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AUGUST - WALK REVIEWS

DAY WALKS

AUG. 1 FLINDERS-CAPE SCHANK

EASY

LEADER: Graham Hodgson

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 8 p.m.

MAP REF: As long as the ocean keeps pounding in on the left we won't need one.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE: 15 km.

A walk that could be wet, windy, calm, dry, brilliant sunshine or overcast, yes it could be any of the aforementioned. But despite all that the trip will follow the cliffs of Flinders, (top or bottom depends upon the tide) along the beaches and through the tee tree scrub to Cape Schank. An easy stroll that could be very bracing if the weather is wild.

AUG. 7 HISTORICAL WALK - FITZROY WALKABOUT

EASY

(SAT.)

LEADER: Athol Schafer

TIME: 2 p.m. - Under the Flinders St. Clock.

Following notes in "Melbourne on Foot."

AUG. 8 STAUGHTON VALE-BRISBANE RANGES-STEIGLITZ

EASY

LEADER: Rob Ayre

TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.

EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.

MAP REF: Bacchus Marsh 1:100,000

APPROX. DISTANCE: 17 km.

We will start with a walk along the Little River Gorge, provided of course that the Little River has not become a Big River. Then a climb up Griffin Hill and a walk through reasonably open bush to Lower Stony Creek reservoir. From there we have tracks all the way to Steiglitz.

Our date for the walk is before the peak of the wildflower season, but we should see a good variety. The area is also a good one for koala spotting, and we may be in luck on the day.

Correspondence should be directed to :-

The Secretary,
Melbourne Bushwalkers,
Box 1751Q, G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE. 3001.

Meetings are held in the clubrooms, 377 Little Bourke Street, entrance from Racing Club Lane, every Wednesday night between 7 and 9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome

DAY WALKS (CONT.)

AUG. 15 OLINDA STATE FOREST

EASY

LEADER: Elaine Collins
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 6p.m.
APPROX. DISTANCE: 12 km.

Commencing from Mt. Dandenong the walk will amble down the hillside through a small aboretum and ferny creek reserve to the Olinda State Forest. The walk will then take a circuitous route along minor tracks through the forest, taking in its main features with time to listen to the bell birds. After a steady climb to the Hamer Aboretum you will be rewarded with views of the Upper Yarra Valley and mountains beyond (even snow-capped).

AUG. 22 ANGAHOOK FOREST PARK-AIREYS INLET

EASY

LEADER: Jim Wilcock
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REF: Broadbents 150km from Melbourne & Forests
Commission Sketch Map Angahook Forest Park
APPROX. DISTANCE: 18 km

Angahook Forest Park is situated about 2 km north of Aireys Inlet. An area of approx. 2900 ha is under control of Forests Commission of Victoria and picnic grounds and walking tracks have been constructed. Our walk commences at Distillery Creek picnic ground and follows along easy walking tracks to finish at Moggs Creek Picnic Ground. Various types of forest vegetation and views over the ocean make this a pleasant walk : wild flowers should be in bloom.

AUG. 29 MT.ST.LEONARD-CONDONS TRACK

MEDIUM

LEADER: Hugh Duncan
TRANSPORT: Van from Batman Ave., 9 a.m.
EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 7 p.m.
MAP REF: Juliet 1:50,000
APPROX. DISTANCE: 16 km

We will start with a climb up Mt.St.Leonard to morning tea at the top (or lunch, if I'm outvoted). We will then follow the ridge towards Mt.Marda, on a pleasant track through a grassy firebreak. On the way we will look at the old tree-tower which was used for fire spotting before the Mt.St.Leonard tower was built, if I can find it. Condons Track is a walking track which drips steeply down through mature mountain ash forest towards Maroondah Dam. It is one of the few legal routes through the Maroondah catchment area, and is well worth a visit. Remember to bring water for lunch, and something waterproof to wear.

WEEKEND WALKS (CONT.)AUG. 20-22 GRAMPIANS-Golton Gorge-Roses Gap Area MEDIUM

LEADER: Tyrone Thomas
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9 p.m. Sun. 22/8/82
 MAP REF: Horsham 1: 100,000 Nat Map
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 25 km

This walk should co-incide with early spring wildflowers. We will visit a number of off-track points of interest in the Golton Gorge-Roses Gap, area so take jeans for light scrub bashing. Features will include three excellent waterfalls.

