



Summer Program 2020-21

SYDNEY BUSH WALKERS INC

Covid-19 Updates & Conditions

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic the conditions which activities are operating under may differ from usual, and are changing regularly with government advice.
Please refer to <https://www.sbw.org.au/SBW-Activities-Program> for current information.

WALKS GRADING

Day Walk:

A day walk means walking all day - the walks usually start at 8:00am and finish by dark. Often we have dinner afterwards.

Weekend Walk:

A weekend walk may start Friday night and camp at the start or early Saturday morning. On the first day, the party usually gets to camp after 3:00pm and before dark, (hopefully). Happy hour occurs before dinner and is a time when party members share 'nibbles'. The next day's walking could start between first light and 9:00am, usually 8:00 to 8:30am. We usually get back to the cars between early afternoon and dark. After dark finishes do happen, however they are usually not planned for. Often a dinner is arranged at a venue on the way home.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

The Grading System is shown at the bottom of each page and has 4 categories: (D)istance, (F)itness, (A)scent, (T)errain and (E)xposure

Distance S < 10km, M 10-19km, L 20-30km, X >30km; Fitness 1-3; Ascent 1-3; Terrain 1-3; Exposure

D - Distance:	S Short - under 10 km per day
	M Medium - 10 - 20 km per day
	L Long - 20 - 30 km per day
	X Extra Long - more than 30 km per day
F - Fitness:	1 Beginners - frequent long rest breaks
	2 Intermediate - stand up regroup, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea breaks, stops for views
	3 Strenuous, fit walkers only - short regroup, short meal breaks, potentially fast paced
A - Ascent:	1 Flat to undulating
	2 Undulating with one or more 200m to 300m climbs
	3 Climbs of 300m plus, or one or more large steep climbs
T - Terrain:	1 Formed tracks and / or open terrain, no scrub
	2 Sections of rough track and / or off track and/or creek crossing and / or rock scrambling
	3 Similar to 2 for long periods and / or thick scrub
E - Exposure:	Mild to high exposure to heights (yes or no)

Note that some walks may involve an **exploratory** component where the leader is exploring a new area or feature.

Q - Qualifying: Prospective members note that qualifying walks are indicated on the program with a Q

IMPORTANT: All Q walks require a good level of fitness. It is advisable that new members do a number of easier walks with the club prior to applying for a Q rated walk.

NPWS Party Limits WILDERNESS AREAS: 8 persons OTHER NATIONAL PARK AREAS: 20 persons	DEADLINES FOR AUTUMN 2021 PROGRAM Period: Autumn 2020-21 (Mar/Apr/May) Deadline: Monday 2 Feb
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Walker Guidelines – before the walk

1. If you wish to participate in a programmed activity, contact leaders with reasonable notice. We recommend that weekend walks should be booked a week in advance and day walks should be booked by the Tuesday prior to the weekend of the walk. Many leaders send out walk information early in the week leading up to the walk, and later signups cause them additional work. At minimum, no later than 2 days before a day activity and 4 days before a full weekend activity.
2. Inform the leader of your level of experience and ability, and also any factor that may impair your walking. The suitability of any person taking part in a club activity is entirely at the discretion of the leader. Leaders may refuse to take any person on activities irrespective of whether that person is a member or not.
3. Leaders may cancel an activity if there are insufficient participants (less than 4) or if circumstances are likely to make conditions unsafe.
4. Advise the leader early if you have to withdraw from the activity as this allows someone on a waiting list to go.
5. Visitors are only permitted with the express permission of the leader.

Walker Guidelines – on the day

1. Arrive on time. Leaders and vehicles (at their discretion) will only wait 15 minutes.
2. Ensure you're adequately equipped for the activity and all possible conditions with suitable clothing, hat, rain gear, sunscreen, food, sufficient water for the conditions (typically minimum of 2L), First Aid kit, torch and appropriate footwear. Check the club's website and New Members' booklet for details.
3. You will need to sign the activity sheet, after noting any hazards/risks that the leader will have indicated may be encountered. If you have any questions, ASK!
4. Let the leader know if you are taking any medication or have a medical condition that may require treatment.
5. Be prepared to follow the leader's directions. They are volunteers but will have experience.
6. Walk together - this enhances group safety. Always keep sight of the person ahead - if you're having trouble keeping up, you need to stop for water, a blister repair, rest or toilet break, TELL the leader. Never leave the party or fall behind the "tail".
7. Allow sufficient space to ensure that you are not injured by branches flicking back or pressuring the pace of the person ahead.
8. On activities of more than one day you will have to provide your own camping gear. Prospective Members can borrow camping gear from the SBW Gear Officer: gearofficer@sbw.org.au
9. We expect walkers to be prepared and self-sufficient.
10. Carry out all rubbish. Minimum impact is our aim: "Take only photographs, leave only footprints".
11. Have a sense of adventure and humour handy!
12. Leave a record of your intentions with a responsible person. All walkers should advise relatives/friends that they may return home later than planned due to unforeseen circumstances. Emphasise that they should wait ~15 hours after your expected return before becoming concerned.

PLEASE NOTE: All participants, including visitors, are reminded that they join in activities as volunteers. Your fitness is your responsibility. Bushwalking and other activities on our program have associated risks including but not limited to the risk of accidental injury. All persons joining in any activities of the Sydney Bush Walkers Inc. accept sole responsibility for any injury howsoever incurred and the Sydney Bush Walkers Inc., its office bearers and appointed leaders are absolved from any liability in respect of any injury or damage suffered whilst engaging in any such activity.

Legend	
Colour Codes	Abbreviations
Day Q Walk	NP: National Park
Overnight Q Walk	SF: State Forest
Social Activity	NR: Nature Reserve
Extended Walk	RP: Regional Park
Any other Activity	SCA: State Conservation Area

All Map scales are 1:25000 unless otherwise specified.

