

The Tablelands Bushwalking Club

Walks Program – January – March 2018



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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 on our Newsletters. 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.

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Standard requirements needed on all walks unless otherwise stated.

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

For all departure times and places please contact
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January Wednesday 10th – Peets Falls

3km walk to bottom of falls to first swimming area. Two other levels to swim at also, a bit higher up the creek. Grade easy first 3 km, then moderate. Return same way.

January Sunday 14th – Tinaroo Creek

Short, relatively easy walk (though a short steep climb down and back for 15 mins) to Tinaroo Creek to start the year. Enjoy a swim and wander up and down the creek exploring. Shorter day. Swimmers.

January Wednesday 24th – Davies Creek

This fairly short, easy to moderate walk will commence at the Davies Creek picnic area, and, presuming that the creek is not under flood conditions, will follow the creek upstream (some rock-hop/scramble) to the base of the waterfall, where we can swim. Options available for return trip, depending on weather and/or interest. Possibly take to the hills to reach the top of the falls (another swimming opportunity), return via the creek or the road, with a last swimming opportunity close to the cars.

January Friday – Sunday 26th – 28th – Bill's Hut Petford

Gather at Bill's Hut for a social weekend for members and family. Walk if you want or sit under a tree. There is a map in the hut with tracks marked or plan your own walk. Hopefully there will be water in the creek. There could be Marsh Flies at this time of the year. The best defence is LONG clothes. Bill's Hut is for the use of Club Members and visitors accompanied by a member. The hut is on private land and all care should be taken to keep the hut and surrounds neat and tidy.

February Wednesday 7th – Mandarin Rock

Moderate walk in Davies Creek area. Part circuit with undulations cross country and some track, encompassing Townsend Pass, Mandarin and Tank Rock. Magnificent open forest with large rock features. Concluding with swim near node two. Estimated length 7km.

February Sunday 11th – McKenzie Falls

Travel cross country in the Tumoulin area along old forestry trails and then through the bush to a great set of water falls for lunch and a swim. Moderate walk but with one climb and several spots where we push through scratchy, overgrown vegetation. Three creek crossings. Swimming gear.

February Wednesday 21st – Tumoulin

Moderate 14 km walk along 4WD forest trails. Several creek crossings. Lunch and swim at Ravenshoe Sportsground swimming hole.

February Sunday 25th – False Cape

Easy to moderate walk. Walk to fort on False Cape and then back along the beach. If time, walk to Bessie Falls.

March Wednesday 7th - Local walk of Atherton

Easy walk along an Environmental Trail and following tracks through rainforest and the open countryside. Approximately 7km. Walk through a crater to the top of Halloran Hill.

March Sunday 11th – Maria's Waterfall and Hope of Atherton Mine

Moderate walk behind Maria's property. Walk uphill through forest and rainforest before lunch and downhill on old 4WD track after lunch. Long clothes and secateurs recommended.

March Wednesday 21st - Thomas' Track

Easy walk along old logging track used by Thomas Brothers to bring cattle from Boar Pocket Road to their slaughter yard in Gordonvale. Walk from Boar Pocket to just above Gillies Highway. On the way back we will detour to the SFS Centre for Rainforest Studies where we will be given a talk about their work.

March Sunday 25th – Bare Hill

Bare Hill summit via the northern spur. Easy to moderate walk. Mostly uphill with an ascent to 430m. Open forest with some large boulders towards the top. Great views. Approximately 6km.

March/April Easter Friday – Monday 30th – 2nd - Bill's Hut Petford

Gather at Bill's Hut for a social weekend for members and family. Walk if you want or sit under a tree. There is a map in the hut with tracks marked or plan your own walk. Hopefully there will be water in the creek. There could be Marsh Flies at this time of the year. The best defence is LONG clothes. Bill's Hut is for the use of Club Members and visitors accompanied by a member. The hut is on private land and all care should be taken to keep the hut and surrounds neat and tidy.

April Wednesday 4th – Formartine Forest Reserve

Easy to moderate walk of about 7km. Many undulations. Some more than others but can be done by all. All walk is on track through open country plus some rainforest.