

THE BEST DAY WALKS OF SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND **4-18 October 2026 (15 days)**

Two magnificent weeks exploring the top trails and scenic sights across the length and breadth of southern Queensland, including the Gold Coast, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. October generally provides pleasant weather and fewer crowds.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Led by Phillip Donnell
- Price: \$4950pp based on a minimum of 8 participants and subject to currency exchange fluctuations
- Price is estimated at April 2025, so subject to change until fully paid.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodations in twin share basis (motels, lodges, hotels).
- Transport by hired minivan or people mover.
- All breakfasts (continental style).
- Experienced trip leader throughout.
- Entry fees to national parks and major walking sites.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights.
- Lunches and dinners.
- Travel insurance, personal expenses or any arrangements outside of the itinerary and its inclusions.

WALKING PROGRAMME

We have offered a wide range of options in the daily itinerary along with distances and anticipated times. These will all give a great representation of the areas visited. If you have a medium grade of fitness then this holiday is for you! All options are day or part day trips. You need to be comfortable with a day pack for carrying your lunch, snacks, drink bottle, and valuables, not much different to what most people should be used to on day tramps at home. Logistics, the interests of the party, and of course weather will dictate the outcomes, but Phillip will brief everyone each day.

ITINERARY

For further information about walks go to
<https://www.aussiebushwalking.com/qld> or <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au>

DATE

ACTIVITY

Participants should be in Brisbane by the evening of Saturday 9 May 2026.

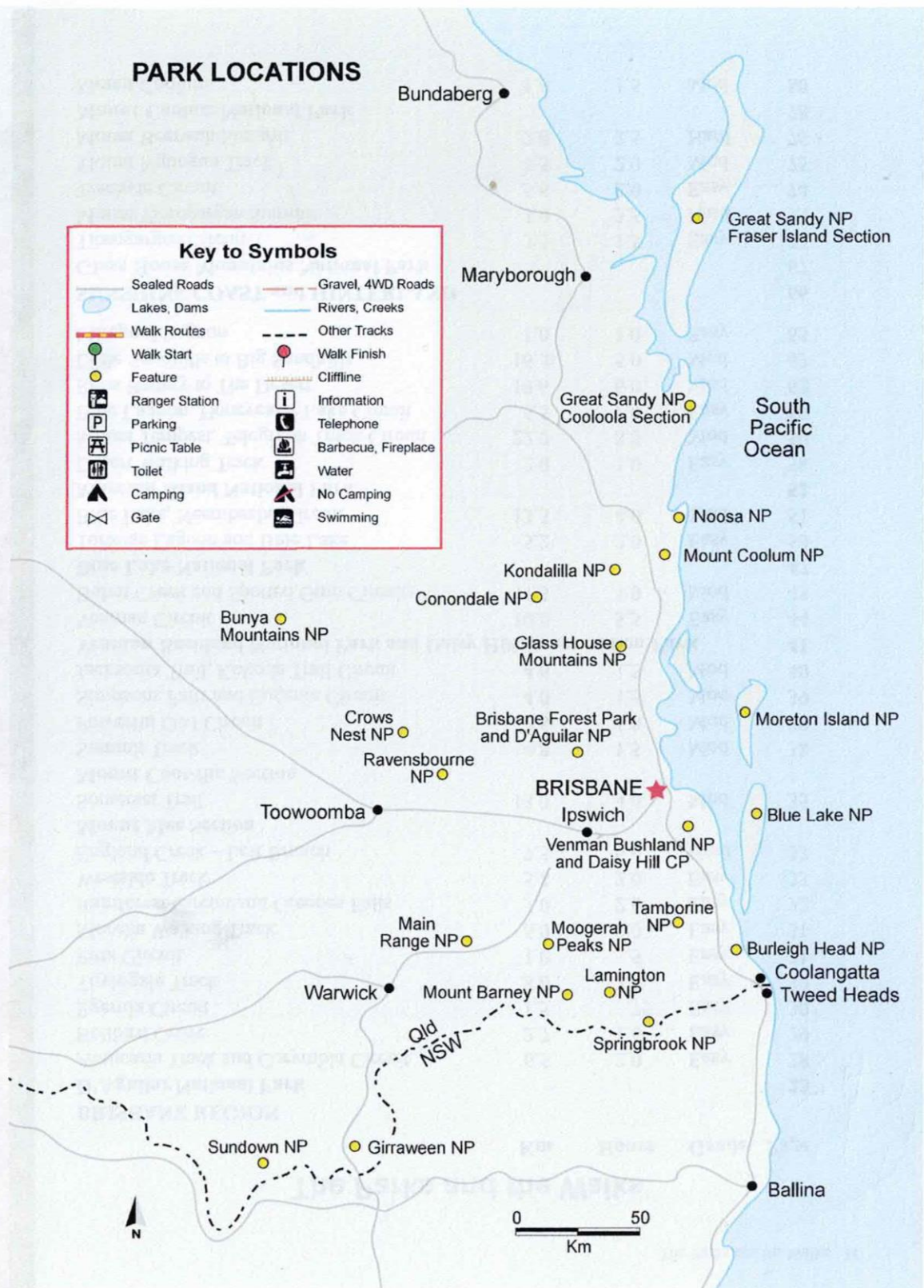
Accommodation for this night is part of the tour price.