Electronic topographic maps can be found on

- <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/etopo.html> – select the map name from the drop-down list
- <https://maps.ozultimate.com/> - enter the Map Name into the search button on the right-hand side

Advance Notice and Extended Walks	
Fri 4 Dec - Sun 6 Dec	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Blue Mountains creek scrambling & canyoning [TRIP FULL] Maps: Jenolan, Katoomba</p> <p>3 x day trips with car camping. Day 1 – Galong Creek, Megalong Valley (creek walking and scrambling around waterfalls) – subject to landowner permissions. May do an afternoon run through Empress canyon if time permits. Day 2 Ashcroft Ravine (some scrambling to exit) Day 3 – Fortress canyon. Suitable for moderately experienced canyoneers (limit of 6). Partly exploratory. Drive to Megalong valley Thursday night. [TRIP FULL] Grade: S223E</p>
Xmas/NY	There are also some longer walks in the main program around this time
Mon 28 Dec - Fri 1 Jan	<p>Kosciuszko NP - Celebrate NYE on top of Mount Kosciusko Maps: Youngal, Perisher Valley, Kosciusko Alpine Area ORG</p> <p>Hannels Spur has been on my radar for many years. Snow blocked my attempt back in October so I'm heading back and this time adding in NYE on top of Mount Kosciusko.</p> <p>Day 1: Meet at Thredbo and car share to Geehi Flat Campground and head up Hannels Spur - very steep and very overgrown with many fallen trees. Camp Bayatts camp. Long tough day.</p> <p>Day 2: Out to Abbots Ridge and then onto the Main Range to camp near Mount Sentinel - option to climb up Mount Sentinel. Classic Main Range.</p> <p>Day 3: Check out Watsons Crags Mount Twynam, Headley Tarn, Blue Lake and push up to camp on the Rams Head Range. Med off track</p> <p>Day 4: Leisurely walk to Mount Kosciusko. New Year celebrations.</p> <p>Day 5: Head back to Thredbo via the North and South Rams Heads and the Thredbro River Trail - be prepared for a late finish.</p> <p>Party limit and may be an option to extend to finish 2nd Jan Grade: M233</p>
Mon 28 Dec - Sat 2 Jan	<p>Kosciuszko NP - Main Range Ramble Maps: Jagungal, Geehi Dam, Perisher Valley</p> <p>A great post-Christmas walk taking in some of the best of the Snowy Mountains alpine areas. A mid/late morning start from Mungyang (Guthega Power Station) – Schlink Pass/Hut – Mt Gungartan – Kerries Ridge – Mawsons Hut – Mt Jagungal – Tarn Bluff – Tin Hut – Gungartan Saddle – Schlink Pass – Rolling Ground – Little Twynam – Guthega. Walking will be mainly off-track and the route/duration may vary depending upon prevailing conditions. Fit and suitably prepared Prospective Members with multi-day full pack prior walking experience are welcome. Car shuffle required. Party limit Grade: L232-Q</p>

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<p>Sat 9 Jan - Thu 14 Jan</p>	<p>Kosciuszko NP - Another Main Range Ramble Maps: Geehi Dam, Perisher Valley, Youngal The purpose of this walk is to visit many of the highest points on mainland Australia including all 16 over 2100m – now, the “official” list is open for debate however we will make our own list and stick to that – over 5-6 days walking along the Main Range. Fit and suitably prepared Prospective Members with multi-day full pack prior walking experience are welcome. Car shuffle required. Party limit. Grade: L233</p>
<p>23-26 Jan</p>	<p>For extended Australia Day weekend trips see the main program</p>
<p>Fri 26 Feb - Sun 14 Mar</p>	<p>Numerous - NE NSW canyoning trip Maps: Numerous Exploratory trip heading up the north coast starting at Barrington Tops through to Coffs Harbour, then into the hinter and table lands for some of the ‘big’ canyons in these areas. Car camping in NPs throughout. Experienced canyoners only (& limit of 6). Mixture of double & single rope technique. Drive to Barrington on Day 1 (Friday). Grade: S333E</p>
<p>Sat 15 May - Sat 22 May</p>	<p>Lord Howe Island [TRIP FULL] Maps: Lord Howe Island Calling for expressions of interest. Lord Howe Island trip for bushwalkers with interest in flora and fauna. I will engage a prominent island expert to include lectures, guided bushwalks, low tide reef walk, recognising endemic plants and bird watching. You can also enjoy your own walks, cycling, kayaking and snorkelling. The trip package includes flights, accommodation and meals. Be quick as accommodation is filling up very fast on the island. Joint walk with The Bush Club. Grade: M222, Various km / various climbs</p>
<p>Sun 30 May - Tue 15 Jun</p>	<p>West MacDonnell NP - Larapinta Trail 2021 Maps: Larapinta Trail Map Pack Expressions of interest are sought from suitably prepared and compatible walkers with previous multi-day full pack experience for a 14 day adventure in June 2021 along the Larapinta Trail as it meanders through the spectacular and remote West MacDonnell Ranges. Our walk is approx. 250km will start from the west at Redbank Gorge before ascending Mt Sonder (1379m) and then heading east to Alice Springs through an amazing array of arid landscapes. Food drops will be organised. Deposit will be required on nomination to secure pre/post walk accommodation and transfers. Return flights to Alice Springs will need to be booked early. Walk will proceed subject to any future Covid-19 impediments. Party limit = 6. Grade: L232E</p>
<p>Sat 5 Jun - Sat 12 Jun</p>	<p>Lord Howe Island #2 Maps: Lord Howe Island After a large response to the May trip, here is a second trip! Calling for expressions of interest. Lord Howe Island trip for bushwalkers with interest in flora and fauna. I will engage a prominent island expert to include lectures, guided bushwalks, low tide reef walk, recognising endemic plants and bird watching. You can also enjoy your own walks, cycling, kayaking and snorkelling. The trip package includes flights, accommodation and meals. Be quick as accommodation is filling up very fast on the island. Joint walk with The Bush Club Grade: M222, Various km / various climbs</p>
<p>Sat 12 Jun - Sat 19 Jun</p>	<p>West MacDonnell NP - Larapinta Trail Maps: Larapinta Trail Map Pack Selected highlights of this iconic walk in the West MacDonnell National Park. If other commitments prevent you from walking end-to-end, this alternative may be for you! We will walk for 7 or 8 days (tbc), cover about half of the total Larapinta Trail distance, include landmarks such as Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Ormiston Gorge and Mount Sonder. Transfers between sections, and food drops, will be arranged. Deposit required to confirm a place. You will need to have previous experience of multi-day, full pack hiking. Party limit. Trip will proceed subject to any future COVID-19 restrictions. Grade: M232</p>

