

Opossum Bay

DATE: Tuesday **25 April**
WALK COORDINATOR: Rob Hill
GRADE: Easy walking on paths and beaches
DURATION: 4 hrs with lunch and morning tea tops

About 8 km distance and 60m climb. River and mountain views with historic tomb. Can be subject to strong winds. Map: TAROONA 1 in 25000; Popular Trails in Clarence [downloadable at www.ccc.tas.gov.au]

Bring sturdy footwear, a raincoat and warm clothing, lunch and water

Booking: Contact Rob Hill on 6247 6537 by 9pm Sunday 23 April

Chauncy Vale - Caves and History

DATE: Saturday **6 May**
WALK COORDINATOR: Bec Johnson
GRADE: Medium
DURATION: 3-4 hours including stops and lunch

Very child-friendly as long as your child enjoys scrambling over rocks and through caves! The track climbs and descends steeply in parts and is rough in parts. Aboriginal and European history, wildlife, a creek crossing. The story of the life of Nan Chauncy, famous Tasmanian children's author. An opportunity to enter Nan Chauncy's historic cottage. Deposit \$2 donation at the gate and a donation to look in the cottage.

Booking: Contact Bec Johnson on 0407 391 961 for bookings, directions details and car-pooling assistance.

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Autumn Walks 2017

Free bushwalks March – May Hosted by the Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA)

ICE HOUSE TRACK , WELLINGTON PARK

LENAH VALLEY, FERN TREE

CAPE RAOUL, TASMAN PENINSULA

THARK RIDGE, MOUNT WELLINGTON

RECHERCHE BAY,
SOUTHERN PENINSULA HISTORIC WALK

MOUNT FIELD EAST VIA LAKE NICHOLLS

OPOSSUM BAY

CHAUNCY VALE – CAVES AND HISTORY

The Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA) welcomes you to our 2017 Autumn Walks Program.

TNPA (Tasmanian National Parks Association) is offering a program of bushwalks in a variety of locations in Tasmania. The purpose of the walks is to enable members of the public to experience, enjoy and appreciate some of our national parks and reserved areas, a key part of what makes Tasmania a special place to live or to visit. All walks coordinators are volunteers.

Walks participants need to be confident of their own fitness to do the walk and to bring everything they need for the day, including clothing for sun, rain, wind and cold, as well as sturdy footwear or boots, plus lunch, drinking water and snacks.

For further information, please contact the walk leader listed for each walk.

About the TNPA

The Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA) is a non-profit, non-government organisation committed to the protection of Tasmania's national parks and reserved lands. The Association aims to give park users a voice and to involve the community in matters affecting these important and irreplaceable areas. The TNPA enables the public to express its values, concerns and criticisms to policy makers and managers, while promoting conservation awareness.

Mission Statement

To preserve the integrity of, and expand, the Tasmanian National Park system, and to ensure appropriate management of its natural and cultural values.

*Left Image: Fred Koolhof
Right Image: Lesley Nicklason*

Ice House Track Wellington Park

DATE: Saturday **25 March**

WALK COORDINATOR: Bec Johnson

GRADE: Medium- Hard

DURATION: 5 hour return walk with a short circuit

Panoramas, history and a bit of alpine adventure! On top, we'll visit some amazing pillars, a secret point of interest and Smiths Monument. Be prepared for a sustained climb of 440m on an uneven, rocky track – it's a good workout for about 1½ hours. Not suitable for most under-14s. Walk will be weather permitting.

Booking: Contact Bec Johnson on 0407 391 961 to book and if you need car-pooling assistance.

Lenah Valley to Fern Tree

DATE: Saturday **1 April**

WALK COORDINATOR: Geoff Baxter

GRADE: Moderate (there are the small sections of steep track)

DURATION: 4 – 6 hours

The walk will include 2 of Mt Wellington's waterfalls, New Town Falls on the New Town Rivulet and O'Grady's Falls on the Hobart Rivulet. There are a couple of steep ascents, and descents, but most of the walk is on the easily graded Lenah Valley track. It goes through the majestic eucalypt forest part of the mountain, with a small section of rain forest.

What to bring: Rain jacket, walking boots, or strong gym shoes (gaiters are optional), full water bottle, snacks, lunch.

Booking: Contact Geoff Baxter on 6228 4968. Final date for booking March 31.

Cape Raoul Tasman Peninsula

DATE: Sunday **2 April**

WALK COORDINATOR: Catharine Errey

GRADE: Medium (includes some ups and downs)

DURATION: 5 – 6 hours + stops and driving time (approx. 1.5 hour drive from Hobart)

Cape Raoul is one of the spectacular coastal features of Tasman Peninsula. The walk includes forest, cliff tops, coastal vegetation and expansive views. Bring binoculars as we may be able to see seals on a rock platform below the cliffs of the Cape. You will need to bring all your drinking water for the day as well as lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy footwear and bring clothing for wind, rain and sun as the cape is exposed to the elements.

Booking: Contact Catharine on 0418 276 896 or catherrey@gmail.com no later than Fri 31 March.

Thark Ridge (Mount Wellington)

DATE: Saturday **8 April**

WALK COORDINATOR: Nick Sawyer

GRADE: Suitable for anyone confident of their ability to walk across rough ground. Pace medium.

DURATION: 3-4 hours

Approximately 2km out and 2km return. Generally flat but short steep climb up onto ridge itself. Track mostly straightforward but rocky and wet underfoot in a few places. One of the wildest parts of Wellington Range. Great views of Wellington Range and Derwent Valley. This area is very exposed to bad weather. If weather is really bad we may choose an alternative destination lower on The Mountain or walk may be cancelled altogether.

Bring wet/cold weather clothes and appropriate footwear, plus lunch and water.

Booking: Contact Nick Sawyer on 6223 1492 before 8.30pm. Book before Thursday 7 April

Recherche Bay Southern Peninsula Historic Walk

DATE: Sunday **9 April**

WALK COORDINATOR: Anne McConnell

GRADE: Easy- Medium

DURATION: 5-6 hours including stops (not to be back in Hobart until 6pm due to long drive time)

An easy half day of walking at Recherche Bay around the coast at Cockle Creek East to the pilot station looking at the hidden history of the area. A coastal walk with no hills, the route is trackless in places and there is one boulder beach. Depending on the tides there is some potential to get wet feet.

***Organise your own transport and meet at the start of the walk. Parks Pass needed (get before 9 April)*

What to bring: a raincoat, comfortable walking shoes or sturdy sandals with good grip (slip off foot wear is not suitable), lunch, snacks, all drinking water for the day.

Booking: Contact Anne McConnell 6239 1494, or annemc@aaa.net.au

Mount Field East via Lake Nicholls

DATE: Sunday **23 April**

WALK COORDINATOR: Peter Franklin

GRADE: Medium

DURATION: About 4 Hours Return

Start at Lake Nicholls track car park and walk via Beatties Tarn and Lake Nicholls, then steep uphill to Windy Moor. On to the foot of Mount Field East where there will be option to climb to summit for those who are confident on rocks (400m ascent).

Track mostly dry but uneven because of the existing surface rocks. A short boulder field to negotiate.

A high country walk and parts are in exposed elevation. The walk will not proceed if the weather is unsuitable. Sudden weather changes possible so bring warm clothing and wet weather gear. Bring all food, snacks and water.

Booking: Contact Peter at peterfranklin@iprimus.com.au or 0427 284 889 before 23 April (email booking preferred)