



# Boots n' All 2025

An activity of Scripture Union Tasmania -  
Tasmanian wilderness hiking with a difference!



Colour code for region: South East Central North Northwest West

(This might help you decide whether a day trip, or perhaps accommodation or car camp, is possible from your area)

Date	Location	Description	Rating	Contact Leader
Jan ?	TBC – extra walk	If enough interest, we'll add an extra walk in the alpine areas	Medium	TBC
Jan 11	Rocky Cape circuit	Beautiful coastal scenery in this northwest national park – aboriginal historic caves, great views from the high points.	Medium D	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866 + Mark Lawrie 0418 527 525
Jan 25	Mt Barrow South	Mt. Barrow has a plateau that extends to the south from the summit area. Rumour has it that the wombats have a yellowish tinge!	Easy-Medium S	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Feb 8	TBC	We've had to change plans due to unavailability of the original leader, so instead of Mt. Victoria, could be another destination.	Medium S E B	Check with Basil
Feb 22	Mt Kate	Mt Kate rises high above the Dove River near Cradle Mountain. Interesting vegetation and great views!	Medium D M S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Mar 2	Mt. Arnon	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk – about 4 km south of Prospect – most of us have never been there – a great opportunity.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Mar 8-10 L.Weekend	Fortescue & Tasman Capes	(camping) Camp at Fortescue Bay, and day walks to the Capes. Perhaps add in a trip to Port Arthur or a Pennicott cruise	Easy - Medium	Hannah Waterhouse 0427 026 233
Mar 21-23	Lk Petrarch Circuit via Byron Gap	(camping) 1. Fri. evening start Lk St Clair - Echo Point Hut, 2. to beautiful Lk Petrarch via Byron Gap. 3. Cynthia Bay via Cuvier Valley	Medium D E M S but heavy packs	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Apr 5	Lake Louisa	High above Lk Rowallan, this expansive but less visited lake features an interesting chasm.	Medium B D E S	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
April 19		<i>Easter weekend 29/3 to 1/4 then school term break 13/4 to 28/4</i>		
Apr 26	Fagus Walk	Experience the unique beauty of the "fagus" in full autumn colour, either Cradle area or Grail Falls depending on forecasts.	Medium +	Philip Dawson email <a href="mailto:pidasms@gmail.com">pidasms@gmail.com</a> or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
May 4	Ron Roach Farm at Osmaston	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk – opportunity for a picnic lunch on a farm and visit to a sandstone cave SW of Westbury.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
May 10	Magnet & Cleveland Mines	Explore abandoned mines and mill and the former town of Luina, west of Waratah	Easy-Medium D S	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
	Coast to Coast	Join in this year's version of the Coast-to-Coast challenge. Event and date not confirmed at time of writing	Your choice of difficulty	Details closer to the time
May 24	Howells Bluff	High above Lake Rowallan, this peak is usually bypassed on the way into the Walls, but offers views and alpine scenery.	Medium E M S	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Jun 1	Punchbowl Reserve Circuit	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk - a bushland setting with children's play space, bushland walking trails and a duck pond.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Jun 7 L.Weekend	The Overland Track [TBC]	(camping) Overland Track (south to north) expedition (6 nights) setting out 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> June. Early expressions of interest welcome!	Medium D E S but heavy packs	Hannah Waterhouse 0427 026 233
Jun 21	Duck Reach and Gorge Bushland	Explore the extensive bushland tracks and unexpected views right within our city limits.	Easy-Medium S	John Potts 0418 576 011
		<i>school term break</i>		
Jul 12	Split Rock Falls	Forests, falls and the unusual Split Rock (aka Cleft Rock) feature in the upper Meander River area.	Medium S	Philip Dawson email <a href="mailto:pidasms@gmail.com">pidasms@gmail.com</a> or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Jul 26	Visuals Evening	Past glories, future challenges – a pleasant evening of photos, videos, adventure stories and interesting people [venue TBC]	Very easy & relaxing!	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Aug 9	Holwell Gorge	Explore this interesting gorge in the West Tamar Area	Easy-Medium	Leader TBC
Aug 23	Gog Range	West of Elizabeth Town, Gog Range rises high above the Mersey River, offering great views on a relatively short walk.	Medium	Leader TBC
Sept 6	Upper Liffey River	Walk the beautiful cascading Liffey River downhill from the Lake Highway to the Liffey Falls upper carpark.	Medium CEL	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Sept 7	Tailrace Park & West Tamar Trail	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk – the Tailrace park and playground have some great tracks to stretch the legs.	Easy - Family	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
Sept 20	Basil Steers Huts circuit	Visit an interesting old hut and explore this high alpine forest near Lake Rowallan without over-exerting yourself!	Easy-Medium D E	Ian Waterhouse 0428 242 693
Oct 4	Winterbrook Falls	Just east of Black Bluff, these spectacular falls tumble over the edge of a high and craggy escarpment directly opposite the Bluff.	Medium D E L S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
		<i>school term break</i>		
Oct 5 (Sun.)	Kate Reed Nature Recreation area	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk Sunday pm - There's a lot more to the Kate Reed reserve than the Silverdome – bush tracks etc	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Oct 25	Location TBC	This might be a water portage walk for Taking on Goliath SU camp which usually happens on Nov. long weekend	Medium D	Details closer to the time
Nov 1		(Long Weekend) Taking on Goliath SU camp for young teens.		Details closer to the time
Nov 14 (Fri.)	Planning	<i>Meeting (perhaps virtual) to plan 2026 walks program</i>		
Nov 9	Windsor Park	"Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk – This lovely parkland has interesting walks and viewing spots. Join us for a picnic lunch	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Nov 22	Moses Creek Waterfalls	By far the best waterfall circuit walk in the state - in marvellous rainforest close to Cathedral Mountain	Medium D E L M S	Philip Dawson email <a href="mailto:pidasms@gmail.com">pidasms@gmail.com</a> or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Dec 6	Mt Maurice	In region of Mt. Barrow. Views of the north east forests and out to the coast. Waratah and wild flowers in season!	Medium S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
		<i>School Christmas holidays</i>		
Dec 27	Destination TBC	We usually aim for the wide-open spaces and wildflowers of the alpine plateaux to walk off the Christmas cheer.	Medium	