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<p>Sat 26 Jun - Sun 11 Jul</p>	<p>Nitmiluk NP, Litchfield NP - Jatbula Trail, Katherine Gorge, Tabletop Track [TRIP FULL] This is a combination of three walks, all new to me. The Jatbula Trail offers a unique cultural and wilderness experience. We will follow a route travelled by generations of Jawoyn people from Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge to Leliyn (Edith Falls). Expect stunning scenery, waterfalls and Jawoyn rock art. We will then explore the Katherine Gorge system and surrounding escarpment. The Tabletop Track walk takes us through woodlands, across creek lines and to scenic waterfalls and pools. Each day, we will enjoy abundant reward for effort. Experienced multi-day walkers only this time.[Trip Full] Grade: M223E</p>
<p>Fri 5 Nov - Sun 28 Nov</p>	<p>Nepal - Nepal Trekking - Annapurna Sanctuary, Khopra Ridge and Poon Hill Maps: Nepal Map Publisher Annapurna Base Camp 1:50,000; Himalayan Map House, Around Annapurna 1:100,000 Three-week trek to Annapurna Base Camp, Khopra Ridge, Poon Hill. This is an exact repeat of the successful walks to the same area in October/November 2017, 2018 and 2019. Want to trek in Nepal but unsure of your tolerance to high altitude? Not keen to face the extreme cold of Everest Base Camp? Want to know before you start that you will be led by a Sherpa guide who is known, trusted, resourceful, highly competent and experienced? Already been to Everest Base Camp and want to get up close and personal to Dhaulagiri (world's 7th highest mountain), Annapurna 1 (10th highest), the sacred Machhapuchhre (Fish Tail Mountain) and many others on a walk considered more spectacular than the Everest trek? This may be the walk for you. This teahouse trek (no camping) will visit Annapurna Sanctuary and Annapurna Base Camp, Poon Hill and the little-visited Khopra ridge. Maximum compulsory altitude is 4130m. Total cost is surprisingly modest. Party limit. This walk depends on several contingencies, including an effective COVID-19 vaccine having become widely available and applied in Australia and Nepal, travel insurance and relevant air tickets being widely available at reasonable prices, no quarantine required for Nepal or Australia, flight schedules being reliable etc. Grade: M232, Grade varies day-to-day. M232 and M222 are typical.</p>

Regular Activities	
<p>Tuesdays and/or Thursdays</p>	<p>Stair Training at The Rocks Please note at times there will be alternative leaders for this activity. Check the SBW Integrated Program for the particular evening's details. This is an opportunity to build fitness and strength for those upcoming walks with some midweek interval training. We'll climb 7 to 9 sets of stairs from 1 to 4 times each. You decide how many times and the pace that each set of stairs is climbed. Some walk up the stairs, others jog and a few bound. Between each set of stairs we walk together and chat whilst enjoying the night time scenery of The Rocks and Barangaroo.</p>

Additional Expenses	
<p>TRAVEL: SBW recommends fuel travel costs are recovered at 30 cents per kilometre shared by all the occupants in the vehicle, including the driver/owner. Drivers may however suggest any amount they believe appropriate. There may be other expenses such as tolls & park entry fees. In non-Covid times we encourage car sharing, it is environmentally friendly, helps with driver fatigue and it is a good way to get to know other club members.</p> <p>ABSEILING/CANYONING: On abseiling trips, fees may be charged for use of the ropes.</p>	

Summer Program Activities	
Mid Week	
Thu 3 Dec	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA</p> <p>Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details.</p> <p>Grade: S222E</p>
Thu 3 Dec	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Ku-ring-gai Chase Figure Eight Circuit Maps: Hornsby</p> <p>A mix of track (Gibberagong and Murrua Tracks), small pads, and off-track walking as we head from North Wahroonga towards Bobbin Head, then loop back via a couple of off-track ridges, cross and re-cross Cockle Creek and eventually find our way back to the cars. Plenty of exercise and plenty of fun. Joint walk with The Bush Club.</p> <p>Grade: M222</p>
5-6 December	
Sat 5 Dec Q	<p>Centennial Park - Basic Skills Workshop Maps: Botany Bay 1:25,000</p> <p>Basic Navigation, Bushcraft and First Aid skills required for Prospective Members seeking to advance to Full Membership status. Experienced Members will be on hand to facilitate this full day event. Numbers will be limited and priority will be given to Prospective Members who have completed at least one Q-walk with SBW – please provide walk history, personal and emergency contact details when nominating.</p> <p>Prospective Members will be required to bring their own compass due to Covid-19 compliance requirements.</p> <p>Grade: S111-Q</p>
Sat 5 Dec Q	<p>Newnes SF: Devils Throat and the Cliffs of Camp Creek Maps: Cullen Bullen</p> <p>Find out why this area, which is part of the Gardens of Stone region, must be protected for future generations.</p> <p>Park cars at GR 435 069 and drop down into Camp Creek. Follow it, inspecting overhangs along the way, then scramble above the amazing Devils Throat. Next, descend back into Camp Creek and head east into the gorge and visit the Devils Throat from the bottom. Depending on the time, return via a pass to the south or via East Creek. Scrambling and exposure. About 6km.</p> <p>Grade: S232E-Q</p>
Sat 5 Dec - Mon 7 Dec	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Wentworth Creek Weekend Exploration Maps: Katoomba, Mt Wilson</p> <p>Mt Hay car park– Mt Hay Creek – Moogan Gully – Kolonga Ridge – Wentworth Creek – Hurley Heights – Hurley Heights Trail</p> <p>An extended weekend around some of the prettiest creeks in the Mt Hay area. Mostly off track, slow pace, walking days of about 5 hours. Some scrambling up and down a couple of steep ridges and rock hopping along the creeks. Exploratory campsite on day 2 by Wentworth Creek with possibility of swimming. Party limit 8.</p> <p>Grade: S223</p>
Sun 6 Dec	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Empress Canyon - skills consolidation Maps: Katoomba</p> <p>A short but beautiful canyon with a stunning waterfall finish. There will be a practice session before the canyon, using the side of the exit pool of the main waterfall. Practise single and double ropes, use different descenders, etc. Please advise skill / experience level and if you have just completed the SBW basic abseil skills session or similar training elsewhere.</p> <p>Grade: S122E, Canyon Grade 2</p>

