

The Tablelands Bushwalking Club

Walks Program – July September 2017



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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.

July Sunday 2nd – Mt Wallum

Moderate to hard walk to get to Mt Wallum from a different way. All along tracks in the Herberton hills. Some steep sections. Approximately 14km.

July Wednesday 12th – Deadman's Gully

A moderate circuit walk of approximately 8km undulating cross country through dry open woodland, following the water course of Deadman Gully, Wild River and Basalt Creek, with a diversion of a small climb to lunch stop. May be opportunity for swim.

July Sunday 16th – Petford

Go on a moderate walk after morning tea returning mid-late afternoon. Sunday we will depart 8.00am for another walk exploring the area before returning to the camp after lunch which allows time to pack and return home.

I will bring flour and yeast but could each walker/guest bring a pizza ingredient- mushrooms, capsicums, tomato paste, cheese etc as Saturday's night meal will be a shared wood fired pizza. Non walkers welcome for the week-end if you just want to relax.

July Wednesday 26th – Ho Chi Minh

Moderate grade. 600m climb. Mostly open going, great views west. If time permits, exploration toward Mt Fraser summit. About 6-7 hrs return. High clearance vehicle preferable.

July Sunday 30th – Rainy Mountain

This is not a long walk but there are some steep sections. Through rainforest and along old logging tracks. Reach a height of 753m. Unfortunately no views just a walk through the rainforest.

August Wednesday 9th – Goldsborough Track

Walk part of the Goldsborough Track for about 9km to causeway and beyond to Kraft Creek towards Coronation Hill.

August Sunday 13th – Trig Point

A walk through the Dinden State Forest. Moderate to hard walk through open forest, grass and rocky patches and some steep places. Good views all around. Approximately 10km.

August Wednesday 23rd – McKenna's Nerada Valley

This is an easy rambling walk in open country, a couple of swimming opportunities including a wonderful view of the Nerada Valley. Approximately 4 hours walk through paddocks, will need gaiters, swimmers and plenty of drinking water.

August Sunday 27th – Nandroya & Mungalli Falls

Easy to moderate walk along a path on an approximate 7 km circuit. Chance for a swim at Silver Falls and Nandroya Falls.

September Wednesday 6th – Mt Whitfield

Mt. Whitfield from the wild side. Moderate to hard walk with climb following creek to forest, meeting Blue arrow track, then onto Mt. Whitfield summit via Green arrow track. Steady downhill return via Blue and Red arrow to trailhead at Collins Ave, continue onto boardwalk and freshwater lake arriving back at Chinese Pagoda. Estimated Length 7km.

September Sunday 10th – Banksia Hill Sally

Moderate walk in the hills between Atherton and Herberton. Walk downhill on a dirt road and then follow the Walsh River for a swim at lunchtime before we wander uphill through open woodland country. Partly cross country and partly on motorbike trails. Some long grass and a small amount of rock hopping in places. All wheel drive or high clearance vehicle preferable.

September Wednesday 20th – Spring Creek

A moderate walk involving quite a lot of rock-hopping, some rock-scrambling and ledge-walking, and some creek crossings. The destination is a large pool below the waterfall, and plenty of time for photography and swimming. Lots of mosquitoes at the beginning/end of the walk. (Bring repellent and swimmers. As the last bit of road can be rough, high clearance vehicles are a good option.) This walk is dependent on dry weather.

September Sunday 24th – Nettle Creek

Easy walk, 14Km but all flat. Walk from Innot Hot Springs beside the dredge channel down to the remains of the dredge. Then back along a 4WD track.

October Sunday 8th – AGM (Place to be advised)

Your chance to have your say about the clubs direction and elect new office bearers. BBQ following the meeting. The club will supply steak/sausages but please bring a salad or dessert to share.