AUG. 27-29 SNOW WALK: MT.FEATHERTOP MEDIUM

LEADER: Peter Buchlak
 TRANSPORT: Private
 EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN: 9p.m. Sunday
 MAP REF: Feathertop 1:100,000
 APPROX. DISTANCE: 20 km.

One of Victoria's few unspoiled snow capped peaks, Mt. Feathertop is there to be climbed and enjoyed. The ascent will be made via the ever popular Bungalow Spur and a camp will be made in snow near Federation Hut, a good spot from which to reach the summit and explore surrounding areas. Friday's night camp will be at Freeburg with a rendezvous at the foot of Bungalow Spur on Saturday morning. If you have any questions about snow walking or suitability of equipment you can either ring me or approach any other club member to seek advice.

AUG. 20- SEPT. 3 FLINDEKS RANGES

LEADER: Jopie Bodegraven (80 5654)
 TRANSPORT: Private

This trip has been designed so that people can come either for the first week, which will be generally easy and includes the southern Flinders and Wilpena areas, or for the full 2 weeks which will also include the rugged and beautiful Gammon Ranges and the Arkaroola-Mt. Painter area. The second week involves remoter areas & will be generally medium. The estimated car costs per person assuming 3 per car is \$75 for the 1st week only and \$100 for the full 2 week trip.

The tentative itinerary is as follows :-

Fri. 20th Drive 4 hours and camp
 Sat. 21st Drive to Telowie Gorge and camp
 Sun. 22nd Telowie Gorge, Alligator Gorge, camp at Wilmington.
 Mon. 23rd Warren & Buckaringa Gorges
 Tues. 24-27 Wilpena-Brachina Area
 Sat. 28-30 Gammon Ranges
 Tues. 31-1 Arkaroola-Mt. Painter Area
 Thurs. 2 Arkaroola & drive to Broken Hill
 Fri. 3 Drive to Melbourne

Please let me know as soon as possible if you want to be included.

SUMMER TRIPS

Now is the time to start thinking about & planning your time off for your summer long tiips. Some haven't been thought up yet but here is a list of ones that I am aware of.

Liloing & Canyoning - Wollangambe Canyon & Colo Rivers (Blue Mountains Area)

Dec.26 - Jan 7. Leader: Jopie Bodegraven - Standard Easy

Canyoning-Blue Mouttains

Jan 7-12 Leader Jopie Bodegraven - Standard Medium/Hard

Liloing & Rafting - Snowy River

Dec. 26 - Jan 2 - Leader Bob Douglas

Wonnangatta Base Camp

Dec.28-Jan2 Leader Phil Larkin

Tasmania-South Coast Track-Port Davey Track

Dec.27 - Jan 10. Leader Peter Bullard.

Jopie Bodegraven

ADVANCE NOTICE

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LILOING & CANYONING IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS THIS SUMMER

For all you veterans of Spencer's lilo epics & for those merely interested in beautiful gorges, sunshine, warm water & exciting but easy rapids here is a trip for you. For those who want something tougher and challenging, read on . This trip will be in 3 parts, namely -

Dec.26-Dec.29 - Exploring Wollangambe Canyon, the most pleasant & popular of all the Blue Mountains Canyons, Definitely easy.

Dec.29-Jan.7. Colo River by lilo, a true wilderness trip through wild and beautiful gorge country, but still easy unless you choose to shoot the rapids.

Jan.7-Jan.12 - Medium to hard canyoning; 5 days exploring the spectacular sandstone canyon with wetsuits, lilos & abseiling ropes. We will tackle a selection including Thunder, Claustral, Clatterteeth, Bell Creek, Rocky Creek, Surefire & Tiger Snake Canyons. Only toughies need apply for this one but Dec.26-Jan 2. is quite suitable for anyone so long as they have a lilo and can swim.

It is estimated that car costs will be about \$60-\$70 per person.

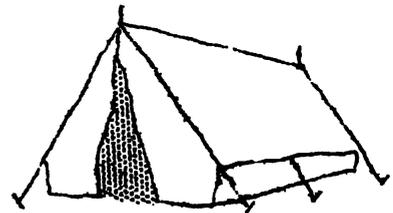
Jopie Bodegraven.

