

Bushwalking ethics

The fundamental principle of bushwalking ethics is that the countryside should be affected by your passage as little as possible. Ideally it should be impossible to discover where a party has walked or camped. In particular you should remember the following rules:

Flora and Fauna

In national parks and nature reserves all flora and fauna is protected. This rule should apply to bushwalkers wherever they go. Never carry guns or take dogs on a bushwalk.

Tracks

Most tracks, especially those in national parks, are designed to minimise erosion. Use the tracks and don't cut corners.

Fires

We are fortunate in this area to be able to light a campfire almost anywhere. This does, however, incur obligations and responsibilities to make sure the fire is out before leaving. Always put out the fire with water.

Rubbish

The golden rule is: if you can carry it in full then you can carry it out empty. No material is to be left behind in the bush—not even fruit peelings! Carry everything out.

Farmland

Great reliance is placed on the friendliness and cooperation of landowners. Please comply with their requests—a careless act on your part could prove expensive to a farmer. It goes without saying that permission must be sought in advance before entering on private property.

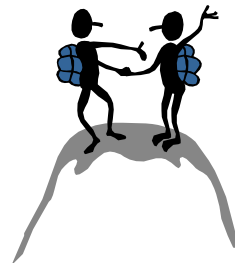
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The Inverell Bushwalking Club Incorporated is a member of the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs of NSW Incorporated. For more information on bushwalking generally, check out their website at: bushwalking.org.au

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About us

Membership

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 16 years. Children under 16 may be included in family membership.

To join the club it is first necessary to become a Prospective Member. This is valid for three months and entitles you to participate in all club activities, and also gives you a chance to see whether you like the club before becoming a full member.

Fees

We have managed to keep our membership fees surprisingly low. There is a small fee to become a prospective member, and then annual fees for single members and families.

Visitors

Our Public Liability insurance does not cover non-members. Visitors, therefore, are not permitted to attend club activities unless they first become a Prospective Member.

Transport Costs

The walks programme usually shows a cost for each walk. This goes to the car owner to offset the cost of getting to the start of the walk. It is not a charge made by the club for attending the walk.

Meetings

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every second month in January, March, May, July, September and November. The meetings are held at 7.30 pm at Inverell High School. These are very informal affairs and provide members and visitors a chance to discuss future walks and reminisce on past ones. **Visitors are always welcome**

Newsletter

The club produces a newsletter and walks program five times a year with information on forthcoming meetings and details of walks and other outings.

Where we walk

Day walks

Most day walks are within 50 km or so of Inverell. In this district we have many superb areas for walking—some on private property and some in national parks and reserves. Day walks do sometimes extend as far as Washpool and Gibraltar Range National Parks.

Popular areas for day walks include:

- Kings Plains National Park—30 km north-east of Inverell.
- Kwiambal National Park—70 km from Inverell near the town of Ashford.
- Goonoowigall Bushland Reserve—a popular walking locality 5 km south of Inverell.
- Warialda Creek—splendid walking near Delungra.
- Howell - Copes Creek—An old mining area south of Inverell with great views over Copeton Dam.
- Lake Inverell—short walks on good tracks around Inverell's old water supply dam. Excellent for birdwatching.

Overnight walks

Some of our favourite areas for pack walks are:

- Kaputar National Park—particularly the northern section around Waa Gorge and Mt Grattai.
- Kwiambal National Park—spectacular river scenery in The Dungeon and the junction of the Severn and Macintyre Rivers. Great area for fishing!
- Washpool and Gibraltar Range National Parks—great walking in a renowned World Heritage Area.
- Guy Fawkes River National Park—spectacular river and gorge scenery a bit further afield.
- Also Werrikimbe and Oxley Wild Rivers National Parks.

Other areas popular with club members are Warrumbungles NP and the excellent national parks in southern Queensland at Sundown and Girraween.



What now?

Come on a walk, of course!

Hopefully, after reading this leaflet, you will be keen to come on a walk with us. The most important rule is:

You must contact the walks leader first

The walks program

Almost every weekend between March and November the club has a walk on of some sort—either a day walk, a pack walk, or a car camp.

The walks program, along with the newsletter, is published five times a year and contains all the details you need to decide which walk you would like to go on.

Grading of walks

The club has adopted a standard system of grading of walks similar to that used by many other clubs. Full details are available on the walks program.

What do I need to get started?

Luckily, bushwalking is one of the few great outdoor pursuits where, for day walks, very little equipment is needed.

Basic equipment will include: stout boots or sports shoes with a good tread; a rucksack for your lunch and drink; a small first aid kit; a hat and sunscreen—and, of course, your camera.

Always carry plenty of water—two litres per person per day in warmer weather

Overnight pack walks require some careful planning as regards equipment. Talk to experienced walkers about this.

Important

Even some day walks can be quite difficult and suitable for only experienced bushwalkers. The leader has the absolute right to refuse any person they believe is not suitable for the walk. Do not be offended if the leader suggests you start with an easier walk