

THE TOP DAY WALKS IN VICTORIA

Wednesday 20 March – Saturday 6 April, 2024
(incorporating the Easter holiday weekend)



*18 days ex-Melbourne (including 1 rest day)
(timed for the best weather and to avoid Victorian school holidays)
Leader: Phillip Donnell*

*Estimated price: \$4500 (excluding airfares)
(based on a minimum of 10 participants and subject to currency
fluctuations)*

*A comprehensive walking tour covering most of Victoria.
Experience a tremendous range of landscapes across national parks,
numerous reserves and several wilderness areas.*

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DATE	POSSIBLE WALK(S)	OVERNIGHT
Day 1 Wednesday 20 March	Arrival Day It is recommended that you fly into Melbourne early. Transfer to the hotel in downtown. Use any free time to explore the downtown area. 6.00 p.m. Initial briefing, followed by dinner together.	Melbourne
METRO MELBOURNE		
Day 2 Thursday 21 March	In and Around Melbourne <i>Walks selected from:</i> Yarra Bend (11.2km, 3-4h) Maribymong River (16km, 4-5h) Organ Pipes National Park (3km, 1h) Sugarloaf Reservoir (16km, 4-6h) Warrandyte Goldfields (3.3km, 1-3h) 1000 Steps (10.8km, 3-4h)	Melbourne
WESTERN PLAINS AND OTWAYS		
Day 3 Friday 22 March	Drive from Melbourne to Bacchus Marsh (60km, 1h), and later on to Lorne (125km,1h45m) <i>Walks selected from:</i> Werribee Gorge State Park: Werribee Gorge Circuit (10km, 4-5h) You Yangs Regional Park: You Yangs (7km,2-3h) Great Otway National Park: Lake Elizabeth (5km,2h) Great Otway National Park: <i>Erskine Falls, Hopetown Falls, Kalimna Falls, Straw falls, Phantom Falls, Won Wondah Falls, Sheoak Falls, Sabine Falls, Currawong Falls</i>	Lorne
THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD		
Day 4 Saturday 23 March	Travel Lorne to Port Campbell (140km,2h30m) and later on to Warrnambool (60km,50m) <i>Walks selected from:</i> Great Ocean Walk: Aire River to Johanna Beach (10.5km, 4-5h) Great Ocean Walk: Ryans Den to Johanna beach (14.4km,4-5h) Great Ocean Walk: Princetown to the Twelve Apostles (6km,2h)	Warrnambool
THE GRAMPIANS		
Day 5 Sunday 24 March	Travel from Warrnambool to Halls Gap (160km,1h45m) and later (possibly) on to Stawell (27km,20m). <i>Walks selected from:</i> Wonderland Loop (10.5km, 4-5h) Mount Rosea (10-12km,4-6h)	Halls Gap or Stawell

	Hollow Mountain/Wudjub-Guyon (3km,2h) Mount Stapylton (6km, 2-3h or 12.2km,4-5h)	
Day 6 Monday 25 March	Walks selected from those above. Late afternoon: Travel from Stawell to Castlemaine (150km, 2h)	Castlemaine
CENTRAL VICTORIA AND GOLDFIELDS		
Day 7 Tuesday 26 March	<i>Walks selected from:</i> Hanging Rock (4km,2h) Mount Macedon (18km, 5-7h) Leanganook (13.3km,4-5h) Goldfields Track: Heritage Park section (16km,6-7h) Goldfields Track: Mount Franklin View (6km,2h) Kooyoora State Park (9km, 3-4h)	Castlemaine
Day 8 Wednesday 27 March	Walks selected from those above. Late afternoon: Travel from Castlemaine to Bendigo (215km)	Mansfield
Day 9 Thursday 28 March	Rest day in Bendigo Bendigo is Victoria's fourth largest city, located around 150 kilometres north-west of Melbourne. Bendigo has a rich and prosperous heritage dating back to the days when gold was discovered in the area in the 1850s. Since then, Bendigo has been the second highest producing goldfield in Australia and remains the seventh largest in the world. Bendigo's rich gold history has produced a city of unparalleled opulence and grandeur. Stunning architecture and manicured gardens are all symbolic of Bendigo.	Bendigo
HIGH COUNTRY		
Day 10 Friday 29 March	Travel to Mansfield (205km, 2h30m) Mansfield and Environs <i>Walks selected from:</i> Great Victorian Rail Trail (22km,6.5h) Lake Eldon National Park (9km,3h) Jamieson (5km,2h) Howqua River (3km,1.5h) Mount Stirling (16km,6.5h) Craig's Hut (3.4km,1.5h) Mount Cobbler (10km,4-5h)	Mansfield
Day 11 Saturday 30 March	Travel from Mansfield to Bright (175km). Mount Buffalo National Park <i>Walks selected from:</i>	Bright

