

Friends of the Great South West Walk: Recreational Walks Program 2025

SWB (Short Walks on and around The Great South West Walk) - **GB** (The Great South West Walk Guide Book)

DATE	WALK	MEETING LOCATION AND TIME	DISTANCE (APPROX)	OPTION FOR LEAVING THE WALK	CONTACT PERSON
Saturday January 18th	North Nelson Track / Gorge Circuit Walk. BYO Picnic Tea @ Nelson (SWB #14)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 2.00 pm Twilight Walk	9.2 km		Lou 0400 145220
Thursday January 23rd	Trewalla Loop walk plus extension to Bridgewater Beach	Bridgewater Bay Carpark 8.15am	9.0 km		Phyl 0488 629163
Monday February 3rd	Nelson (Ocean Beach) to Mombeong Camp (via inland track) (GB Day 8)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	20 km		Andy 0417 704303
Saturday February 8th	Bridgewater Lakes – Blowholes via White’s Beach. BYO Picnic Tea @ the BW Lakes (SWB #18)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 2.00 pm Twilight Walk	10 km		Sarah 0417051020
Monday March 3rd	Cut-Out Camp to Fitzroy Camp (GB Day 3)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	22.9 km	Cobboboonee Camp, 11km	Jen 0417 345440
Saturday March 15th	Shelley Beach – Trewalla Loop Walk via beach & return along GSWW. BYO Picnic Lunch (SWB #19)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 8.00am Morning Walk	9 km		Lou 0400 145220
Thursday March 20th	Battersbys Camp to Pattersons Camp (GB Day 6)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 8.15am	13.4 km		Andy 0417 704303
Monday April 7th	Moleside Camp to Battersbys Camp (GB Day 5)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	19.4 km	Pritchards, 11.9km	Bronwyn 0400 911580
Saturday April 12th	Battersbys to Sapling Creek (LGNP). BYO Picnic lunch (SWB #11)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 9.00am Day Walk	10 km		Julie 03 55232131
Monday May 5th	Cut-Out Camp to Pennys Road (GB Day 1 &2)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	21 km	Fishholes Rd, 13km	Andy 0417 704303

Saturday May 10th	Hamilton – Coleraine Rail Trail (Hockey Stick. BYO Picnic Lunch)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 9.00am Day Walk	9 km		Sue / Steve 0413 149427
Thursday May 22nd	Whites Beach to Bridgewater Bay	Bridgewater Bay carpark 8.15am	13 km		Sarah 0417 051020
Monday June 2nd	Pattersons to Simpsons (GB Day 7)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	19 km		Phyl 0488 629163
Saturday June 14th	Robertson's Rd - Cubby's Camp (Cobboboonee Forest)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 10.00am Day Walk	9 km		Lou 0400 145220
Monday July 7th	Cape Bridgewater Circuit (SWB 20)	Bridgewater Bay Carpark 7.45am	21.6 km	Blowholes, 13.6 km	Jen 0417 345440
Saturday July 12th	Mt Richmond to Swan Lake	Portland Visitor Info Centre 9.00am Day Walk	10 km		Julie 03 55232131
Thursday July 25th	Quarry Gate to Cape Nelson Lighthouse (GB Day 14)	Cape Nelson Lighthouse 8.15am	14 km		Bronwyn 0400 911580
Monday August 4th	Fitzroy Camp to Moleside Camp (GB Day 4)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	21.6 km	Jnct Inkpot Rd / Harris Rd, 13 km	Russell 0427 234750
Saturday August 9th	Blackwood Road to Fish Holes Road (Cobboboonee Forest)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 10.00am Day Walk	9 km		Julie 03 55232131
Monday September 1st	Swan Lake Camp to Bridgewater Lakes (via beach) (GB Day 10)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	18km		Bronwyn 0400 911580
Saturday September 20th	Seacliff Nature Walk & Half Nelson Walk Options. (SWB #26/27)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 10.00am Day Walk	9 km		Sarah 0417 051020
Thursday September 18th	Mombeong Circuit (SWB 17)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 8.15am	13.4 km		Sarah 0417 051020
Monday October 6th	Tarragal Camp to Swan Lake Camp (via Mt Richmond) (GB Day 10)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 7.45am	22 km	Mt Richmond Picnic Ground, 13 km	Brian 0418 534353
Saturday October 11th	Explore Budj Bim National Park (Options)	Portland Visitor Info Centre 9.00am Day Walk	5 – 8 km		Jenny 0427 788206/ Wendy 0400 539839

Monday November 3rd	Cape Nelson Lighthouse to Bridgewater Bay (GB Day 13)	Bridgewater Bay 7.45am	20 km	Trewalla Loop Carpark on Bridgewater Rd, 16 km	Tracy 0427 367894
Saturday November 8th	Murrell's Beach to Cape Nelson Light House. Evening meal at local hotel TBA	Portland Visitor Info Centre 3.00 pm Twilight Walk	6 km		Brenda 0418 520019
Thursday November 20 th	Trewalla Loop Carpark to Cape Nelson Lighthouse (GB Day 13)	Cape Nelson Lighthouse 8.15am	14 km		Jen 0417 345440
Monday December 1st	Yellow Rock to end of Bills Walk (GB Day 14)	Childers St/Madeira Packet Rd at 7.45am	12k		Tracy 0427 367894

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All interested walkers must register their interest by:

Saturday walks - 3 pm Thursday prior to the walk

Monday & Thursday walks - 3pm on day prior to the walk

There will be a maximum of 20 walkers. Contact numbers will be taken at time of registration to enable confirmation of meeting location/times or event cancellation.

Carpooling from Portland can be arranged. There will be a car sharing cost of either \$5 or \$10 depending on distance, payable by each passenger to the driver. The cost applicable will be indicated on registration and exact change would be appreciated.

Walking with the FGSWW offers the opportunity to walk with others and share knowledge of the history, terrain, flora and fauna of this beautiful South-West corner of Victoria, which is becoming increasingly popular with locals and visitors to the area. We welcome new members and visitors.

Where possible opt out options have been included for those walkers who would like to participate but not complete the whole planned walk. Please indicate to the contact person at the time of registering if you plan to opt out to assist with transport options.

Walkers are welcome to join in as visitors for up to two walks, after which they are required to join as FGSWW members in order for them to be able to participate in any further walks. Membership forms are available from the FGSWW website or the contact person on the day of the walk. For non-members, a charge of \$5.00 per person/per walk is collected on the day to contribute to the cost of the FGSWW insurance for such events – please have the correct change. FGSWW is affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria.

Suggested Equipment for Day Walks

Personal first aid kit (suggested contents available on request) to include snake bandage and all personal medications.

Morning tea, nibbles and lunch, water bottle (min 1 litre), day pack, waterproof jacket, sun hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, beanie, comfortable and broken-in footwear. A change of clothes for the return trip (left in the car) in case of wet weather.

Refer to Bushwalking Victoria for useful information <https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/alphaindex/associate-clubs/m>

The GSWW Walking Group is also on Facebook [The GSWW Walking Group is now on Facebook](#).

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