

The Tablelands Bushwalking Club

Walks Program – January March 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.

Contact for departure time and place
info@tablelandsbushwalking.org

Wednesday 15 January – Kauri Pine and Wiert's Falls

Moderate return walk to an amazing kauri pine and small falls in the upper Walsh River from the Mt Wallum Road. Mostly on 4WD tracks but some cross country.

Sunday 19 January - Lock Creek

Moderate/Hard return walk of 14km. Descend gently along an eroded and overgrown logging track at the end of Davies Creek N.P. to Lock Creek for lunch and a sit in the water. Several creek crossing but mostly small. Beautiful trees and shaded most of the way. Weather dependent.

Wednesday 22 January – Rocky Creek Memorial Loop.

Easy circuit walk of approximately 6km. We will walk along Banchio Road then follow Frazer Road to the Rocky Creek Igloo. We will take time to explore the historical sites before crossing the highway to the Rocky Creek Memorial. Morning tea then walk back along the rail trail to Banchio Road.

Wednesday 29 January - Halls Falls to Barron River

Moderate/Hard. Follow road downhill from Halls Falls to Barron River. Lunch and a swim then a mainly uphill return walk along the same tack. Swim at Halls Falls to finish the day.

Sunday 2 February - Local walks of Atherton

Easy 7km return walk along an Environmental Trail and following tracks through rainforest and the open countryside. Walk through a crater to the top of Hallorans Hill.

Wednesday 5 February – Easy Walk

Green MTB Trail. Some uphill. 6km approx.

Wednesday 12 February - Mt. Edith

Return walk along the forestry Mt Edith road. Gradual uphill.

Sunday 16 February - Lookout and Carrington Falls

Two moderate wet season walks. First a 7km return walk from the Herberton side of the Herberton Range to Herberton Range Lookout for morning tea. Then drive to the quarry off Wongabel Road for a 3km return walk to the Carrington Falls for lunch.

Wednesday 26 February - Freshwater Creek

Easy return walk. Cairns Western Arterial Road turn at Van Park at Vine Street (used to be Cool Waters) park just to the right as you enter the park. Take swim gear.

Sunday 2 March - Varch Creek

Moderate/Hard circuit walk of 8km in the Davies Creek area partly on track, mostly cross country. Climb of approximately 200 metres. Follow the N.P. track for 30 minutes uphill before going cross country to Varch Creek for morning tea and a sit in the water. We follow Varch Creek downhill to the junction with Davies Creek and a small swimming spot for lunch. Return cross country to the N.P. track and a 10 min walk back to Nodes 5 and 6. Take swimmers.

Wednesday 5 March – Petersen Creek to Avenue of Honour

Easy Walk along Petersen Creek, through the William's Botanical Garden then cross over to Williams Avenue. We then walk along Tinaburra Drive for approximately 2km until we reach the Avenue Of Honour. Return via a similar route. Walk approximately 7km.

Wednesday 12 March - Waterfall Circuit

Visit six iconic waterfalls. Millaa Millaa Falls, Zillie, Elinjaa, Mungalli, Souita and Pepina. A total drive of about 55km and walk of approximately 10km.

Sunday 16 March - Platypus Trail, Tinaroo

Moderate circuit walk north of Tinaroo Dam. Starts along the Platypus Trail, then some cross country mixed with existing tracks, finishing on the Barron River. Depending on the weather, once we reach the ridge line, some may wish to wait while others walk a short distance further along the ridge before returning and joining to finish the walk.

Wednesday 26 March - False Cape Gun Mountings.

Easy/moderate return walk. Minimum of 2 litres water.

Sunday 30 March - Cycad Valley Tinaroo.

Moderate/Hard walk of approximately 8-10 km, with one or two steep pinches, in the hills behind Tinaroo Dam. Start on the Torpedo Bay track near the dam wall and work our way towards Black Mountain, sometimes on bike tracks, before we descend into a valley and follow a small creek out to the road near the Barron River. Opportunity for a swim in the Barron before we reach the cars.

Wednesday 2 April – Lake Eacham and Vision Falls

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

Wednesday 9 April - Wangetti Trail

Moderate return. Morning tea at Ellis Beach then walk back to Palm Cove. 2 litre water. Approximately 16km return.

Sunday 13 April -Majors Mountain, Ravenshoe

Moderate return walk of less than 8kms 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.