



Boots n' All 2023

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 7	Walls of Jerusalem Mt. J	A long but worthwhile walk into the heart of this spectacular national park	Medium-hard DELMS	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Jan 21	TBA <i>L.Weekend possible camping trip?</i>	While we have a day walk for 21 Jan, we're open to suggestions and offers by leaders for a possible camping expedition.		
Jan 21	Ben Lomond peaks	Explore the high alpine crags - Markham Heights, Plains of Heaven, Legges Tor, Giblin Peak, Hamilton Crags and more	Medium B E S	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
Feb 4	Mt. Tyndall	A "taster" of the Tyndall Ra. which in many ways equals the beauty of the Cradle area. Camp at Tullah Sat. night.	Medium DELMS	Kent Lillico 0428 451 528
Feb 18	Wineglass Bay	A world-renowned and spectacular attraction, descend to the beach and return via the isthmus and Hazards Beach.	Medium D L S	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Mar 4	Mt. Claude	Part of the Mt. Roland circuit, this short but steep walk explores the jagged peak high above Gowrie Park. Great views!	Medium B E S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Mar 11-13 <i>L.Weekend</i>	TBA	Possible camping expedition - we're open to suggestions and offers by leaders. Or walk in Great Lake or Ada area led by Basil T		
Mar 25	Raglan Ra. Hut	Definitely a "first" for Boots N' All, venture into the western wilderness north of the Franklin River.	Medium-Hard E L M S	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Apr 1	Fisher Bluff	Starting from Lake Mackenzie - alpine expanses, lakes and high points with views to Walls and Ossa region.	Medium E L M S	Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
April 8		<i>Easter weekend and school term break</i>		
Apr 22	Blue Tier	Explore the historical tin mines - Duco Adit, The Boiler and Liberator Mine, along with the Weldborough Rainforest walk.	Easy-Medium D M S	Phil Andrew 0408 014 757
May 6	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 20	Lake Lucy Long	A late-season venture into the heart of the northern plateau via Lady Lake Hut. Beautiful tarns, pencil pines, wilderness.	Medium	John Tabor 0475 566 389
Jun 10 <i>L.Weekend</i>	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
Jun 24	TBA			
		<i>school term break</i>		
Jul 8	TBA			
Jul 22	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 5	Loyatea Pk, Preston Falls & Leven Canyon	Three short walks around the Preston and Gunns Plains area, including views of the magnificent Leven Canyon.		Darren Wunder 0438 557 046
Aug 19	Liffey Falls (tbc)	Beautiful and well-known waterfalls close to Launceston. There should be plenty of water at this time of year!	Easy-Medium S M	Grace Hillman 0490 840 866
Sept 2	Winterbrook Falls	Just east of Black Bluff, these spectacular falls tumble over the edge of a high and craggy escarpment directly opposite the Bluff.	Medium D E L S	Basil Tkaczuk 6331 1155
Sept 16	Meander Falls	Rain forest walk - spectacular water falls from the escarpment of the Western Tiers	Medium-Hard L S	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Sept 30	TBA			
		<i>school term break</i>		
Oct 8 (Sunday)	Tamar Island	Sunday afternoon stroll to a peaceful wetlands area on the very edge of the city - plenty of bird life to observe.	Easy - Family	John Potts 0418 576011
Oct 21	Seal Lagoon (Bay of Fires)	Explore the spectacular coastal scenery of yet another world-renowned Tassie attraction. No obligation, but walkers can help carry water in for next week's <i>Taking on Goliath</i> camp.	Medium L	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Nov 4 <i>L.Weekend</i>	East Coast SU camping trip	SU Youth adventure camp at the Bay of Fires for grades 5-8. Check website after July	See registration website	Nik Sands 0429 387 777
Nov 4 <i>L.Weekend</i>	TBA			
Nov 10 (Fri.)	<i>Planning</i>	<i>Meeting to plan 2024 walks program</i>		
Nov 18	Bridport loop	A relaxing seaside break at Bridport. Explore the walking track, the wildflowers, and perhaps a swim and a coffee afterwards.	Easy	Peter Davies 0414 516 268
Dec 2	Western Creek track	Head past rugged crags to the very rustic Whiteley's Hut. Extensive views from the dramatic escarpments of the Tiers.	Medium E L M S	Philip Dawson email pidasms@gmail.com or ph. 6382 3561 after 6:30 pm
		<i>School Christmas holidays</i>		
Dec 27 (Wednesday)	TBA	We usually aim for the wide-open spaces and wildflowers of the alpine plateaux to walk off the Christmas cheer.		

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.



“Love the bush and praise its Creator”



Key to Walk Ratings

- B** Boulder field – walkers need to be able to confidently step from rock to rock.
- C** Climbing sections using rocks and vegetation as hand holds.
- D** Drive distance requires early departure – usually 7:30 am
- E** Exposed alpine conditions – can be dangerous in poor weather if not fully equipped – see below.
- L** A long day's walk – in excess of 3 hours each way.
- 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.
- * **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.