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<p>Sun 6 Dec</p>	<p>Lane Cove NP - Chatswood to Turramurra Maps: Parramatta River and Hornsby Some really good quality bushwalking linked together with pleasant suburban streets. Start and end at stations so transport is easy. We'll start early (7am) and try to get to Turramurra by around midday - before it gets too hot. Grade: M211</p>
<p>Sun 6 Dec</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Bowens Creek N Upper Branch - canyon (walking canyon) Maps: Mt Wilson Mt Wilson Rd - Bowens Creek N Upper Branch - Wynnes LO Looking forward to this exploratory walking canyon for me. This is a walking canyon and does not require any abseils; though you should be comfortable creek/river walking, rock-hopping/scrambling and minor off-track. A wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. Helmets recommended (bike-type will suffice); but not compulsory. Some minor exposure upon exit. Part exploratory for leader. Short Car shuffle. Grade: S222E</p>
<p>Mid Week</p>	
<p>Thu 10 Dec</p>	<p>Garigal NP - Manly Dam and Bantry Bay Two lovely local loops combined into a short day of pleasant tracks and a few decent views - and just enough climbing to get the heart pumping. Pace will be on the fast side of medium. Joint walk with The Bush Club. Grade: M211</p>
<p>Fri 11 Dec</p>	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E</p>
<p>12-13 December</p>	
<p>Sat 12 Dec</p>	<p>Sydney Harbour Foreshore - Manly to Watsons Bay Maps: Parramatta River & Sydney Heads Here is one for those members who like the challenge of a long day walk! The intent of this walk is to traverse Sydney Harbour from Manly Wharf to Watsons Bay in a day – actually a pretty long day! Our route will take the familiar walks along the harbour foreshore however linked together they will provide an approx. 45km walk opportunity with great views throughout. A brisk pace will be maintained throughout the day with minimal breaks and an early start/late finish. Some scrambling and beach walking will be required along the harbour foreshore. Guaranteed celebration at the Watsons Bay Hotel upon completion! Grade: X312</p>
<p>Sat 12 Dec</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Summer Bay #1 : Morning Bay Maps: Broken Bay A walk designed for Summer. Beautiful corner of Pittwater. From West Head Road, Towlers Bay Track to Towlers Bay. Pretty forest and lagoon then rough off-track ascent (only 120 metres) over the spur via an engraving site and lookout, through an exciting slot in the cliffs to Morning Bay. Around the Bay to pick up a pad leading up to Towlers Lookout and the Bairne Trail. About 5 hours, 10km. Grade: M213</p>

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<p>Sat 12 Dec - Sun 13 Dec</p>	<p>Morton NP - Intro to the Budawangs; Plus; Ravines Experience and Ngaitung Falls Budawang Sketch Map Mt Bushwalker Carpark - The Ravines (short drive nth) - Climb down into 'The Ravines' and return - Mt Bushwalker Carpark - Gadara Point - Ngaitung Falls - Camp - Head under the falls - Return via same route - Mt Bushwalker Carpark I generally don't hike in my favourite area the in Summer, but this trip is the exception, with cool cracks and pools. This is a great into to the Budawangs without big hills; but big views! You'll delve into a favourite crack of mine; before returning to the light to explore the Budawangs world around us. The will be views of The Castle, Clyde Gorge, Folly Point and general Budawangs skyline (some claim its the best view in NSW; come along and see for yourself!). Mostly undulating, sometimes overgrown track, some minor exposure. Limited party size due to available camp areas. I plan to car camp nearby on the Friday night beforehand (optional); Preference will be given to Budawangs newbies. Grade: M222E</p>	<p>Maps:</p>
<p>Sat 12 Dec</p>	<p>Bouddi NP - Western beaches of Bouddi A walk filled with coastline, taking in the beautiful beaches and headlands that make up the western side of Bouddi NP. Route will likely include Tallow beach, Little Tallow, Iron Ladder beach, Lobster beach, Pretty beach, Box Head, Little Box Head. Mix of bush tracks, some steps, ups and downs, beach walking, rock hopping, some quiet roads/footpath/fire trail and likely short off track section/s. Options to swim and for post walk icecream/ refreshment. Early finish. Grade: M212</p>	<p>Maps: Broken Bay</p>
<p>Sun 13 Dec</p>	<p>Berowra Valley NP - Hornsby to Thornleigh Hornsby Station - Fishponds Waterhole - Berowra Creek - The Jungo - Zig Zag Creek - Thornleigh Station. A journey on the Great North Walk in the headwaters of Berowra Creek, passing through sheltered gullies and heath-covered ridges. Steep sections. Mid morning start. Grade: M121, 11 km</p>	<p>Maps: Hornsby</p>
<p>Mid Week</p>		
<p>Thu 17 Dec</p>	<p>Sydney Harbour foreshore - Manly to the Spit via North Head Fresh sea air and more fresh sea air! Add in a few ascents, a couple of beach stops with ice cream potential...what better way to spend a summer's day. Joint walk with The Bush Club. Grade: M211</p>	
<p>Fri 18 Dec</p>	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E</p>	<p>Maps: TBA</p>
<p>19-20 December</p>		
<p>Fri 18 Dec - Tue 22 Dec</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Annie Rowan Creek Canyoning Five days of exploratory canyoning in the South Wolgan area around Annie Rowan Creek. Participants need to be experienced in overnight canyoning trips, including abseiling with full packs and potentially carrying full packs through canyons. Grade: M233E, Canyoning Grade 6</p>	<p>Maps: Rock Hill, Mount Morgan</p>
<p>Sat 19 Dec</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Pittwater Ramble A great day exploring four bays of Southern Pittwater - Elvina, Lovett, Morning and Towlers Bays. Includes fire trails, foot pads and off track. Some creek and rock scrambling and opportunities for swimming. Be prepared to get wet feet. Short car shuffle required. Party limit of 10. Grade: M212</p>	<p>Maps: Broken Bay, Mona Vale</p>

<p>Sat 19 Dec</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Wollangambe Summer Series - Wollangambe 1 Lilo trip Mt Wilson Fire Station - Wollangambe Creek Track - Wollangambe River - Return to Mt Wilson Fire Station Join us for a fun day liloing on Wollangambe 1 Canyon with a 'Look-in' at the lower Kelvinator Canyon. It is a beautiful canyon but does not require any abseils; though you should be comfortable in the water and also at rock-hopping/scrambling (while carrying your transport; i.e. your Lilo; treat it like a sheet of glass!) You just need a quality CANVAS LILO (tested and checked B4Hand + repair kit) for all the swims. A wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. It is a longish day and lots of fun; a real 'mother-nature' white-water fun-park! Helmets recommended (bike-type will suffice). There is one small section of exposure where you climb up some tree roots to exit or we just may make a serendipitous exit. Please note; I plan to car camp at Cathedral Reserve, Mt Wilson as I will be running Dargans Creek walking canyon the next day. Grade: M222E</p>	<p>Maps: Mt Wilson</p>
<p>Sun 20 Dec</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Dargan Creek - Walking Canyon Dargan Dam Carpark - Dargan creek - Spiked Tree Ascent - unnamed ridge - Dargan Dam Carpark Another great walking canyon, with some cool swims. Planning to do a 'look-down exploratory' from the exit creek before returning back. You should be comfortable with creek/river walking, rock-hopping/scrambling and minor off-track. A wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. Helmets highly recommended; but not compulsory. Exit involves vertical exposure on spiked tree to climb out. This trip is more suited to those who have done walking canyons before with exposure. Helmets recommended (bike-type will suffice). Preference will be given to evolving canyoneers. Party size limited and Part exploratory for leader. Grade: S222E</p>	<p>Maps: Lithgow</p>
<p>Mid Week</p>		
<p>Tue 22 Dec</p>	<p>Tahmoor Gorge - Tahmoor Gorge Loop Track We will follow the Bargo River and take the opportunity to swim and relax in several pools along the way to cool off in the summer heat. This is a lovely spot with waterfalls, swimming holes and picturesque views. Mostly on track with a few off-track bits. Grade: M212, ~10km</p>	<p>Maps: Picton</p>
<p>For extended walks around the Christmas/New Year period see the Advanced Notice section</p>		
<p>26-27 December</p>		
<p>Sun 27 Dec</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Summer Bay #2 : Refuge Bay A walk designed for Summer. Beautiful location on Cowan Creek / Broken Bay. From West Head Road and the Salvation Loop, relatively comfortable off-track to above the Refuge Bay waterfall. Personal mini fresh water baths. Fairly rugged walk around to the spur separating Refuge Bay from Halletts Beach. Some features: large aboriginal occupation cave, 4 metre solitary rock pillar, belt of expended machine gun cartridges. Spur back to the Wallaroo Track and West Head Road. About 13 km. 5 to 6 hours. Grade: M213</p>	<p>Maps: Cowan</p>

