note that some steep and rough terrain will be encountered so a degree of physical fitness is required.

For more information contact Friends of Mt Leura:  
John Fallon on 0487 341 337

## **Mon 6 May Red Hill – Country Lanes**

Leader: Ian Tregear

Phone: 9548 3391

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am Corner Point Leo Rd. – Callanans Rd. Melway 191 A7.

Map: Melway 191    Grading: Moderate    Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car.

Walk Details: From the reserve we walk via Baynes Rd. to Stony Creek Rd. then along a Bridal track on Mornington – Flinders Rd. to the Red Hill Showgrounds and back to the start. This is a pleasant walk through different country scenery, but note there are some long hills on the way. There is a toilet at the start and the lunch stop in the Showgrounds reserve.

## **Wed 8 May Skeleton Creek – Westona**

Leader: Stuart Galloway

Phone: 0421 560 031

## **Mon 13 May Upper Ferntree Gully – Ferntree Gully**

Leader: Wayne Hansen

Phone: 0415 351 492

Rendezvous: Leader will meet train on north side of Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.50am.

Transport: 8.56am Belgrave Train ex Flinders St. Arrives Upper Ferntree Gully station at 9.48am.

Morning Tea: Picnic shelter in Dandenong Ranges National Park. Seats shelter and toilets available.

Maps: Melway 65 & 74    Grading: Medium/hard    Distance: 12km.

Walk Details: This walk is mainly through the National Park on fire tracks with extensive views and tall forests. The first part of the walk after morning tea (approximately 40 min) is quite steep. We will take our time. It is less steep as we make our way to one tree hill at approximately 11.45. We will have an early lunch break. Tables, shelters and toilets available.

The first part of the track after lunch is very steep downhill for approximately 300m. After this it is generally downhill for the remainder of the walk with only a couple of small inclines. We aim to finish the walk at Ferntree Gully station at approximately 2.45-3.00pm. Trains depart to Flinders St at 2.58 and every half hour. Walking poles recommended.

Escapes: Approximately 2/3 through the walk to bus 755 on Forest Rd to

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Members \$40 per person per night / Min 2 nights  
Guests \$50 per person per night

To book simply visit the Club Website, click on Mount Buller and open the Mount Buller Booking page

## An Unmissable MWC Member Privilege

## **APRIL WALKS**

### **Wed 3 Apr Lilydale – Mooroolbark**

Leader: Doug Swinbourne

Phone: 0438 881 176

Rendezvous: 9:40am at Lilydale Station waiting room (street level in William Street East).

Grading: Easy/medium

Distance: Approx 12 km.

Transport: Lilydale train departing Flinders Street @ 8:45am, arriving at Lilydale at 9:37am. There is no indication that replacement buses will operate from Ringwood to Lilydale on this date, but please check.

Morning Tea: Lillydale Lake (seating & toilets).

Lunch: Mooroolbark Heights Reserve (some seating & toilet).

Walk Details: From the station we progress to Lillydale Lake for morning tea, then generally southward and uphill to cross Hull Rd (only escape). Edinburgh Road is shady, followed by a very rural but exposed pipeline track. Lunch follows at Mooroolbark Heights Reserve where there is a somewhat scruffy toilet and limited seating, then a short walk along streets to Mooroolbark Station where trains depart to the city at 1:44pm, 2:14pm, 2:44pm, etc.

Escape: The #680 bus on Hull Rd. to Lilydale or Mooroolbark Stations. No escapes after that.

### **Mon 8 Apr Rye Ocean Beach**

Leader: Don Ziino

Phone: 0438 596 626

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9:45am at *Number Sixteen* Car Park, Melway 167 J 10 (enter from corner of Marcia Ave and Tasman Dr).

Map: Melway 167

Grading: Moderate

Distance: 11 km.

Transport: Private car. To find the car park can be a little difficult; stay on Browns Rd and that should lead to car park “16” opposite the store.

Walk Details: A sign-posted foot track leaves the North of the car park, where we walk along the cliff top coastal track then return back to the car park on the same track. There are some nice views on this very rugged wild coast, lunch will be on the cliffs overlooking the ocean. It is an attractive walk and well worth the effort. No toilets only bush.

### **Wed 10 Apr South Morang – Diamond Creek/Eltham**

Leader: Jenny Hosking

Phone: 0423 627 232

### **Sun 28 Apr La Gerche Forest – Creswick**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Tony Cagney

Phone: 0411 843 609

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Rendezvous: 10:00am at picnic table in front of Creswick Visitor Information Centre, 41 Albert Street Creswick. There are toilets and ample parking behind the centre.