	Reform Hill, Myrtleford (3.5km,1h) Rollason's Falls (4km,1.5h) Gorge Heritage Walk (3km,1h) Eastern Plateau Loop (9km,3.5h) Mount Buffalo Big Walk (11.4km,4-6h) Mount Buffalo Plateau (16km, 5-6h) Lake Chatani and Chalwell Caves (11.5km,4-5h)	
Day 12 Sunday 31 March	Travel from Bright to Dinner Plain (65km,1h15m) Alpine National Park <i>Walks selected from:</i> Harrietville (4km,1.5h) Dinner Plain Highlights (15km,5.5h) Mount Beauty (6km,2h) Mount Bogong (15km,6.5h) Falls Creek: Ropers Lookout (4km,1.5h) Falls Creek: Heritage Huts (6km,2h) Mount Wills (6km,2.5h) Mitta Mitta (8km,3h)	Dinner Plain
GIPPSLAND		
Day 13 Monday 1 April	Travel from Dinner Plain to Sale (230km,3h) <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mitchell River National Park: Mitchell River Gorge (part, 16km,5-6h) Mitchell River National Park: Den of Nargun (3.4km,2h) Sale Wetlands (part, 15km,4h)	Sale
Day 14 Tuesday 2 April	Travel from Sale to Walhalla (90km,1h15m) and later on to Mirboo North (85km,1h10m). <i>Walks selected from:</i> Baw Baw National Park: Baw Baw Village ((11km,3-4h) Baw Baw National Park: Mushroom Rocks (3.8km,1-2h) Baw Baw National Park: Walhalla Train,Tram,Trail (16km,4-5h) Tarra-Bulga National Park: Macks Creek (13km,4h)	Mirboo North
Day 15 Wednesday 3 April	Travel from Mirboo North to Tidal River (100km,1h30m) and later on to Wonthaggo (105km,1h30m). Wilson's Promontory National Park: Squeaky Beach (8.5km,2-3h) Vereker Lookout (6km,2h) Mount Oberon (7km,2h) Tongue Point (5.6km,1.5h) Mount Bishop (5.3km,2h) Picnic Bay and Whisky Bay (4km, 1.5h)	Wonthaggi

PHILLIP ISLAND		
Day 16 Thursday 4 April	<p>Travel from Wonthaggi to Cowes (40km,40m) and later on to Newhaven (14km,15m)</p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Cape Woolamai (9.2km,3h) - Shorter option: Pinnacles 4.5km,1h30m, Granite Quarry (6km,2h), Beacon (6.6km,2h30m). George Bass Coastal Walk (14km,4-6h) Pyramid Rock to Berrys beach (5km,2h) The Nobbies (500m,20m) Conservation Hill and Rhyll Inlet (3 loops of 30m to 1h each) Kitty Miller Bay (2km,1h) Swan Lake (1.3km,20m) Oswin Roberts Reserve (3 loops of 30m to 1h15m) Churchill Island (2 loops of 1h or 2h) San Remo Walks (2 loops 40m and 1h) Forrest Sea Caves (2km,45m) Opportunity to see the penguins at "Penguin Parade" in the evening (own cost)</p>	Cowes or Newhaven
MORNINGTON PENINSULA		
Day 17 Friday 5 April	<p>Travel from Newhaven to Flinders (115 km,1h30m) and later on to Melbourne (80km,1h10m)</p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Arthur's Seat (4km, 1-2h) Bushranger Bay (13.5km,3-4h) Mornington Peninsula National Park: Cape Schanck (8 km, 2-3h) Point Nepean National Park: Point Nepean (9.2km, 3-4h)</p> <p>Farewell Celebration Dinner in Melbourne</p>	Melbourne
Day 18 Saturday 6 April	<p>Trip concludes after breakfast.</p> <p>Fly home to New Zealand</p>	

Below you will find:

Booking Conditions

Registration Form

Waiver Form

FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

VICTORIA: 20 March – 6 April, 2024

Booking Conditions

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. All prospective participants on this trip must be vaccinated against Covid 19.
3. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, pandemic, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
4. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for this trip is ten.
5. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
6. The trip fee includes subsidisation of the leader/driver administrative and travel expenses, as well as a gift of appreciation/gratuity.
7. Registrations close on **30 November 2023**, or earlier if all the spaces are filled. The trip is currently viable in terms of minimum numbers and will proceed.
8. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form and passport scan. A deposit of \$500 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance of the trip fee is due to be paid by 31 December 2023.
9. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Footsteps, Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip ("Victoria") in the reference box.
10. Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise *Footsteps* in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL REFUND. Under *normal* circumstance, cancellations up to 60 days prior incur a 10% cancellation fee. For 60-30 days prior, 30% is deducted. For 30-15 days prior, 60% is deducted. After 14 days prior, there is no refund. If you find a suitable replacement person, the above cancellation fees MAY be waived.
11. Personal travel insurance is compulsory. It is recommended that this includes cover for travel plans being disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is currently available via a range of insurance companies.

A registration form and waiver form are below...

***Footsteps Walking and Travel Club of Aotearoa New Zealand
Victoria 2024: Trip Registration Form***

Complete and send this (along with a passport scan and the waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$500 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s):

Postal Address:

Day/Night phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Date(s) of birth:

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$500pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date.

(signed and dated by each person registering)

Send (with passport scan and waiver form) to :

Footsteps, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112.

Email: footstepsanz@gmail.com

FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

PROVIDER: Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

PARTICIPANT:

("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

Date: _____