The list of walks can also be found on our website: <https://bootsnall.org.au/>

If publishing details of these walks, please make sure you include the rating key (overleaf) for any letter rating for that walk.



# “Love the bush and praise its Creator”



## Key to Walk Ratings

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| <b>B</b> Boulder field – walkers need to be able to confidently step from rock to rock. | <b>E</b> Exposed alpine conditions – can be dangerous in poor weather if not fully equipped – see below. |
| <b>C</b> Climbing sections using rocks and vegetation as hand holds.                    | <b>L</b> A long day's walk – in excess of 3 hours each way.  |
| <b>D</b> Drive distance requires early departure – usually 7:30 am                      | <b>M</b> Marshy or muddy sections – be prepared to walk with wet feet.                                   |
|   | <b>S</b> Steep incline for at least part of the way  |

**Boots N' All activities are open to all, but intending walkers, must contact the Trip Leader prior to the day of the walk (before 9.00 pm please) to discuss experience, fitness & equipment. Intending walkers new to Boots N' All must contact the leader personally unless the walk is rated “Easy” or “Family”.**

**Bush walking can involve an element of danger. All who participate in Boots N' All activities do so at their own risk.**

- \* Day trips are generally free, but it is expected that transport costs will be shared by passengers.
- \* For safety reasons children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- \* For walks designated as “camping”: Please contact walk leader 4-5 days in advance if intending to camp.

**Boots N' All** was established by Scripture Union Tasmania in 1981 and offers people of all ages and abilities in Northern Tasmania opportunities to share together in a range of outdoor activities led by experienced Christian walkers. Subject to safety and equipment requirements, activities are open to all. If you know of a friend who would like to receive a program, or if unable to contact the listed trip leader, or if you have any other inquiries, please contact: **Basil Tkaczuk ph. 6331 1155 (mob. 0438 664 402)** or one of the leaders listed on the walks calendar.