Transport: Private Car. From Melbourne take the Western Freeway (M8) and exit for C291 (Ormond Road / Westcotts Road) and follow C291 to Creswick. [Note: if coming from east side of Melbourne you may want to consider taking the Bolte Bridge & M79 instead of the West Gate Bridge to avoid possible delays caused by tunnel works.]

Morning Tea: At the visitor centre while we assemble.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 8.5 km.

Walk Details: We begin the walk at the Melbourne University Creswick Campus with its historic School of Forestry buildings and then through the tranquil forest trail commemorating John La Gerche (forest bailiff 1882-1897). Breaking into the open we ascend among pine trees to Brackenbury hill for lunch and 360 degree views. It's all downhill after lunch as we descend beside towering pines to St Georges Lake where there are toilets and picnic tables. The Wallaby Track along Creswick Creek takes us back to town and coffee.

Afternoon Tea: There are nice places for coffee in town close to the visitor centre so we'll choose on the day depending on numbers and table availability.

Note: The ascent to lunch is a little steep (climbing 100m over 750m) and may be muddy.

## **MAY PROGRAM**

### **Wed 1 May Sherbrooke – The Patch - Belgrave**

Leader: Greg Taylor

Phone: 0430 047 218

### **Sun 5 May Combined Walk with MWWC – Lysterfield**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Morning Tea: Adjacent to Fairfield Boat House (Melway 30 J12).

Maps: Melway 30, 2D & 44    Grading: Easy    Distance: 7km or 9km.

Transport: Hurstbridge train departing Flinders Street Station at 9.59am, arriving at Fairfield Station at 10.25am. Return trains every 10 minutes from Victoria Park Station.

Lunch: Studley Park Boathouse (Melway 2D F8) with toilets, tables and shelter.

Walk Details: Attractive walk focused on Yarra River and parkland. City views from elevated areas and some historic interest. Two short hills and one section on rough surface. Escape at Studley Park/Johnston Road by bus at 7km.

### **Wed 24 Apr Montmorency – Heidelberg**

Leaders: Ingrid David

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Rendezvous: Montmorency Railway Station at 9:35am.

Maps: Melway 196, 197 & 225.

Grading: Medium/Easy

Distance: 11km approx.

Transport: 8:43am Hurstbridge train ex Flinders St arrives at Montmorency at 9:35. Some people may catch the 901 bus to Montmorency Park/Para Road

Morning Tea: Montmorency Football Club; toilets available, seating on steps of clubhouse. Melway 21 B5.

Lunch: Banyule Flats Reserve (6.8km); seating available but no shelter or toilets. Melway 32 F2. Escape available.

Walk Details: Starting at Monty we walk beside the Plenty River in bushlands to Yallambie Park Flats. From there we proceed along the Plenty River Trail under Main Road to Banyule Road. Lunch will be at Banyule Flats Reserve Then we go past the cattle yards (no cattle) to Warringal Parklands with a number of football grounds where toilets are available. We then proceed to cross Rosanna Road up Yarra Street to Heidelberg Station which unfortunately is up a steep incline.

Escapes: At lunch 6.8km, Banyule Rd Bus 517 - Rosanna Railway Station - Greensborough Railway Station.

Rendezvous: By Train, 9.22am at Greensborough Rail Station to connect with #901 Melb Airport bus corner of Paterson Cres/Para Rd at 9.33am.

Morning Tea: In Armstrong Road (no toilets or shelter).

Maps: Melway 183, 11, 12, 21 & 22, and/or Google.

Grading: Medium with some hills in the morning and Easy after lunch.

Distance: Long walk 14.5km approx., Medium Walk 12.0km approx., Short walk escape to Diamond Creek Station 9km approx.

Transport: By Train, 9.22am at Greensborough Rail Station to connect with #901 Melb Airport bus corner of Paterson Cres/Para Rd at 9.33am.

Long walk – 9.47am alight at Armstrong Rd/Kurrack Rd (Yarrambat).

Medium walk – 9.43am alight at Browns Lane/Yan Yean Rd (Plenty) and wait to meet those on the long walk. Please advise leader if you prefer this option.

Walk Details: In the morning, the pleasant walk along quiet back streets does have some hilly sections. Lunch will be at Campbell Street Reserve (Melway 11 K7). There are toilets, seating and shelter. After lunch, there is an option to walk to Diamond Creek Station. (through playgrounds to Main Road & Station St). However, the main walk follows the Diamond Creek Trail to Eltham Rail Station.

