

CHRISTMAS WALKS

Listed below are a few suggestions for extended Christmas Walks. Leaders will be required for some of the walks. Any members interested in leading or participating in any of the walks below or in any other areas are requested to contact the Walks Secretary.

- 15 Days Butchers' Ridge - Reedy Ck Chasm - Suggan Buggan -
Ingeegoodbee - Cobberas - Marongo
150 Miles Leader: John Siscman.
- 14 Days Buchan - Big Nunniong - Reedy Ck. Chasm - Cobberas -
Pilot - Kosiusko
150 Miles Leader: Robin Mitchell
- 12-14 Days Trapyard Saddle - Moroka Gorge - Eagle Crest - Mt. Kent -
Snowy Bluff - Wonnangatta Stn. - Bryce's Gorge - Mt. Arbuckle
100 Miles
- 7 Days Black Mt. Stn. - Mr. Stradbroke - Rocky Range - Mt. Wheeler -
Little R. Gorge - Boundary Ck. Gorge 28 Miles
- 4 Days Bindaree - The Bluff - No. 1 Divide - Magdala - Mt. Howitt -
Bindaree 30 Miles
- 4 Days King River - Mt. Cobbler - Crosscut Saw - Mt. Howitt -
Stanley's Name Spur 30 Miles

SOCIAL FIXTURES:

Film Night: September 25th M.R. SEACOMBE "4 Mountain Walks" 8 m.m. Films
8.30 p.m. at Clubroom

Andria SEGOVIA at the Town Hall on Tuesday 6th October. TICKETS - 20/-
from Social Secretary - Barbara Aldridge (p) 91 2087

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

LARSEN, Sam, 1 Eric St., Belgrave
VAN DER DUYS, Peter & Mrs. Anne, Flat 5, Chestnut St. Richmond E.1

A number of newlyweds have been spotted - one couple, Frank and Joan Baker were awarded the crested spoon by president Alan last General Meeting. A head high above the crowd that night appeared John Brownlee back from abroad after 2½ years, - while Jenny Milner is off to the other side. Rupert Lee is still convalescent, but secretary Harold and Robyn Anderson are back after being laid up with appendicitis.

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION General Meeting will be held at the Herbarium, Wednesday 25th September.

DAY WALKS PROGRAMME

- 24th Sept. Olinda Forest - Lyrebird Creek - Mt. Evelyn
Show Day Walk. (10 easy miles) See Walk Secretary
Train leaves Flinders Street station. (Holiday Time
Table) Ticket: return Belgrave. Map: "Monbulk" military
- 27th Sept. Tarrawarra - School House Ridge - Healesville
(10 easy miles) See Walks Secretary
Train leaves Flinders St. station 9.15 a.m.
Ticket: return Healesville (10/-) Map: Yan Yean military
View of the Yarra Valley and Warburton and Hume ranges
- 4th Oct. Botany Walk: Taradale Wildflower Sanctuary (easy 7 miles)
Led by: Marion Houston (p) 521313 Map: Castlemaine
military. Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (16/-)
Ramble from Taradale through to Crocodile Reservoir near
Fryerstown. Plenty of wildflowers on timbered hills.
Good views of surrounding countryside from the fire-tower
near Fryerstown.
- 11th Oct. Wilk's Ck. - Pitman's Lake - De La Rue's Lake - Steavenson's
Falls (8 medium miles) Led by: Jim Brooks.
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. Map: Juliet A & B
- 18th Oct. Sylvia Ck. Blowhard Range - Yea River
(10 medium miles) Led by Arthur Whyte 58 4277
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.55 a.m. (12/-) Maps. Glenburn;
Juliet A; Yan Yean.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- 23-27th Sept. SHOW DAY WEEKEND: The Grampians - Mt. Stapylton -
Potter's Creek Caves. (Fixed Camp) Leaving Melbourne
Wednesday evening - 6.30 p.m.
- 10-11th Oct. Armstrong River - Bullock Bell Creek - Cumberland Valley
(16 medium miles) Led by: Fred Halls 97 3724.
Van leaves Batman Ave. 8.30 a.m. Saturday morning (28/-)
Map: Juliet B
- 23-25th Oct. Seven Creeks Gorge - Mt. Wombat - Charman Falls
(20 medium miles) Led by: Joan Skurrie
Van leaves Batman Ave. 6.30 p.m. Friday Evening (36/-)