<p>Sun 27 Dec</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Jerusalem Bay-The Fun Way; Creek-Walking and Liloing Taster Maps: Cowan Cowan Station - The Great North Walk - Nameless creek walk - Cowan Creek Lilo - Lunch spot South - Lilo to West - Return via standard Great North Walk Trail back to Cowan Station This trip will be great for 'getting-out' after the Chrissy festivities! The trip will be catered towards prospectives who want 'test-the-waters', as it's commonly said. We will be taking the standard route 'towards' Jerusalem Bay, but then heading down the creek (approx.500m), with some very minor off-track. For some this may be a first, but don't worry we will not be pushing an extreme pace; we want YOU to develop a 'feel' for creek-walking. "Yeah, all those damned slippery surfaces; Who would want to walk on those!" Well "US SBW'rs and Canyoners do; we don't EVEN think about it!" You can take your own flotation device of choice; but it must be capable of at least that! Please make sure you have important gear at least 'triple-bagged' or in a dry bag. Plan to have lunch on the southern-side rock shelves; with possible rock-jumping nearby for the adventurous. Afterward we will float back across to Jerusalem Bay proper to 'drydock' and then head back to Cowan via the main trail. I plan to take a sack to collect rubbish going down the creek, which I will collect later if time permits. Helmets recommended (bike-type will suffice); but not compulsory. Preference will be given to prospectives. Grade: S222</p>
<p>Sun 27 Dec - Sat 2 Jan</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP, Wollemi NP - Mt Wilson area canyons / lilo Maps: Mt Wilson, Wollangambe Seven days of separate activities using Cathedral of Ferns campground at Mt Wilson as the base. Trips may include Wollangambe lilo trips, easier grade canyons up to Whungee-Whengee Canyon (Grade 5). No program at this stage - it depends where the bulk of the interest is. You can do one day or all seven. All trips except Wollangambe lilo trips require harness, canyon shoes, descender etc. Possible canyons includes: Serendipity, Waterfall of Moss, South Bowen, North Bowen, Geronimo, Bell Creek, Du Faur, Yileen, Dalpura, Better Offer, Koombanda, Dargans Creek. Party limit of 8 (unless other leaders participate). Let me know if you are interested and the difficulty level. Grades vary S111E to S223E. Grade: S222E, Canyon Grade 1 to 5</p>
<p>Mid Week</p>	
<p>Thu 31 Dec</p>	<p>Berowra Valley NP - Hornsby to Thornleigh Maps: Hornsby Hornsby Railway Station - Great North Wall - Thornleigh Station We will have an early start to beat any heat, finish about lunch time and be home in plenty of time to enjoy New Years Eve festivities. Grade: M111, Approx 11km</p>
<p>2-3 January</p>	
<p>Sat 2 Jan</p>	<p>Berowra Reserve - Summer Bay #3 : Joe Crafts Bay Maps: Cowan A walk designed for Summer. Criss-crossing the GNW in Berowra Reserve. From Turner Road, Berowra, a little known but well-defined track to intercept the GNW where it climbs up from Berowra Waters. Then easy off-track to Deep Bay and Cunio Point for views towards Rats Castle. Return, stiff 160 metre climb up the GNW then side tracks, followed by easy uncluttered off-track to Joe Crafts Bay. Simple optional nav exercise testing your skill at taking a bearing. Return to Turner Road with option to search for a charcoal drawing site on the way. About 10km, 5 hours. Grade: M222</p>

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<p>Sat 2 Jan</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Wollangambe Summer Series - Wollangambe 2 Lilo trip Maps: Wollangambe Cathedral Reserve Carpark - Wollangambe Creek Track - Wollangambe River - Return to Cathedral Reserve Carpark Join us for a fun day liloing on Wollangambe 2 Canyon. It is a beautiful canyon but does not require any abseils; though you should be comfortable in the water and also at rock-hopping/scrambling (while carrying your transport; I.e. Your Lilo; treat it like a sheet of glass!) You just need a quality CANVAS LILO (+ repair kit) for all the swims and a wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. It is a longish day and lots of fun; a real 'mother-nature' white-water fun-park! There is one small section of exposure where you climb down some tree roots. Helmets recommended. (You WILL have needed to completed Wollangambe 1 Lilo trip or equivalent to join this trip). Please note; I plan to car camp at Cathedral Reserve, Mt Wilson as I will be running Wollangambe 3 trip the next day. Grade: M222E</p>
<p>Sun 3 Jan</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Wollangambe Summer Series - Wollangambe 3 trip; Part Exploratory Maps: Wollangambe Mt Wilson Rd - Wollangambe Creek Track - Wollangambe River - Off Track ridge exit - Boronia Point Trail - Mount Irvine Rd - Cathedral Reserve Carpark Join us for a fun day lilo on the lower Wollangambe canyon; AWAY from the all the "Wollangambe-tourists!". This section is rarely visited canyon with its own rewards, though does not require any abseils; though exit is part exploratory. You should be comfortable in the water and also at rock-hopping/scrambling (while carrying your transport; I.e. Your Lilo; treat it like a sheet of glass!) You just need a quality CANVAS LILO (+ repair kit) for all the swims and a wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. The ascent out is off-track (scrub!) and can be steep to Boronia Point Trail. (You WILL have needed to completed Wollangambe 2 Lilo trip or equivalent to join this trip). Helmets recommended. We will require a Car shuffle. Grade: M222E</p>
<p>Mid Week</p>	
<p>Wed 6 Jan</p>	<p>Sydney-Taronga Zoo to Balmoral Evening - Commencing 4pm Walk Maps: Sydney Harbour This is one of the most enjoyable Sydney Harbour walking tracks. This 6.5km trail swirls its way past secluded beaches, picturesque bays, impressive lookouts and historical sights. We finish at Balmoral Beach in time for the Annual Picnic - see next notice. Grade: S111</p>
<p>Wed 6 Jan</p>	<p>SBW Annual Picnic at Balmoral Beach This is the annual gathering of SBW members, friends and visitors at the southern end of Balmoral Beach. We start at about 6pm. BYO food and drink or hot takeaway at nearby shop.</p>
<p>Fri 8 Jan</p>	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E</p>