Overheard recently in the Pancake Parlour from Jan L.

"I will play Mum"



ALONG THE TRACK



The ramble thro' southwest Victoria. A smashing time was had by all, (some were smashed as well).

Thanks to our noble co-leader/organiser, Ken McMahon. Lovely chap; kind gentle; always endeavouring to please everyone all of the time. His dirty knees were a bit suspect though.

Friday night - Camped at Mt. Eccles, and had a quick look at Lake Surprise and environs on Saturday morning. Tents erected in serene moonlight.

Saturday - Journeyed on to Cape Bridgewater. A small delay was caused by being lost in Portland. The 'ramblers' sent off at a leisurely pace, discovering the wonders of the petrified forest and the rugged coastline, whilst the fast group disappeared very promptly, not to be seen again until late afternoon at the camp at Swan Lake.

The appreciation of G.W.J.'s Sat. walk is very varied, proving that we have definite individual tastes. The guy with the sprained muscles said it was the worst walk he had ever been on. Other comments were: "G.W.J.'s expert navigation", "The sand was soft, the leader was running". "The incredibly long, hard beach walk which was beautiful and stimulating." "The sinking sand beaches." "The bout of scrub bashing by Grumpy". "G.W.J. to be given duel award of sand hopper/mud hopper." "The dunes would have been better." Apart from the terrain, one poor chap had nappy rash (rubbing undies) and spent all Saturday walking with his legs apart, and with a funny look on his face.

The side trip to Mt. Richmond was well worthwhile. There was a spectacular view from the tower of the coastline - showing our walking/travelling route.

Rain and a poor wood supply put a damper on the camp. Thanks to Andrew (visitor) for chopping wood and helping to coax the fire. What fire!! With 10 billies on it, you couldn't see it.

Sunday - The energetic ones took a walk around Swan Lake. Headed off to Mt. Nelson Park. Views of dunes and beach were superb.

The troops were very happy with the walk along the Glenelg River. What a wonderful spot to visit again, especially with a canoe. Things started to liven up when we arrived at Piccinnie Ponds, the proposed campsite. Dilemma - the area was too marshy to camp. What do you do with 45 bods eager to put up tents, standing on the edge of a muddy road? The footballers were undeterred. Bradley Ratcliffe won 1st, 2nd & 3rd kicking awards, whilst the 4th was given to Peter 'Bullant.'

The outcome was a success. Ken found the campsite (up road, in amongst the scrub), Stan found the water supply, and the people made it an evening to be remembered.

There was much praise and comment about the company. After all it is the 'people who make the place.' Mike Mann was a special feature of the evening exuding his prowess, youth and expertise. The singing group sang with gusto, and was a delight to the ears. Other comments included:

"The interesting people were the highlight of the trip."

"Some titillating attractions were revealed - native and introduced" (flora & people, I think).

"As usual the company was delightful - both the old eccentrics and the many new assets."

Monday - I marvel at the vanity of some males. Overheard at the campsite. (1) "I always sleep in the nude" (2) "Oh, so do I. You never know when a young lady will slip into my tent." (1) Chuckle, Chuckle. "By Jove"

Whilst the frost lay on the ground and we were jumping from foot to foot, most of us ventured up a nearby hill gaining a wonderful view of the ocean and Piccannie Ponds. Hard to beleive, that it goes down and down and down.

The 'ramblers' had a lovely time at Princess Margaget Rose Caves, Jopie took a group over the hills, whilst GWJ followed the coast. More rumblings from this group.

"Beach walk idyllic, until the swamp."

"Fooled again, the Nelson bogs were awaiting our lot."

Whilst some lunched on the jetty others headed for the pub.

After a long snooze on the bus we visited Tower Hill. A fascinating place, marvelled by all.

Certainly a memorable trip.

Edited & Written by Lynn Ratcliffe.

CONGRATULATIONS ::

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To Jan & John Hodges a daughter Carol.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It has just been confirmed that Sir Edmund Hillary is to give four Public Lectures in Australia later this year, one being in Melbourne; at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Monday 13th September, at 8 p.m. (Tickets at door or from all Bass agencies from mid July) Part of the proceeds of the evenings will go towards the Himalayan Trust's schoolbuilding and other activities in Nepal. Tickets \$9 for adults \$7.50 for students and pensioners.