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Newcomers to extended walks are advised that they must complete to
the satisfaction of the Committee, at least, one of the overnight walks
listed on the program as from 23rd - 25th October onwards

BOOKING OFFICER ROSTER

September	25th	Fred Halls, Jim Brooks
October	2nd	Arthur Whyte
	9th	Joan Skurrie
	16th	Douglas Pocock, John Siseman

WILKINSON LODGE

This winter has so far seen two parties in occupation at Wilkinson Lodge, each for a week's duration. One party went in in mid August, the other in early September. The first party found the snow level up to the attic windows, and Wilky leaning sideways at an estimated two inches, no doors would close properly because of this lean. The snow lay so thick on the roof that they were able to do some ski jumping. The weather was not very good, both the inward and outward treks being done in fog and driving snow.

The second party fared considerably better, with near perfect weather for the whole week. The snow level had dropped by about two feet, and Wilky had a lean of only an inch; it was not possible to do any jumping off the roof, as it was not completely covered by snow. On 31st August, a party on skis ascended the Rocky Knobs, and found the plaque commemorating the scattering of R.W. Wilkinson's ashes onto the snows in 1939. This snow covered view looking towards Mt. Feathertop was one of Wilky's favourites, and all of us who saw this view now know why he enjoyed it so much. During this week ascents of Mts. Nelse and Cope were also made. All of which have never been climbed in skis before by a group of Bushwalkers wintering at Wilkinson Lodge.

One of Them

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at AUSKI HOUSE, HARDWARE STREET - CITY (Near Bourke Street)

OUR PARTY BREAKS UP - continued.

The sweet pleasure of missing that strident "Wakey, wakey" soon faded as we tired of cooling our heels, very cool indeed, in that foggy weather as we hung about camp. It was suggested a brisk walk would keep us warm - a good excuse not to stay put as we had been told during their absence. I noticed our fine friend wearing a necklet of apple rings, an idea from the prospectors, a way of carrying food without a pack, indeed, there was no need to carry a utensil if a small pool could be found. A further innovation suggested was that of using a thread of those thin sausages. Going light, the pair of us were able to leave before the others who were still fiddling about with packs as we started up the simple track which was thought would lead to a view.

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SCIENTIST URGES MORE WALKING: He is Professor Rodolfo Paoletti, a doctor of medicine and professor of pharmacology at the University of Milan, Italy, and who is here at the invitation of the Australian Academy of Science. He said prosperity in many Western countries, including Australia, had brought about dietary changes that caused a significant rise in the fat level of blood. He stressed that "dietary restraint is not enough and must be accompanied by regular muscular exercise, preferably walking." (from 'Age' 21/8/64)

COMING VISIT BY VETERAN WALKER: Since his retirement, the main interest of Mr. Alfred Reed, a New Zealand publisher, has been walking. He has walked all over N.Z., climbed some of the highest peaks, and has written books about his trips. Next year he is coming to Australia to celebrate his 90th birthday by a walk from Sydney to Melbourne. (Story in Women's Weekly, 12/8/64)

WILSON'S PROM. - MT. BUFFALO: History and latest developments regarding the establishment of private businesses in Victorian National Parks are published in an article in "Nation" No. 151, August 22nd, 1964.

MISSING SKIER: Both the Federation S. & R. and the police squad were not requested to help, nor took part in the recent operations in the Mt. Buller - Howqua River area.

The following song (tune "The Capitol Ship") was heard by one of our members during his leave. We publish it because it seems to confirm our views about some present day skiers.

"A SKIER ONE DAY"

A skier one day did make his way to the top of the mountainside;
He waxed his skis and flexed his knees and then began to slide,
Around the curve he lost his nerve as a tree loomed up ahead,
He was found in the spring when the birdies sing - both he and the tree were dead.

(Chorus)

So, let the snowflakes fall, I've no desire at all
To shiver my bones or shatter my nose or splatter them on a tree;
I have but one desire - a great big open fire,
A bottle of brew or maybe two, and a girl to drink with me.
You can take it from me that learning to ski is tougher than you may think,
Why go outside and freeze your hide when you can stay inside and drink?
A bottle of beer or wine is fine, but any old drink is nice,
I'll get my scars in nice warm bars instead of on snow and ice.

READING GUIDE: The Club has printed a list for those "new chums" who would like to learn something of the Natural History of the country as well as bushcraft and general Australiana.