9-10 January	
Sat 9 Jan Q	<p>Blue Mountains NP, Newnes SF: Cerberus Canyon, Cerberus Falls and Hair of the Dog Ravine Maps: Rock Hill, Wollangambe Half of this walk is in an unprotected area of Newnes SF; the other half is in the Blue Mountains NP. The straight boundary line, drawn by politicians, makes no sense when it comes to natural beauty. See it for yourself! Park the vehicles at the locked gate at the end of Waratah Ridge Road. Walk into and down the Hair of the Dog Ravine at GR 493 038. After exiting the ravine, make our way west to Cerberus Creek and its canyon. Go through the canyon, visiting Cerberus Falls and exit at about GR 472 038. Walk on the road back to the cars. About 10km. Grade: M223E-Q</p>
Sat 9 Jan	<p>Wollemi NP - Wollangambe Summer Series - Wollangambe 4; Exploratory Maps: Mt Wilson, Wollangambe Mount Irvine Rd - Boronia Point Trail - Wollangambe River - off track spur exit - Boronia Point Trail - Mount Irvine Rd Join us for a fun day lilo (or suitable floatation PFD) on the lower Wollangambe canyon; AWAY from the all the "Wollangambe-tourists!". This section is exploratory for the leader; so ensure to pack a sense of adventure, humour and sarcasm. You should be comfortable in the water and also at rock-hopping/scrambling (while carrying your transport; i.e. Your Lilo; treat it like a sheet of glass!) You just need a quality CANVAS LILO (+ repair kit) for all the swims and a wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. The ascent out is off-track and could be steep to Boronia Point Trail. (You WILL have needed to complete Wollangambe 3 Lilo trip or equivalent to join this trip). Helmets recommended. Part exploratory for leader. Grade: M222E</p>
Sat 9 Jan	<p>Royal NP - Heathcote-Audley Circuit Maps: Port Hacking Last time this was planned, the Kangaroo Ridge bushfire put an end to it so here's hoping the 2nd attempt will succeed. A walk through the woodland and heath in the western part of Royal. Hopefully there will still be a few wildflowers around. From Heathcote we head down to Audley and then pick up the Uloola Track to Uloola Falls. From there we follow the Karloo Track to Karloo Pool and a swim spot. And then its back uphill to Heathcote. Some nice views in places from the ridge tops. Grade: M221, About 15 km</p>
Sat 9 Jan - Sun 10 Jan	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Wentworth Creek Maps: Katoomba Enter Wentworth Creek from high up, and attempt to follow it downstream to its junction with Blue Mountains Creek, hopefully finding a campsite somewhere along the way, and exploring side creeks along the way. Then hopefully find a way out the next day! As you may have gathered from the previous sentences, this is almost completely exploratory for leader. Expect lots of creek walking, rock hopping, possible swimming, and scrambling/exposure on the exit. Grade: S233E</p>
Sun 10 Jan	<p>Sydney Northern Beaches - Palm Beach to Mona Vale Maps: Suburban street directory Sand, rocks, trails and some roads along the best piece of coastal scenery, anywhere! Stop for a swim whenever we feel like it. If we spend too much time swimming, we may decide it's not important to get to Mona Vale after all! We'll never be far from a bus stop. Grade: M212</p>
Sun 10 Jan	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP - Berowra to Mt Kuring-gai Maps: Cowan Berowra Station - Waratah Track - Cowan Creek - Appletree Bay - Mt Kuring-gai Grade: S122</p>

Mid Week	
Tue 12 Jan	<p>Sydney - Sydney Harbour-Evening Walk Bondi to Coogee Beach</p> <p>An easy walk on a summer's evening along the coastal pathway followed by dinner (fish and chips or BYO) in a beachside reserve. Meet at the steps at southern end of Bondi Beach above the toilets. Please email me if you would like to join us.</p> <p>Grade: S111</p>
Fri 15 Jan	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA</p> <p>Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details.</p> <p>Grade: S222E</p>
16-17 January	
Sat 16 Jan	<p>Wollemi NP - Wollangambe Summer Series - Wollangambe 5; Exploratory Maps: Mt Wilson, Wollangambe</p> <p>Mount Irvine Rd - Boronia Point Trail - Off Track spur entry - Wollangambe River - Off Track exit spur - Danes Way Trail (off Mount Irvine Rd)</p> <p>Join us for a fun day lilo (or suitable flotation PFD) on the lower Wollangambe canyon; AWAY from the all the "Wollangambe-tourists!". This section is exploratory for the leader; so ensure to pack a sense of adventure, humour and sarcasm. Exit may be difficult. You should be comfortable in the water and also at rock-hopping/scrambling (while carrying your transport; i.e. Your Lilo; treat it like a sheet of glass!) You just need a quality CANVAS LILO (+ repair kit) for all the swims and a wetsuit is highly recommended, especially if you are more prone to feel the cold. The ascent out is off-track and could be steep to Boronia Point Trail. (You WILL have needed to completed minimum Wollangambe 3 Lilo trip or equivalent to join this trip). Part exploratory for leader. We will require a Car shuffle.</p> <p>Grade: M222E</p>
Sat 16 Jan - Sun 17 Jan	<p>Brisbane Water NP - Highway Ridge Sunset Maps: Broken Bay, Gosford</p> <p>Saturday evening water taxi across the Hawkesbury to Little Wobby beach, camp on the ridge behind the houses and watch the sunset. Sunday walk out to Wondabyne Station via Mount Wondabyne and Kariong Brook. Sunset looking west from Highway Ridge should be spectacular, and on Sunday we can cool off in Kariong Brook. Easy overnight walk suitable for prospectives and people wishing to test gear before heading into the wilderness.</p> <p>Grade: M211</p>
Sun 17 Jan	<p>Heathcote NP - Exploring Heathcote Creek Maps: Campbelltown</p> <p>From Heathcote, we'll take the Friendly Track/Pipeline Track to Mirang Pool then walk downstream along Heathcote Creek (probably in the creek), visiting the various pools along the way. We'll then walk back up to the Pipeline Track and exit the way we came in. Exploratory for leader. Definite wet feet. Creek could be slippery and full of scrub.</p> <p>Grade: S213</p>
Mid Week	
Wed 20 Jan	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA</p> <p>Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details.</p> <p>Grade: S222E</p>