### **Fri 12 Apr Boobyalla Track Clearing – Mt Donna Buang**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Kim Rosen

Phone: 0422 804 816

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 8.45am at the Warburton Bakery on the corner of Warburton Highway and Thomas Avenue, Melway 290 B4.

Grading: Medium

Distance: 5km.

Transport: Private car. After a quick morning tea we will drive up Mt Donna Buang to meet the Park Rangers at the agreed location (to be advised) at 9.30am.

Activity Details: This is the last track clearing day scheduled with the Parks Victoria Rangers. We expect there will only be light track clearing to be done and that we will do a full walk through the cleared track over the top of Mt Boobyalla to Road 4. Come along to celebrate the fully cleared track with us.

What to Bring: Gardening gloves, gaiters, sharp loppers as extras if you have them, packed lunch, drinking water and clothing for all seasons.

N.B.: Participants need to have a current Working with Children Check (<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>) and must register on ParkConnect (<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au>) and join the group “Melbourne Walking Club – Woori Yallock”. Please contact Kim if you need assistance.

### **Sun 14 Apr Mt. Macedon Memorial Cross – Days Picnic Ground**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Terry Simpson Phone: 0400 037 291

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 9.15am at Mt Macedon Car park, Mt Macedon Memorial Cross (Melway X909 G9).

Maps: Vicmap 1:25 000 Macedon, Melway Touring Map X909 and/or Google Maps.

Grading: Easy/Medium Distance: Approx 11km.

Transport: Private car. Follow the Calder Highway and take exit to Mt Macedon. Stay on Mt Macedon road through village, turning left onto Cameron Drive. Drive past Camels Hump Car park, McGregor Car park to the Car park at the end from where you can walk to the Memorial Cross.

Walk Details: The walk starts at the end of Cameron drive in the car park close to the Top of the Range Tea Rooms. The track meanders through the trees and in places is a little rocky. Walking poles would be useful. It is an interesting and peaceful walk, with some lovely views. We will stop at Days Picnic ground for lunch where there are toilets and tables. We return via the same route back to the car park near the Top of the Range Tea Rooms and the Memorial Cross.

Escapes: Along the way, there are two escape points at the Cameron picnic ground and McGregor’s picnic ground for those who want to exit the walk.

Afternoon Tea: Can be had at the Top of the Range Tea Rooms at the conclusion of the walk.

### **Mon 15 Apr Glen Waverley – East Malvern**

Leader: Bruce Armstrong Phone: 0416 758 204

Rendezvous: Glen Waverley Railway Station @ 9.40am.

Morning Tea: Bogong Reserve.

Maps: Melway 71, 70 & 69 Grading: Easy Distance: 10 km.

Transport: Glen Waverley line train leaving Flinders Street at 9.04 am arriving at Glen Waverley Station at 9.39 am. Toilets at Station.

Lunch: Caloola Reserve – toilets available.

Walk Details: Pleasant walk following park trails with minor street walking to East Malvern Station.

Escapes: Escape at lunch (approx 1 km walk to Oakleigh Station).

### **3rd Wed 17 Apr Bayswater Park**

Leader: Richard Bowen Phone: 9885 0438  
0406 500 061

Rendezvous (and Morning Tea & Lunch): 10.20am at Bayswater Park, near BBQs (Melway 64 F3).

Map: Melway 64 Grading: Easy Distance: 4km. am, 3km. pm.

Transport: Belgrave line train, leaving Flinders Street station 9.26am, arriving Bayswater station 10.07am. Leader will meet the train for the walk to Bayswater Park. (Check train times for any disruptions.)

By Car: Enter from King Street into the car park near BBQs. Limited seating, so drivers please bring seats.

Walk Details: Am walk west and pm walk east along Dandenong Creek Trail. Mainly flat walk along paved track, with some street walking. Return trains at 30 min. intervals.

### **Sun 21 Apr Mornington – Mt. Martha Clifftop Walk**

**NB. You must contact the leader if you want to attend this activity.**

Leader: Arthur Robertson Phone: 0419 895 916

Rendezvous & Morning Tea: 10.00am at the Mornington Park near the Car Park on the corner of Flinders Drive & Schnapper Point Drive.

Map: Melway 145 Grading: Easy.

Distance: 11km with the possible extension of 4km.

Transport: Private car.

Lunch: At Mt Martha.

### **Mon 22 Apr Easy Metro: Fairfield – Collingwood**

Leader: Jim Cone Phone: 9560 8175  
0498 972 945

Rendezvous: Fairfield Railway Station at 10.25am.