

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

EXCURSION PROGRAMME FEBRUARY – JULY 1977

- FEBRUARY 26 Lakes Linlithgow & Kennedy birds. Also placing stakes to mark tree spots for planting at L Linlithgow. Meet at L Linlithgow 6.30 am.
- MARCH 27 Visit Naracoorte Caves, SA. Meet at the Caves 12.00 noon. Bring lunch.
- APRIL 17 Planting trees at Lake Linlithgow East Bank. Meet there at 10.00am.
- MAY 01 The Craggs west of Pt Fairy. Meet cnr. Bank & Sackville St, Pt Fairy at 10.30 am. Bring lunch.
- MAY 21 Visit Byaduk Caves and explore the Great Barrier to the east, then drive to Wallacedale Tumuli. Meet Byaduk Picnic area at 9.00 am.
- JUNE 26 Visit Surrey Ridge & Jackass Fern Gullyin Heywood Forest. Meet Heywood P.O. at 9.00 am. Bring lunch.
- July 23 Working Bee at Wannon 18-Acre Reserve to remove Acacia armata wildlings, then visit Four Posts after lunch. Meet at the reserve at 10 am. Bring lunch.
- July 30 Visit to Hewett Park and Four Posts to survey flora and City Council options for Hewett park restoration. Meet 1.00 pm at Four Posts picnic area.

EVENINGS MEETINGS

- MARCH 17 Miss Pedrina – Life cycle of Emperor Gum caterpillar
- APRIL 21 Murray Gunn – Chasing birds in Arnhem Land
- MAY 19 Lionel Elmore – A trip to Queensland.
- JUNE 16 Malcolm McDougal (Forests Commission) – Current forestry practices in the Heywood District.
- JULY 21 Lionel Elmore – Future status of Mt Napier, and recommendation to LCC for a National Park.

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EXCURSION PROGRAMME AUGUST – DECEMBER.

- AUGUST 27-28: Western Victorian Field Naturalists Camp Out at Colac.
- Sun 4th Sept: All day excursion to the Coleraine Points Reserve (morning) and Langey's Gorge (afternoon.) Meet at Coleraine P.O. at 10.00, or at the Points Reserve at 12.30. for lunch. Leader Peter Francis (Wannon Conservation Society).
- Sat 24th Sept: Excursion to the Black Range with Horsham Field Naturalists Club. Leader Fred Rogers (Horsham). Meet at Cherrypool at 10.00.
- Sat 1st Oct: Yarram Gap. Meet at Wannon River bridge 1 mile north of Mirrinatwa Gap turn-off (on the Dunkeld-Halls Gap road) at 1.30, or 12.30 for lunch.
- OCTOBER 8-9: Little Desert Camp.
- Sat. 29th Oct: Working bee at the 18 acre reserve in morning (10. am.) Lunch at Nigretta Falls (12.30) followed by survey of Nigretta Reserve in the afternoon.
- Sun. 6th Nov: Excursion to Glendinning Area. Meet at Glendinning picnic area at 1.30 pm. Leader Rod Bird.
- Sun 13th Nov: Wannon River Survey Excursion from Four Posts upstream to the Diprose Bridge (long walk). Meet at Four Posts at 9 am. - bring cut lunch. Leader Rod Bird.
- Sun 4th Dec: Combined Mt. William/Major Mitchell Plateau excursion. Meet at Mt. William turntable carpark at 9 am. The excursion will go across from Mt. William to the Major Mitchell Plateau and down the Stockyard Creek Track. Leader John Cayley.

EVENINGS MEETING.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of each month, starting at 8 pm. The guest speaker and items of general interest come first, followed by the more formal business meeting. This format allows people who mainly wish to hear the guest speaker to leave early if they want to.

Meetings are advertised in the Saturday edition of the Spectator preceding the meeting, and will probably be held at the Hamilton Education Centre.

- Sept 15th: A speaker from the Victorian National Park Association has been invited to speak on the V.N.P.A.'s proposals for National Parks in this area.
- Oct 20th: Mr. J.D. Gillispie, Forests Commission Victoria. "Forests Commission's Management Plans for the Grampians and Mt. Napier."
- Nov 17th: "The Potential for a Natural History Interpretative Centre for this area based on Mt. Napier." (tentative only)
- Dec 15th: Film evening.

At present the Hamilton Field Naturalist's Club is actively involved in preparing submissions to send to the Land Conservation Council concerning the future preservation and use of Crown Land in our area. Any people who are concerned about the conservation of our environment, or who are interested in finding out more about our local plants, animals and natural environment will be very welcome.

The club has a number of members who know a considerable amount about the natural history of our area - birds, native mammals, plants, geology, volcanoes; and also propagation of native plants. We are more than willing to provide speakers or to give help with excursions for schools and any other groups that may be interested.