

The Tablelands Bushwalking Club

Walks Program – July September 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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July Sunday 1st – Drovers Hut, Hann Tableland

Moderate, hard walk of approx. 15 kilometres with a 350 metres ascent and decent. Follow old roads and cattle pads through dry woodland to lunch beside derelict hut near small pool. Great views across the valley over Boyle Creek.

July Wednesday 11th – McLeod Hills.

Experience the thrill of ascending a rhyolite scree slope as we clamber up Mt White via an old mining track and then along a shallow ridge to see an unusual formation of rainforest. From here the walk is untracked and rocky, uneven and grassy underfoot. Fantastic views to the east towards Mareeba and west towards Dimbulah. Nearly all day you'll experience unrelenting sunshine, great humour, the odd plant identification and vast and varied vegetation types. Maximum elevation gain is 200m on this 8km foray. Graded moderately hard.

July Sunday 15th – Mt Nesbit

Moderate/Hard walk. Gordonvale area. Views of Coral Sea. Swim above Bessie Falls. MUST HAVE good boots, hat, gaiters, 2 litres water as no water available until after lunch. Half hour drive to start of walk. Finish mid-afternoon.

July Wednesday 25th – Mt Yarrabah

The main walk is to the top of Mt Yarrabah along an unsealed roadway to a communication tower. The walk will start from near the highest point of the road going up the hill towards the Yarrabah community east of Cairns. There is no bush-bashing on this walk, but there are some rather steep sections of roadway. On a clear day, the views from the top are spectacular, taking in the Mulgrave Valley, the Cairns Inlet, the coastlines north and south, as well as Fitzroy Island, Bessie Falls, and Pine Creek Falls. This is a short walk only - but graded "moderate" due to the steepness of the climb. If we are keen for more walking on the day, it is possible to add on a walk out to the gunning batteries at nearby False Cape (with the possibility of a swim in the sea), or a short walk to Bessie Falls.

July Sunday 29th – Bare Hill

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

September Wednesday 5th – 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.

September Sunday 9th – Towalla Crossing,

Moderate though longer walk of approximately 18km along historic miners trail to the Russell River for lunch and a swim. Rainforest walk with several creek crossing. Standard requirement plus swimmers.

September Wednesday 19th – Prairie Creek/Balancing Rock

Moderate Walk. Meander through undulating dry open woodland on this part circuit walk following creeks and cross country, featuring large rock formations, lemon scented gum, Cyprus pines and ironbark etc. Opportunity for swim. Length 7km.

September Sunday 23rd – Huntsbrook Creek

Moderate/hard walk in the Mulgrave Valley. Follow beautiful Huntsbrook Creek downhill towards the Mulgrave River, swimming along the way. Return same way so 300 metre climb back to highway. Swimming opportunities on the return trip. Standard requirements plus swimmers.

October Wednesday 3rd – Rocks On –Tinaroo

Moderate walk in the hills behind Barrabadeen Camp at Tinaroo but climb of approximately 300 metres over the day. Then along ridge tops in beautiful open forest. Great views. Steep descent through rocks back to road. Approximately 8km. Swim in Tinaroo Dam after the walk.