

# The Tablelands Bushwalking Club

## Walks Program – April June 2025



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**Membership Fees:** For all members 18 years or more there is a joining fee of \$15.00

After that the Tablelands Bushwalking Club offers:

- Ordinary membership (individual) – where the appropriate joining fee has been paid, including voting rights if aged 18 or more - \$25.00.
- Family membership – where the appropriate joining fee has been paid, membership of a family unit covering the parent/s and dependent children and students under the age of 18, with voting rights limited to the parent/s of the family unit - \$60.00

**Trip membership (visitor):** membership of an individual only for the duration of a single trip, excluding any voting rights - \$5.00

**Standard Requirements:** Boots, high gaiters, sock protectors, hat, sun block, morning and afternoon tea and lunch, at least 2 litres of water, whistle, personal first aid kit. Standard requirements apply to all the walks.

**Name Tags:** These are issued when you join the club. Please attach them to your pack or carry them with you so that you can be identified as a club member.

**Departure Times:** The times given in the program are departure times. Please ensure that you are at the meeting place at least 10 minutes prior to leaving time to sign in, carpool etc.

**Members:** Members must sign the *Trip Sheet* to meet insurance requirements. Members are required to take reasonable care to avoid activities that expose the Club to unreasonable risk of loss or risk of liability, and avoid exposing any person, including other participants in an activity, to unreasonable risk of injury or risk of loss. Members are to carry first aid items and safety equipment as prescribed by the Club. Members are responsible for determining if they are capable of doing an activity, and are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing, based on personal judgement and their own level of risk acceptance. Before any activity starts, members are to notify the activity leader of any medical condition or other condition that could impact on their ability to safely complete the activity.

**Non-Members:** Non-members are asked to sign an *Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations* form before setting out on a club activity to ensure that the activity is within their capabilities, they have food, water and the necessary equipment appropriate for the activity.

**Leaders:** Activity leaders are to determine the grading (a guide to the degree of technical difficulty and the level of fitness required) applied to a particular activity. Leaders are to have authority to reject nominees for an activity and cancel or vary the activity. The leader has the right to refuse a walker he/she thinks does not meet the club's requirements.

**Walkers:** Consider offering to help with fuel costs if you are accepting a lift to or from a walk. The Club recommends that you contribute \$10 to the driver to help with fuel costs.

**If a Walking Trip is Delayed – What Your Emergency Contact Needs to Know:** Occasionally trips are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Before leaving on a Tablelands Bushwalking Club (TBC) outing you should tell your emergency contact (family member or friend) where you are going and give them a copy of the phone numbers of the Committee Members as members of the Management Committee will be the Contact Officers.

Contact should be with any member of the Tablelands Bushwalking Club Management Committee. The phone numbers of the committee members are found on our Newsletters. Move down the list until you find someone at home. If there were a situation that required a search or rescue, members of the Committee would liaise with experienced walkers within TWC and with the Police and SES. They will also hold membership details for all TBC members, including the name of a family member or friend to contact in case of delay or emergency.

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**Standard requirements needed on all walks unless otherwise stated.**

**The club asks that you do not post club walk photographs on your private Facebook.**

**The club also asks that you do not attend a walk if feeling unwell.**

**Walks may change. DO NOT rely on Facebook. Always phone the leader if you are in doubt about a walk.**

**When carpooling the Club recommends that you contribute \$10 to the driver to help with fuel costs.**

### **Wednesday 2 April – S.W.E.E.T. Walk** (Social Walkers Enjoying Easy Trails)- **Lake Eacham and Vision Falls**

Walk around the lake then to Vision Falls. Approximately 5km. Keen walkers can do a second lap!

### **Wednesday 9 April -Hollaway's Beach to Machans Beach**

Easy return walk of approximately 6km. Walk takes you along pathway overlooking the Coral Sea, then along a section of beach to the mouth of the Barron for morning tea before returning through some bushland and back along the seafront to the cars. \

### **Sunday 13 April -Majors Mountain Ravenshoe-**

Moderate return walk of approximately 14kms in the Misty Mountain area. Follow an overgrown N.P. track before we turn onto a narrow and steep path with a final climb to Majors Mountain and views of the surrounding area. Standard requirements.

### **Wednesday 23 April - Natural Bridge Watsonville**

Moderate, slightly undulating 14km return walk on a road and track. Lunchtime swim in the Walsh River.

### **Wednesday 7 May - Stewarts Head**

Moderate to hard return walk in undulating hills along old mining trails in the Herberton Hills before a climb to Stewarts Head. Some short steep sections. Views. Historic sites.

### **Sunday 11 May - Mt Nolan Road to Jumna Dam**

Easy to moderate one way walk with a car shuffle. Swim and lunch at Jumna Dam.

### **Wednesday 14 May - S.W.E.E.T. Walk - Pinnacle Pocket to the Barron River.**

Walk along Pinnacle Pocket Road to Long Road. Follow this road to an old crossing point on the Barron River. Mainly shady 5km.

**Wednesday 21 May- Mandarin Rock** - This is a moderate to hard walk with a distance of 9km and total ascent of 500m. The first section to Turtle Rock is a quite well worn track. After Turtle Tock we follow open grassy ridges downhill to Mandarin Rock. Then it's more downhill and cross country to the cars at Nodes 3&4. A welcome swim at the end.

### **Sunday 25 May - Western Creek**

Easy walk, approximately 10km total length along formed roads. Walk is to the Western Creek site of former alluvial tin mine, now sand and gravel quarry. Walk is then approximately 5km to the Western Creek site along gravel track to site. Old processing dams in place for swim. Return same way.

### **Wednesday 4 June - Bilwon State Forest**

Moderate, 10.5km circuit walk. Some cross country, some along old roads/tracks. Mostly flat, open forest. Some fence crossings. Short car shuffle at the start of the walk. Chance of a swim at the end of the walk (to be confirmed).

### **Sunday 8 June - Prairie Creek Gorge and Balancing Rock**

Moderate hard 12 kilometres circuit walk in the dry county near Kaban. No track, the occasional cattle pad and possible long grass and overgrown areas but great views, interesting rock formations and follow a pretty creek for several kilometres. Opportunity for a swim.

### **Wednesday 11 June - S.W.E.E.T. Walk - Railtrail to Carrington Falls.**

Begin the walk on Wongabel Road and follow the old railway line to Carrington Falls. Return via the same track.

**Wednesday 18 June - Mt Fisher Rainforest Walk**

This moderate 11km return walk takes us along an old abandoned logging road, exclusively through rainforest. Lots of big trees, tall tree ferns, loads of hanging mosses and other groovy plants. There also should be at least a few different species of leeches for our entertainment. Three small creek crossings where your shoes stay dry but are very drinkable. If time permits we may see another old research site, with painted trees of course. Bring secateurs, leech pesticide and the usual stuff. Whole walk is above 1050m altitude. Very weather dependent, so stay tuned.

**Sunday 22 June - Views Of Wild River**

Moderate walk of approximately 12 kms along an old road and then on cattle pads before we descend to the river for lunch. Four-wheel drive or all wheel vehicles necessary to drive into the start of the walk.