Using colour slides and some dramatic film footage he's to share with us the most memorable moments of his adventure packed life - his 1953 Everest climb, his subsequent climbing, yeti hunting and schoolhouse expeditions in the Himalayas, his journey to the South Pole in converted farm tractors and to the headwaters of the River Ganges in Jet-boats and his recent journey through Tibet with an American expedition attempting the formidable Kanshung face of Everest.

PUBLIC LECTURE - SIR EDMUND HILARY (cont.)

Another highlight of the evenings will be the screening of the film "Beyond Everest" which features some of the recent activities of Sir Edmund and his son Peter in the Everest region: building the twenty second school he has built for the Sherpas, climbing mountains, attending the spectacular Mani Rindu festival, journeying with the yak herds through forests of rhododendrons in full bloom to the yaks' summer pastures at sacred Gokyo Lake and reuniting with countless Sherpa friends. This moving and beautifully photographed film is particularly recommended to all past and future trekkers. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation.

FEDERATION : FEDERATION : FEDERATION :

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The executive of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs have asked for our aid in finding 2 or 3 people willing to help shape the Federation into a more effective force in promoting the interests of walkers and advise as follows :-

"Firstly, we are looking for a person to take care of the conservation matters that are presented to us from time to time. Lack of such a person has led to conservation being more or less neglected. Of course there are other bodies more suited to take action, and so our current policy is to present a low profile on conservation issues, but it is important that we take action when walkers' interests are at stake.

For better communication between Council and Clubs and individuals the newsletter "On Foot" was devised. Unfortunately because no editor is available it has been held indefinitely in abeyance. Again, maybe someone in your Club could help here.

We are also looking for some enthusiastic person - a salesman would be perfect - who would be willing to 'sell' Federation to member Clubs, that is, to encourage Clubs to take more interest and action in Federation affairs.

Finally, we would like to hear your thoughts on Federation, How can Federation serve your Club's particular interests? In what way can Federation help bushwalkers generally? Do you think Federation is performing satisfactorily now? If not, how can things be improved? How will your Club help Federation?

Could you in your Club discuss these matters raised and, afterwards send us your findings?"

Any member of the club who has any thoughts or feelings on the above please contact or speak to ATHOL SCHAFER who is the current President of Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs.

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COMMITTEE NOTES - 5th July, 1982 meeting.

Treasurer - bank balance end June - \$8,485.91.

Accounts totalling \$636.90 passed for payment.

Walks Secretary - May 1982 figures - total of 213 walkers,
169 day walkers, 44 weekenders; comprising
134 members and 79 visitors.
Profit \$142.

Membership - approx. 300 financial members

Social Secretary - 86 people attended "Man from Snowy River"
- decided to offer \$10 prize (gift voucher) for
bushwalkers mastermind.

Duty Roster - 14/7/82 - Neil Priestly, Bob Steel
21/7/82 - Glen Sanders, Neil Priestly
28/7/82 - Les Kresfeld, Gail Pearson
4/8/82 - Phil Larkin, Robyn Haby.

Next Committee Meeting - 2nd August, 1982.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SNOW CAMPING

Theory night for snow camping to be held by S.T.A.V. (Ski Touring Association of Victoria) on 2nd August, 1982 at 8 p.m. in their meeting rooms - API Theatre, 9th Floor, 152 Elizabeth St., Melb. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS WELCOME.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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CHANGES OF MEMBERS INFORMATION

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed. 21st July - Bushwalkers Master Mind, Clubrooms, 8 p.m.
Mon. 2nd Aug. - Snow Theory Night S.T.A.V. 8 p.m.
2nd Aug. - Committee Meeting
Wed. 4th Aug. - Slides - Lower Gordon - Talk by Les Southwall
4th Aug. - Deadline for News.
Sat. 7th Aug. - Historical Walkabout - Fitzroy area.
Mon. 13th Sept. - Sir Edmund Hilary Lecture & Film
Wed. 6th Oct. - Auction of all your unused equipment
Not to forget all those forthcoming summer trips.

FROM THE EDITOR -- My thanks to Les Kresfeld for arranging for the membership list to be typed.

NEWS ITEMS can be deposited in Red Box in Clubrooms or posted to 2 Keats St., Elwood. 3184.