23-24 January / 26 January (Australia Day) – Extended long weekend	
Sat 23 Jan - Tue 26 Jan Q	Morton NP - Return of the pirouette (Ettrema Gorge) Maps: Nerriga & Touga 4 day semi-bludge trip (for those that like rock hopping) over the long weekend. Down Bullfrog Creek to a fantastic camping spot with nearby rock swimming pools. Next day we will work our way down stream stopping at many fabulous swimming spots on our way to camp at the Jones Ck junction (for 2 nights). The 3rd day will be spent exploring Jones Creek (via a near high level route) and its splendid waterfalls. Exit on day 4 is via Myall Creek. Grade: S232E-Q
Sat 23 Jan - Tue 26 Jan Q	Kosciuszko NP - Southern Kosciuszko National Park Maps: Chimneys Ridge, Charcoal Range Dead Horse Gap to Barry Way. This is basically the same walk that I put on last year's summer program. The bush fires forced its cancellation. From Dead Horse Gap to Cascade Hut via the Cascade Trail. After that, virtually all off track, up to the headwaters of Cascade Creek, then generally easterly, over the Great Dividing Range and Jacobs River. About 50 km. Plenty of ups and downs, but none more than a few hundred metres. Big car shuffle at both ends. Grade: M223-Q
Mid Week	
Fri 29 Jan	TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E
30-31 January	
Sat 30 Jan	Dharawal NP - Swimming along O'Hares Creek Maps: Appin Route: Victoria Rd parking area – 10b trail – 10d trail – Cobbong Ck - O'Hares Ck – 10e trail - Victoria Rd parking area. The walk has about 6km of track walking and a similar distance of rough rockhopping along O'Hares Ck. There will be ample opportunities for swimming in some great pools. Grade: M223
Sun 31 Jan	Blue Mountains NP - Glenbrook Creek Yo Yo - Springwood to Warrimoo Maps: Penrith, Springwood Two sets of ups and downs, three lookouts and a less well known pass. Springwood - Magdala Creek - Martins Lookout - Glenbrook Creek - Bunyan Lookout - Lost World Lookout - Bull Ant Track - Glenbrook Creek - Florabella Pass - Warrimoo Grade: L222, About 20 km
Sun 31 Jan Q	Dharug NP - Roses Creek and some gullies Maps: Gundeman, Mangrove A day exploring some of the gullies near Roses Creek, as well as a bit of time on some ridges. Given likelihood of warm weather in summer, will aim to minimise time on the ridges (but hopefully still take in some nice views). Includes significant time off track, steep sections, slippery sections, likely rock scrambling and possibility of wet feet. Most of the area burned in the 19/20 fires, but sections near the creek may still be scrubby. Some of this walk is exploratory for the leader. Grade: M223-Q
Mid Week	
Fri 5 Feb	TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E

6-7 February	
Sat 6 Feb	<p>Marramarra NP - Summer Bay #4 : Square Bay Maps: Cowan</p> <p>A walk designed from Summer. Opportunity to set a good pace 6km along the Coba Ridge Fire Trail then Coba Ridge Track. Long, easy graded off-track descent to Square Bay, a beautiful location with many features including a gigantic midden. And yes, the bay is square. Return the way we came, with the option to take a very rugged ascent (depending on the weather) north to the Coba Ridge Track which might amount to a Q. About 17km. About 6 hours for the vanilla option.</p> <p>Grade: M223</p>
Sat 6 Feb Q	<p>Newnes SF: Howling Arch, the Pool of Diana and the Pool of Aphrodite Maps: Rock Hill, Cullen Bullen</p> <p>Find out for yourself why this unique area, currently under threat, must be protected, now. Drive to approximately GR 468 058 on the Deep Pass Trail. Head down a spur and visit Howling Arch, an amazing natural feature. Enter Dingo Creek and progress downstream for about 1.3km, visiting the scenic Pool of Diana on the way, continue underneath high cliffs to GR 476 048, the start of a north, north west trending ravine. Follow the ravine up, visiting the spectacular Pool of Aphrodite along the way, to eventually reconnect with the trail and the vehicles. About 6km. All off track, some rock scrambling and exposure.</p> <p>Grade: S223E-Q</p>
Sat 6 Feb - Sun 7 Feb Q	<p>Wollemi NP - Colo River Maps: Mountain Lagoon</p> <p>Head down to the beautiful Colo then walk/wade upstream to a fabulous campsite next to the river below Townsend spur. Hopefully we will have some time in the afternoon for fishing, reading, swimming, or whatever you would like to do. As usual, bring nibbles / drinks to share in a COVID appropriate way for happy hour. Walk out Sunday along the river then up the T3 track. Fit prospectives needing an overnight Q to complete their membership requirements will be particularly welcome. Please advise of recent walks with the club and weekly fitness regime if not known to leader.</p> <p>Grade: M232-Q, 29km +/- 520m</p>
Mid Week	
Fri 12 Feb	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Maps: TBA</p> <p>Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details.</p> <p>Grade: S222E</p>
13-14 February	
Sat 13 Feb Q	<p>Morton NP - Shoalhaven River lilo trip Maps: Caoura</p> <p>Cruise down the mighty Shoalhaven between Long Point and Badgerys Lookouts on lilos (approx. 7km) with hopefully high water levels due the summer la nina. Car shuffle required.</p> <p>Grade: S232-Q</p>
Sat 13 Feb Q	<p>Blue Mountains NP - Erskine Creek Maps: Penrith</p> <p>Erskine Creek Lookout – Jack Evans Track – Erskine Creek – Lincoln Creek Junction –Dadder Cave – Blands Pool – return via Pisgah Rock to cars at fire trail. A beautiful walk with plenty of swimming. Two massive pools. Some exposure up Pisgah Rock, nice rock platforms, some rock scrambling and some scrub.</p> <p>Grade: M222-Q, Medium grade 20km</p>

