

## Tablelands Bushwalking Club Walks Program

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Tablelands Bushwalking Club Inc

### Committee Members

President:	Sally McPhee	4096 6026
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**Membership Fees:** For all members 18 years or more there is a joining fee of \$15.00  
After that the Tablelands Bushwalking Club offers:

- Ordinary membership (individual) – where the appropriate joining fee has been paid, including voting rights if aged 18 or more - \$25.00.
- Family membership – where the appropriate joining fee has been paid, membership of a family unit covering the parent/s and dependent children and students under the age of 18, with voting rights limited to the parent/s of the family unit - \$50.00

**Trip membership (visitor):** membership of an individual only for the duration of a single trip, excluding any voting rights - \$5.00

**Standard Requirements:** Boots, high gaiters, sock protectors, hat, sun block, morning and afternoon tea and lunch, at least 2 litres of water, whistle, personal first aid kit. Standard requirements apply to all the walks.

**Name Tags:** These are issued when you join the club. Please attach them to your pack or carry them with you so that you can be identified as a club member.

**Departure Times:** The times given in the program are departure times. Please ensure that you are at the meeting place at least 10 minutes prior to leaving time to sign in, car pool etc.

**Members:** Members must sign the *Trip Sheet* to meet insurance requirements. Members are required to take reasonable care to avoid activities that expose the Club to unreasonable risk of loss or risk of liability, and avoid exposing any person, including other participants in an activity, to unreasonable risk of injury or risk of loss. Members are to carry first aid items and safety equipment as prescribed by the Club. Members are responsible for determining if they are capable of doing an activity, and are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing, based on personal judgement and their own level of risk acceptance. Before any activity starts, members are to notify the activity leader of any medical condition or other condition that could impact on their ability to safely complete the activity.

**Non-Members:** Non-members are asked to sign an *Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations* form before setting out on a club activity to ensure that the activity is within their capabilities, they have food, water and the necessary equipment appropriate for the activity.

**Leaders:** Activity leaders are to determine the grading (a guide to the degree of technical difficulty and the level of fitness required) applied to a particular activity. Leaders are to have authority to reject nominees for an activity, and cancel or vary the activity. The leader has the right to refuse a walker he/she thinks does not meet the club's requirements.

**Walkers:** Consider offering to help with fuel costs if you are accepting a lift to or from a walk.

**If a Walking Trip is Delayed – What Your Emergency Contact Needs to Know:** Occasionally trips are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Before leaving on a Tablelands Bushwalking Club (TBC) outing you should tell your emergency contact (family member or friend) where you are going and give them a copy of the phone numbers of the Committee Members as members of the Management Committee will be the Contact Officers.

Contact should be with any member of the Tablelands Bushwalking Club Management Committee. The phone numbers of the committee members are found at the beginning of the Walks Program or the Newsletter. Move down the list until you find someone at home.

If there were a situation that required a search or rescue, members of the Committee would liaise with experienced walkers within TWC and with the Police and SES. They will also hold membership details for all TBC members, including the name of a family member or friend to contact in case of delay or emergency.

## Walks Program April - June

Standard requirements needed on all walks unless otherwise stated.

Be aware of weather conditions at this time of year. If you think a walk might not go ahead please contact the leader the night before.

Also take enough water in these hot conditions. An electrolyte should be part of your standard equipment.

### April Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> –Ivan Evans and Green Arrow

First we can do the short hillside circuit along the Ivan Evans walk at Bayview Heights. This begins with a climb to a lookout and steep switchbacks back into the valley. Takes approximately 1 hour. The second walk will be up part of the Red Arrow, along the Blue Arrow and then down the Green Arrow. Takes approximately 3 hours. Moderate but there are lots of steps and ups and downs. Depart IGA car park on Toogood Road at 8.30am. **Contact Marilyn Czarnecki 0409 066 076 or 40541151.**

### April Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wharton's Lookout & Carrington Falls

Moderate walk mostly along a track. Approximately 6km with a climb of 250m to an elevation of 1080m. Great views of the Tablelands. Swim optional at top of falls. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton 8.30 am. **Contact Christine Chambers 0407 344 456.**

### April Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Stewarts Head

Moderate/hard walk in undulating hills along old mining trails in the Herberton Hills before a climb to Stewart Head. Views. Historic area. Some short steep sections. One section through long grass and rocks. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton, 8.00 am or Herberton Mining Museum 8.15 am.

