



Boots n' All 2024

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 6	Bastion Bluff	Up Syds Track from Western Creek, and south to a high point with spectacular views over the upper Meander Valley.	Medium + B E L M S	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Jan 13	Frome Falls	Visit these little-known falls SE of Moorina, and close to another part of the historic Blue Tiers tin mining area. Note change of date	Medium D	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Jan 13-14	Cathedral Mt & Chalice Lake (camping)	Camping trip to plateau between Chalice Lake and Cathedral Mountain, and visit various peaks along the rim of the plateau - CANCELLED	Medium D S L E	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Jan 17 (Wed.)	Hazards Traverse at Freycinet	Sleepy Bay to Mt. Amos. Including Mts Parsons, Baudin, Dove. (yes, a rare midweek walk – summer holidays!) Postponed - poor forecast	Hard B C D L S	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Jan 27	McDowall Hill	Explore a hill with views over the many lakes and fishing spots south of Lake Augusta. Note change of destination – access concerns	Easy - Medium E	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Feb 4	Cataract Gorge	“Walk this Way” Family Fun Walk – always lots for children to explore, and a couple of fun playgrounds	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Feb 10	Mt Housetop & Mt Riana	Two peakbagger points above beautiful countryside south of Penguin - short and steep, so very do-able.	Easy-Medium S	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
Feb 24	Cathcart Bluff	Follow the escarpment from the top of Poatina Hwy, then through forest to a peak near Great Lake overlooking Poatina. Views ++	Medium B C E S	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
Mar 3	Hoblers Bridge Reserve	“Walk this Way” Family Fun Walk – trails along the North Esk River Walkers are invited to participate in <i>Clean Up Australia Day</i>	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Mar 9-11 L.Weekend	Walled Mountain (camping)	Rising above the Labyrinth in the Pine Valley area in the heart of the spectacular WHA, cost of ferry means that you will need to express interest by 29th Feb. to confirm that trip can go ahead.	Medium D S L E	Hannah Waterhouse 0427 026 233
Mar 23	Mt Murchison circuit	Prominent peak dominating the skyline west of the World Heritage area. A spectacular alpine wilderness walk!	Medium-hard B C D E L S	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
Mar 31		<i>Easter weekend 29/3 to 1/4 then school term break 13/4 to 28/4</i>		
Apr 13	Rattler Range	Explore beautiful northeast creeks and forest as we traverse the southern part of this range near Ralphs Falls.	Medium D M S	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
Apr 27	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 pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
May 11	Mt. Beecroft	South-west from the Vale of Belvoir, with spectacular views to Cradle Mt. Return via Rocky Mountain.	D E S M	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
May 25 & 26	Coast to Coast	Join in this year’s version of the Coast to Coast challenge. See Coast to Coast Challenge for details.	Your choice of difficulty	
May 25 ***	Point Vision	Note: destination changed due to closure of Plateau for deer cull during May. Instead of visiting Lake Lucy Long, the walk will be Point Vision, a circuit walk from Bakers Beach with great coastal views..	Medium E L M S	John Tabor 0475 566 389
Jun 2	West Tamar Circuit	“Walk this Way” Family Fun Walk – the Tailrace park and playground have some great tracks to stretch the legs.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Jun 8 L.Weekend	Maria Island (camping)	Escape across the beautiful Mercury Passage for a winter holiday weekend on Tasmania’s glorious east coast. Choose your activities! Please contact Hannah by Tuesday 4th June. Register online	Easy or Medium (choices)	Hannah Waterhouse 0427 026 233
Jun 22	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 13	Bastion Cascades	Explore the forests and spectacular waterfalls. Circuit includes Hidden Falls and the “Stone Hut”	Medium S	Phil Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
Jul 27	Visuals Evening	Past glories, future challenges – a pleasant evening of photos, videos, adventure stories and interesting people	Very easy & relaxing!	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Aug 10	Blythe River mines	This river runs north to the coast at Heybridge from wetlands south of Valentines Pk. Old mines are among its secrets!	Easy-Medium D	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
Aug 24				
Sept 7	Minnow Falls at Mt. Roland	A different take on a beautiful and much loved landmark. Wonderful views.	Medium CEL	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Sept 8	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
Sept 21	Destination TBC			
Oct 5	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
		<i>school term break</i>		
Oct 6 (Sun.)	Tamar Island	“Walk this Way” Family Fun Walk Sunday pm - peaceful wetlands area on the very edge of the city – plenty of bird life to observe.	Easy - Family	John Potts 0418 576011
Oct 19	Destination TBC			
Nov 2 L.Weekend	Destination TBC			
Nov 8 (Fri.)	Planning	<i>Meeting (perhaps virtual) to plan 2024 walks program</i>		
Nov 10	Swan Point	“Walk this Way” Family Fun Walk – Explore the Swan Point part of the track network from Gravelly Beach to Supply River.	Easy - Family	Daniel Hutchison 0457 765 907
Nov 23	Mt Pillinger	A Boots N’ All favourite from bygone years - magnificent views to Mt Ossa and the Pelion mountains.	Medium D S L E	Nik Sands 0429 387 777



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Dec 7	Copper Cove	Baker’s Beach area. Coastal heights and heathlands to lovely secluded beach suitable for swimming, fishing etc.	Easy-Medium	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
<i>School Christmas holidays</i>				
Dec 27 <i>(Friday)</i>	Destination TBC	We usually aim for the wide-open spaces and wildflowers of the alpine plateaux to walk off the Christmas cheer.	Medium	

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

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

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.
- * **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.



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- * **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.