

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

MID-WEEK BUSH WALKS

YEARLY PROGRAMME

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- MAY 12th Grange Burn Fossil Beds. Meet South West Regional Tourist Office 10-30 a.m. Picnic lunch.
- JUNE 11th Climbing Mt. Napier and a look at the Mt. Napier Forest. Meet at South West Regional Tourist Office, Lonsdale St; 10-30 a.m. Picnic lunch. Barbecue available.
- JULY 9th Places of interest in the Coleraine area. This will be led by Peter Francis who has developed the Coleraine Points Reserve. Meet at South West Regional Tourist Office at 10-30 a.m. or at 'The Points' at 11-00 a.m. Picnic lunch.
- AUGUST 13th Wannon Reserve. Of special interest in August are the tiny helmet orchids to be seen in various parts of the reserve. Meet 10-30 a.m. at South West Regional Tourist Office or 11-00 a.m. at gates of Wannon Reserve. Picnic lunch, barbecue available.
- SEPTEMBER 10th Mt. Abrupt - Dunkeld. Picnic at Fresh Water Lake. Meet 10-30 a.m. South West Regional Tourist Office or 11-15 a.m. outside Picoaninny Plants Nursery, Dunkeld.
- OCTOBER 8th A walk around the Nature Trail at the Community Parkland Hamilton. Meet at Pedrina Park, North Boundary Rd; at 10-30 a.m. Picnic lunch optional.
- OCTOBER 22nd Four Posts Reserve - Wannon River. Of special interest here are the Sun orchids. Meet 10-30 a.m. South West Regional Tourist Office. Picnic lunch, barbecue available.
- NOVEMBER 5th Cavendish Area - Picnic in Crown land woodland near one of the few remaining places where the rare Purple Donkey orchid can be seen. After lunch we will visit 'Sherwood Pottery' to view the work of Roma Campbell. Meet at South West Regional Tourist Office 10-30 a.m.
- NOVEMBER 26th Sea Cliff Nature Walk, near Portland. This is an excellent round walk for those willing and able to walk for 2 hours. A shorter distance could be possible if one retraced one's steps. There is a very pleasant picnic area for those just wishing a day out! Meet at South West Regional Tourist Office at 9-30 a.m. Barbquees available.

NOTE: All are welcome on these walks. Although they are planned with the assistance of the Hamilton Field Naturalists Club membership is not required. They are designed to cater for all age groups. People may walk as much or as little as they like and come and go at times which suit them. It is a way of getting to know and enjoy the countryside we live in. Information sheets are provided on each walk. The talents and expertise of local people are used wherever possible. A donation can be made at each walk to cover costs of advertising and printing, but this is completely voluntary. For transport and further information ring Mary Bird - 723639.

NATURE WALKS 1982

During 1982 a series of 9 mid-week walks will be conducted in areas of local natural interest. They are designed for anyone who enjoys the countryside around them and provide an opportunity for those interested to further their knowledge of local geology, geography, wildlife and vegetation, in a relaxed social atmosphere. Generally the walks are not difficult, catering for all ages from pre-schoolers to the retired. Participants are encouraged to come and go as they please, walking as much or as little as they like. Information sheets are provided with most walks and where possible local people with specific expertise lead the walks. For further information and transport please ring Mary Bird - 723639.

- MARCH 11th : Lake Linlithgow and Boonawah Creek area - Shoreline walk to observe water birds and look for aboriginal artefacts (flint tools etc;) Murray Gunn, bird expert will lead the walk. Swimming is possible if it is hot. Paddling anytime! Picnic lunch. Meet 10-30 a.m. South West Regional Tourist Office, Lonsdale St; or 11.00 a.m. at Lake Linlithgow.
- APRIL 15th : Victoria Point - Forest Walk. A pleasant walk on well defined track. Children can go yabbing in the river at the Victoria Point bridge so bring bait and string. Last year we played 'Billy Goats Gruff' and Pooh Sticks so we need some troll like gentlemen and characters with a predisposition to A.A. Milne! Picnic lunch. Meet 10.30 a.m. at S.W. Regional Tourist Office or 11.15 a.m. at the bridge.
- MAY 13th : School holiday excursion to Grange Burn Fossil Beds. For this walk we will combine with the people from the C.A.E. Grampians Field Study Centre Course, who will have a guest lecturer in attendance. Meet at the Tourist Office at 10.00 a.m. (not 10.30. as previously advertised) Picnic lunch.
- JUNE 10th : Grampians - Dunkeld Area. A walk on the property of Graeme and Ruth McGregor, directors of the Grampians Field Study Centre. Don't let poor weather put you off, it often clears once away from Hamilton and there is shelter at Graeme's. Picnic lunch at Fresh Water Lake (weather permitting) where last year children caught shield shrimps and tadpoles - so bring your gear - rubber boots, string, jars etc. Meet 10.30 a.m. at Tourist Office or 11.15 a.m. at playground Dunkeld.
- JULY 15th : Mount Eccles - Allan Gould, Ranger of the Mt Eccles National Park will assist with this walk. Pleasant picnic area with barbecues and shelter from inclement weather. Meet 10.30 a.m. Tourist Office and no later than 11.30 at Mt Eccles.
- AUGUST 24th : (Tuesday) School holiday excursion to Tower Hill State Game Reserve. A Guide has been arranged for this visit. Program as follows: 10.00a.m. - Meet tourist Office. 11.30a.m. - Natural History Centre - talk and question & answer session with guide. Lunch - pleasant picnic area with electric BBQ 1.30 p.m. - Nature Walk with guide (aprox 1 hr) This allows time for an independent visit to Warrnambool.
- SEPTEMBER 16 : Wannon River Walk - Wannon Reserve. Lead by Dr. Rod Bird, local field naturalist. We should see Greenhood Orchids at this time and perhaps the last of the beautiful helmet orchids. Picnic lunch, BBQ's available. Meet Tourist Office 10.30 a.m. or at the Reserve Oval 11.00 a.m.
- OCTOBER 14th : The Four Posts on the Wannon River. A beautiful spot for orchids and flowering plants, lead by Rod Bird. Picnic lunch, BBQ available. Meet 10.30 a.m. Tourist Office.
- NOVEMBER 11 : Coastal Walk - A section of The Great Western Walk of approx. 2 hrs duration, or less depending where you start. This is a very interesting walk through diverse vegetation following magnificent coastline. Very pleasant picnic area with BBQ's. A tour of the Lighthouse may be possible - more details nearer