**Contact Sally McPhee 4096 6026.**

### April Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Backpack

Moderate overnight backpack from the sugar mill, past Walsh's Bluff and Mt Emerald to Anderson Road. Approximately 16 kilometres total but with a couple of steep pinches. Grab a friend to share a tent and cooking or do your own thing. Camp by a small stream Saturday night. Standard requirements plus camping gear (tent, small stove, sleeping mat, food etc). **Please let Sally know if you are attending by Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April so we can organise cars.** **Contact Sally McPhee 4096 6026.**

### April Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Bump Rock

For those not backpacking a walk to Bump Rock to meet the backpackers and drive them out. Moderate to hard walk in the hills behind Tolga. Follow an old road up a steep climb for a few kilometres before dropping to a saddle and then climbing into the hills near Mt Emerald. Climb of 600-800 metres over the course of the day. No water available on the walk. Depart Tolga P.O at 8.30am. **Contact Travis Teske 4056 1761**

### May Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Oggs Brow

Hard walk of 11 kilometres starting the day with a 400 metre climb above Emerald Creek Falls to the morning tea spot. Mostly open wooded country with great views to surrounding Mareeba area. This walk hasn't been done since 2010 so it will be type of reccie. One large sloping granite rock face to be scaled. Standard requirements plus possibility of a swim at the end of the day. Depart from the corner of Kennedy Highway and Tinaroo Creek Road (opposite Southedge Seeds) at 8.00 am. **Contact Sally McPhee 4096 6026.**

### May Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Cardwell Camp

**Friday** - Travel Cardwell independently. Overnight Kookaburra Caravan Park camping, caravanning or Villa accommodation.

**Saturday** - Depart 8.00 am Kookaburra Caravan Park to travel by bus to far end of Dalrymple Gap Track. The track is 8 km and follows an old road passing through dry forest and shady forests of ferns and palms. May be opportunities for a swim. The bus will collect us at the eastern trailhead.

**Sunday** - Carpool and head to Wallaman Falls which are the tallest single drop in Australia. There are several kilometres of unsealed road. A steep 1 kilometre trail zigzags down the face of the gorge through rainforest to the base of the falls. There is also a Rock Pool track near the day use area. There is a campground at Wallaman Falls for those wishing to stay the night or return to Cardwell for the night or home. The cost of the bus will depend on the numbers but with a subsidy from the club, the individual cost should be no more than \$12.00. Those coming need to book accommodation at the caravan park.

**Contact Marilyn Czarnecki 0409 066 076.**

**May Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Mt Aunt & Mt Abbott**

Easy climb of 100 m. Grade is moderate. Cross country where the grass could be long. About 3 to 4 km. Good views. After Mt Aunt, travel by car 5.5 km further along Chewko Road for another short climb up Mt Abbott. Depart Walkamin Store at 8.30 am or 8.45 at 1189 Chewko Road. **Contact Patricia Veivers 4095 4642.**

**May Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Chillagoe Station - Car Camp.**

A weekend of walks in the Chillagoe Station area. You will need a high clearance or 4Xwheel drive Vehicle. Not suitable for caravans. Depart Dimbulah Railway Station area 9.00am. **Contact Mike & Glenda Brooks 0427954559.**

**June Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Wondecla Bluff**

Moderate walk of approximately 8 km. Maximum elevation of 985 m with a climb of 80 m. Large rock formation with great views. Cross Flaggy Creek, steady climb cross country through dry open woodland along ridge. Part circuit walk, visiting Mill Creek on return. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton. 8:30 am **Contact Philip Murray 0456995458.**

**June Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Mt Klaatsch Circular Walk**

To top of Mt Klaatsch over Hammer Hill and then back a different way for a distance of approximately 11km. Hard to moderate walk with first leg over rough ground, loose rocks and dry grass with a climb of 165 m to top of Mt Klaatsch. Good views from the top. Second leg is a steep descent off Mt Klaatsch and across country to access road. Easy walk along road. Dry, scrubby open forest on stony ridges. Bring good supply of water. Takes about 6 hours. Walk starts off Silver Valley Road. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton at 8.00am. Those wanting to meet in Herberton meet in the usual place just after that. **Contact Jeannie Whittaker 4057 9303.**

**June Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Empress Avenue to Cherry Tree Creek**

Easy walk following old forestry roads of approximately 9km which should take about 4½ hours Pleasant open forest. Starting height 950 m, Empress Avenue end. Road follows ridges up and down to a maximum height of 1145 m before descending to 980 m at the junction of the Atherton – Herberton Road at the top of the range. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton at 8.00am. **Contact Travis Teske 4056 1761.**

**June Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Mt Clotten**

Moderate to hard walk along old track in the Silver Valley area. A long gradual walk up to the top. Can be easily done with stops. About 12km in length return. Old mine just off the top. Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton 8.00am. Those wanting to meet in Herberton meet in the usual place just after that. **Contact Travis Teske 4056 1761.**

**June Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Bakerville to Silver Valley**

Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton 8.00 am. Drive to Bakerville, then a car shuffle which will take an hour. Short easy walk 11 Km along 4WD track over Mt Nolan and past the Nolans workings. Steep descent in places down from Mt Nolan. Another car shuffle at the end. **Contact Malcolm Wyburn 0428 913 512.**

**July Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gibb Creek Gorge**

Depart Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton at 7.30am or 8.00am Mt St Bernard's, Herberton. Drive to Irvinebank. Swimming. Moderate walk. Some rock hopping up the creek. **Contact Sally McPhee 4096 6026.**