



Boots n' All 2026

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
Dec 27 2025	Ritters Crag	Work off some of that Christmas cheer! Wildflowers and alpine tarns as well as expansive views.	Medium E	Philip Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Jan ? 2026	Possible extra walk in early Jan.	TBC	tba	tba
Jan 10	40 Lakes Peak & Lk Nameless	Spectacular wilderness area with mountains, lakes and scenery via Lady Lake, Lake Lucy Long and Westons Lake.	D E L S	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Jan 16-17-18	Hardings Falls Family Camp	Family Camp walk to Hardings Falls – we may need volunteers with 4WD vehicles to ferry campers in the final 1.5km due to bad road.	Easy	Contact Basil 0438 664 402 for more info
Jan 24 L.Weekend	TBA	Do you have a "wish list" idea for a wilderness camping trip? We may be able to provide a Boots N' All leader.		
Feb 1 (Sun. pm)	WtW	Possible "Walk this Way" Family Fun Walk – tbc We are aiming to have 1 WtW per school term this year.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Feb 7	Lake Rodway	Beautiful scenery all the way from Dove Lake, past Little Horn, Cradle Mt and Artists Pool, to Lake Rodway and Scott-Kilvert Hut.	Medium-Hard D E L S	Stephanie Sebastian 0427 553 424
Feb 21	Dove Canyon	From Pencil Pine explore waterfalls, Pine Creek & Dove River confluence and view the canyon from above.	Easy-Medium DEMS	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Mar 7-9 L.Weekend	TBA	Do you have a "wish list" idea for a wilderness camping trip? We may be able to provide a Boots N' All leader.		
Mar 21	Palmer's Rivulet Caves	Follow an old 4WD track near Poatina to explore interesting caves and a waterfall on Palmer's Creek.	Easy-Medium S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
April 4		Easter weekend 3/4 to 6/4		
Apr 18	Explorer Ck & Blue Peaks [camping]	Circuit walk via Chudleigh Lakes to explore the area around Lake Explorer, Blue Peaks and Little Throne. (partly off-track)	Medium (overnight) BCElMS	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Apr 12 or 26	Possible Sunday walk or WtW	school term break 18/4 to 2/5		
May 2	Fagus Appreciation	Experience the unique beauty of the "fagus" in full autumn colour, either Cradle area or Grail Falls depending on forecasts.	Medium + DEMS	Philip Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
May 30	Meander Falls	Rain forest walk to spectacular water falls from the escarpment of the Western Tiers - The anniversary of the first ever Boots N' All walk – also to Meander Falls - 45 years ago – 30 th May 1981	Medium-Hard L S	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Jun 6 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
Jun 7 (Sun. pm)	Duck Reach and First Basin	Explore the extensive bushland tracks and unexpected views right within our city limits. This is a Sunday afternoon walk Perhaps even WtW...		Basil Tkaczuk 0438 664 402
Jun 20	Montana Falls & Deloraine Wild Wood	Enjoy a picnic lunch in Deloraine in between two short easy walks in this beautiful area.	Easy M	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
		school term break 1/7 to 26/7		
Jul 11	Hidden Falls	Explore the forests and spectacular waterfalls. Circuit includes "Stone Hut" and Split (aka Cleft) Rock.	Medium S	Philip Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Jul 25	Visuals Evening	Past glories, future challenges – a pleasant evening of photos, videos, adventure stories and interesting people	Very easy & relaxing!	Basil Tkaczuk 0438 664 402
Aug 8	Railton short walks	A mysterious monument, an old bridge, and a waterfall. A day of short walks in the Railton and Sheffield area.	Easy-medium	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Aug 22	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
Sept 5	TBA			
Sept 19	St Valentines Pk	A conical peak with extensive views over the northwest.	Medium DES	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
		school term break /10 to 18/10		
Oct 3	Parsons Track	Forest walk up Parsons Track near Caveside to historic Hills Logging Hut and perhaps on to Haberles Hut.	Family S	Ian Waterhouse 0428 242 693
Oct 17	Black Bluff East & Devonport Goldmine	An old gold mine, Tiger Plain and a high alpine peak – all in the one day.	Medium-Hard DELS	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Oct 24	Wineglass Bay tbc	Possible water portage for Taking on Goliath camp?	Medium S	t Details closer to the time
Oct 31 L.Weekend	TBA	(Long Weekend) Taking on Goliath SU camp for young teens. (there is also opportunity for a Boots N' All walk if we have a leader)		Details closer to the time
Nov 13 (Fri.)	Planning	Meeting (perhaps virtual) to plan 2027 walks program		
Nov 21	Narawntapu	Walking tracks and fire trails, with some great viewpoints in this easily accessible part of the north coast.	Medium LS	Philip Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Dec 5	Mount Blackwood	An old dozer track up the face of the Poatina escarpment climbs to expansive views across the north from Mt. Blackwood.		Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Dec 28 (Monday)	TBA	We usually aim for the wide-open spaces and wildflowers of the alpine plateaux to walk off the Christmas cheer.	Medium E	

This 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 Boulder field – walkers need to be able to confidently step from rock to rock. | E Exposed alpine conditions – can be dangerous in poor weather if not fully equipped – see below. |
| C Climbing sections using rocks and vegetation as hand holds. | L A long day's walk – in excess of 3 hours each way. |
| D Drive distance requires early departure – usually 7:30 am | M Marshy or muddy sections – be prepared to walk with wet feet. |
| | S 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.
Essential Clothing: 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 headtorch 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. A GPS or a weatherproof smartphone with GPS and mapping software is very useful. Walk descriptions are emailed a week or so ahead, along with a link our website which has information about how to use these devices and downloadable tracks and waypoints for most of our walks. For remote area walks, if you have a PLB (personal locator beacon, previously known as an EPIRB), SPOT, inReach device or satellite phone, these can be extra safety options. See discussion on [this link](#). Mobile phones also give reasonable reception on higher peaks and areas with fairly unobstructed lines to the nearest tower. (mostly only Telstra reception in the wilderness areas, though.) Australian mobile phone service providers such as Telstra do not yet support the emergency satellite feature available overseas on some premium phones such as the Samsung S25, iPhone 14 onwards and Pixel 9 series.
- * **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. See notes above about phones, PLBs and other safety devices.