**If you are a regular Boots N' All walker, please consider making a donation to Scripture Union Tasmania!**

Scripture Union Tasmania has extensive programs aimed at helping children and young people find positive direction in life, including a considerable number of school chaplaincies. Your tax-deductible donation will help this vital work. Alternatively, you can make a donation towards the insurance costs of Boots N' All. Either way, a donation form can be printed from the bush walking page of the website (above).

## Preparation, Equipment, Food and Safety

- \* **Contact the Walk Leader beforehand** as trips may be subject to change and details may be incomplete. The walk leader will require name, address and emergency contact (eg next of kin) for all intending walkers as well as details of existing medical conditions and medication in case of emergency. Do NOT bring along people without notifying the leader in advance of each intended walker (except for easy/family walks). For safety reasons children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- \* **Late arrival** at the agreed meeting place could result in you being left behind, and a delayed departure can put pressure on walkers which may result in the walk finishing in the dark.
- \* **Risk Assessment:** It is the responsibility of the walk leader to inform you of particular risks associated with the walk he or she is leading. The general risks of bushwalking are outlined in the next paragraph, but occasionally there are risks specific to the walk. We will do our best to include these in the walk description on the website and invitation emails. **Please do not be offended if the walk leader decides that a walk is too risky for you, or if a walk has to be cancelled due to increased risk associated with weather, track closure etc.**
- \* **Is this the Right Walk for You?** Occasionally, people have come along for walks totally beyond their endurance and equipment, because they have mistakenly believed that their previous experience has been sufficient. If the walk is rated as medium or hard, check with the walk leader about what sort of experience is necessary. At times, walkers have faced bitter cold, driving rain and snow, exposed situations, long distances, steep climbs, long stretches of deep mud, tracks awash with 10-20 cm of icy water, and scrambling over huge, slippery boulders. Are these possible on the walk you are considering? Have you walked under those conditions before? **Your lack of preparedness to cope with extreme conditions could endanger both yourself and others who must stay with you. Intending walkers who are new to Boots N' All must contact the leader personally unless the walk is rated “Easy” or “Family”.**
- \* **Make sure you are well equipped.** Proper **clothing** and adequate **food**, including “snack food” can make the difference between a safe and comfortable walk and one which at the least could be very stressful and at the worst potentially dangerous for both yourself and others in the party.
- \* **Clothing** suggestions for exposed conditions are :-  
**Essential:** Waterproof rain jacket with hood, warm woollen or thermal clothing, warm trousers (cotton trousers are unsuitable in wet cold conditions) gloves or mittens (a spare pair of socks are a useful substitute for mittens) and a warm hat or beanie. Sun-hat and sun-screen block-out. Comfortable, durable (worn in) footwear. Day pack (or larger) on mountain walks; a school type pack is adequate for shorter trips but check the seams and webbing for strength. Make sure you have a waterproof liner (plastic garbage bag) inside your pack and store your “keep dry” items in another plastic bag inside the liner bag.  
**Optional:** A small torch and a whistle. Although the walk leader will have a map, bring your own (and a compass) if you have them, in a clear plastic bag. Waterproof overpants and gaiters are desirable.
- \* **Food Suggestions:** The best advice is to **eat well before you start** (a good wholesome breakfast) and to have **frequent snacks** during the walk. “Scroggin”, a mixture of nuts and dried fruits, gives a better sustained release diet than chocolate or confectionery. Other useful snacks include oat biscuits, raisins, jelly beans, dried apricots and some “high energy” confectionery. Also cereal and protein. Fresh fruit is good but heavy to carry.
- \* **Drink:** Most walks have creeks or tarns along the way but sometimes these can take a while to reach so it is advisable to carry a water bottle (**min. 500 ml.**) with you. Electrolyte replacement drinks may be helpful for some people.
- \* **Stay together:** Younger more energetic walkers should moderate their pace to stay with the group. If you find the pace too fast, don't be afraid to get a message to the leader requesting a break and/or to reduce the pace of the party.
- \* **If you get lost** or lose contact with the main party, stop and try to think calmly. Do not continue travelling until you know where you are. Use your map and compass and look for landmarks. A pattern of three sound signals (e.g. whistle blasts, yells, etc.) is a standard distress signal. Keep your pack with you at all times.