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<p>Sat 13 Feb - Sun 14 Feb</p>	<p>Morton NP - Boolijah Creek exploration After a brief encounter with Boolijah Creek on my October long weekend trip 2019 I wanted to see more of it! Tried to run this last summer but was thwarted by bushfires - let's hope we can go ahead this time round. Exact route to be determined but primary goal is exploration of Boolijah Creek. Expect typical-Morton scrub (though some will have burnt), rock-hopping, scrambling, off-track most of the trip. Plus waterfalls, swimming holes and an adventure. Please supply details of previous off-track bushwalking/rock-hopping experience when applying to join this walk. Grade: S223E</p>	<p>Maps: Sassafras</p>
<p>Sun 14 Feb</p>	<p>Wolli Creek RP - Two Valleys Walk - Wolli Creek and Cooks River Wolli Creek is the largest piece of bushland between the CBD and Royal NP. We'll combine it with a walk along the Cooks River foreshore to view some of the improvements that have been made to the river. We'll start at Bexley North and finish at Campsie. Highlights include Nannygoat Hill (nice views), Turella fish ladder and Cup and Saucer Creek wetland. Early start to avoid summer heat and catch the birdlife. If you are feeling fit you can walk back the way we came. Grade: M211, About 13 km</p>	<p>Maps: Botany Bay</p>
Mid Week		
<p>Fri 19 Feb</p>	<p>TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E</p>	<p>Maps: TBA</p>
20-21 February		
<p>Sat 20 Feb Q</p>	<p>Wollemi NP - Colo River walking and swimming Route: Grassy Hill - Snake Bite Pass - Colo River - Pass 13 - Grassy Hill. Walk is all off track on steep, rough terrain with some scrambling and about 3.5 km of rockhopping along the river. Expect a long day. There are likely to be spots where it is quicker to swim across the river rather than backtracking through scrub. Grade: M223-Q</p>	<p>Maps: Colo Heights</p>
<p>Sat 20 Feb</p>	<p>Heathcote NP - Boobera Pool Waterfall Station – Mooray Track – Bullawarring Track – Woronora River – Boobera Pool – Pipeline Track – return via Heathcote Station. One of the most impressive swimming holes in the Sydney region. Mainly tracks with minor scrub, rock hopping and creek crossings. Welcome beer at Heathcote Pub at the end of the walk. Grade: M221, Medium 20km</p>	<p>Maps: Appin, Campbelltown CMA</p>
<p>Sat 20 Feb - Sun 21 Feb</p>	<p>Morton NP - Splish splash, Yalwal Creek! Yalwal Creek Rd - old firetrail down to creek - Yalwal Creek to beautiful Mackenzie Station campsite - splish splash our way back to junction of Yalwal Creek & Shoalhaven River - Yalwal Creek Rd to cars. Many swimming and cooling off opportunities as we travel along the beautiful and rarely visited Yalwal Creek. Wet feet 100% guaranteed! Grade: M222</p>	<p>Maps: Burrier, Yalwal</p>

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Sun 21 Feb	Heathcote NP - Woronora River Explore An adventurous walk, wade, and swim in an area that feels much more remote than it is. Route: Heathcote - follow Scouters Mountain Trail to northern end - descend to Woronora River - follow river to Lake Eckersley - Pipeline Trail - Heathcote. The section along Woronora River is off-track and exploratory for the leader; likely scrub and rock hopping. The plan is to swim as much as possible and there might be some mandatory swims; participants must be competent swimmers while clothed and carrying a pack. Walk might be changed or rescheduled if the weather is unsuitable. Accessible by public transport. Grade: M213	Maps: Campbelltown
Mid Week		
Fri 26 Feb	TBA - Exploratory bushwalk or non-abseiling canyon Depending on the weather, either a walk exploring the amazing country in the Wollemi/Gardens of Stone or a non-abseiling/swimming canyon walk will be offered. Put this date in your diary and watch Short Notice Walk announcements for exact details. Grade: S222E	Maps: TBA
27-28 February		
Sat 27 Feb	Blue Mountains NP - Waterfalls of Lawson Honour Avenue - Adelina, Junction, Cataract Federal, Terrace and Victor Falls - Bedford Creek - Honour Avenue A perfect walk for a hot Summers day. Cool creek walking with a chance for a dip at lunch time. Grade: S111	Maps: Katoomba
Sat 27 Feb Q	Royal NP - Heathcote to Bundeena Heathcote Station – Karloo Pool – Uloola Falls – Audley – Winifred Falls – Anice Falls – Cabbage Tree Basin – Bundeena – ferry ride to Cronulla. An interesting traverse across the Royal NP from Heathcote to Audley and across to Bundeena with a pretty lunch spot at Winifred Falls and a ferry trip across Port Hacking to finish the day. Grade: L221 -Q, Medium grade 26km	Maps: Port Hacking
Sat 27 Feb - Sun 28 Feb	Watagan NP - Great North Walk - The Missed Bits Actually, two completely separate walks, both northern bits of the Great North Walk that I missed this year, one deliberately, to save time and effort, the other the result of getting lost. The first walk is a circuit walk in the Watagan Mountains, taking in three lookouts Heaton, Hunter and Maceans. Great views, lovely forest. Some road bashing. About 14 km. Down 200m, then back up. The second walk is Warners Bay to Newcastle. About 15 km. The GNW designers did a good job of finding a route from Lake Macquarie into the heart of Newcastle. Some suburban road bashing, to be sure, but mostly parkland and beaches. One section along the delightful Fernleigh cycleway, which runs along the abandoned Adamstown - Belmont railway. Come for one walk, or stay overnight in Newcastle and do them both. Grade: M211	Maps: Quorrobolong, Wallsend, Newcastle
Sat 27 Feb - Sun 28 Feb	Barrington Tops NP - Chasing Waterfalls An exploration around some of the waterfalls in the upper Williams River area. Expect sections that are steep, slippery, scrubby & need to be scrambled. Possibility of some exposure. Depending on the group, and conditions, may descend via the river south of Williams Falls. If so, sections of this are likely to require use tape. Starting and finishing at Lagoon Pinch, beginning with a solid ascent. Given distance from Sydney (approx 3.5 hours north) participants may wish to travel up the night before. Grade: M233E	Maps: Barrington Tops NP

Summer 2020 Social Program

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Social Program is operating at a reduced capacity.

December

Wed 2 Dec, 7:00pm - **Committee Meeting** (via Zoom)

Thu 17 Dec 7:30pm - **Introduction to SBW** - New members evening. An opportunity for those thinking about joining the club to learn more about it. (via Zoom)

January

Thu 21 Jan, 7:30pm - **Introduction to SBW** - New members evening. An opportunity for those thinking about joining the club to learn more about it. (via Zoom)

February

Wed 3 Feb, 7:00pm - **Committee Meeting** (via Zoom)

Thu 18 Feb, 7:30pm - **Introduction to SBW** - New members evening. An opportunity for those thinking about joining the club to learn more about it. (via Zoom)

Have you had a great trip somewhere you would like to share? Let us know.



See you on the track...