The initial briefing for the group will take place at 6 p.m.




PARK LOCATIONS

Key to Symbols	
Sealed Roads	Gravel, 4WD Roads
Lakes, Dams	Rivers, Creeks
Walk Routes	Other Tracks
Walk Start	Walk Finish
Feature	Cliffline
Ranger Station	Information
Parking	Telephone
Picnic Table	Barbecue, Fireplace
Toilet	Water
Camping	No Camping
Gate	Swimming




BRISBANE REGION	
D'AGUILAR NATIONAL PARK	
Day 1 Sunday 4 October	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Rainforest Circuit and Greenes Falls (5km, 2h, Easy) Araucaria Track and Corymbia Circuit (6.5km, 2h, Easy) Bellbird Grove (2.7km, 1h, Easy) Egernia Circuit (1.5km, 45min, Easy) Thylogale Track (8km, 3h, Easy) Pitta Circuit (1km, 30min, Easy) Morelia Walking Track (6km, 2h, Easy) Westside Track (5.8km, 2h, Easy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mount Mee section:</i> <p>Somerset Trail (13km, 4h, Mod)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mount Coot-ha Section</i> <p>Summit Track (4.8km return, 1h30m, Mod) Powerful Owl Circuit (2.8km, 1h, Mod) Simpsons falls and Eugenia Circuit (4km, 1h30m, Mod) Jacksonia Trail/Kokoda trail Circuit (4.6km, 1h30m, Mod)</p> <p><i>O/n Brisbane</i></p>
GOLD COAST AND HINTERLAND	
BURLEIGH HEADS NATIONAL PARK	
Day 2 Monday 5 October	<p><i>Travel from Brisbane to Burleigh Heads (87km,1h)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Oceanview and Rainforest Tracks (3.4km, 1h30m, Easy) Tallebudgera Creek Track (8km, 2-3h, Mod) Gold Coast Oceanway: Burleigh Heads to Surfers Paradise (10km, 2h30m)</p>  <p><i>O/n Burleigh Heads or Surfers Paradise</i></p>
SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK	
Day 3 Tuesday 6 October	<p><i>Travel from Burleigh Heads to Springbrook NP (33km,45m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plateau Section</i> <p>Best of All Lookout (700m, 30m, Easy) Purlington Falls and Warringa Pool (6km, 2h30m, Easy) Purling Brook Falls Circuit (4km, 1h30m, Mod) Twin Falls Circuit (4km, 1h30m, Mod) Blackfellows and Poondahra Falls (5.8km, 2h, Mod) Warrie Circuit (14km, 5h30m, Mod)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Natural Bridge Section</i> <p>Natural Bridge Circuit (1km, 30m, Easy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mount Cougal Section</i>

	<p>Cougal Cascades (1.6km, 30m, Easy) The Cougals (8.5km, 4h, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Springbrook NP to Canungra (48km,50m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Canungra</i></p>
LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK	
<p>Day 4 Wednesday 7 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Canungra to Binna Burra (28km,30m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Binna Burra Section</i> <p>Elabana Falls and Picnic Rock (7km, 2h, Easy) Upper Ballunjui Falls (12km, 4h, Easy) Caves Circuit (5.2km, 1h30m, Easy) Lower Ballunjui Falls(11km, 4h, Easy) Tullwallal Circuit (5km, 2h, Easy) Rainforest Track (1.2km, 30m, Easy) Gwongoorool Pool (5.8km, 2h, Mod) Dave's Creek Circuit (12km, 4h, Mod) Coomera Gorge Lookout (11km return, 4h, Mod) Lower Bellbird Track (10km,4h, Mod)</p> <p><i>O/n Canungra</i></p>
	
<p>Day 5 Thursday 8 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Canungra to O'Reillys (35km, 1h)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Green Mountains Section</i> <p>Wishing Tree and Mick's Tower (2.5km, 1h, Easy) Centenary Track (1.8km, 30min, Easy) O'Reilly's Tree-Top Walk (1km, 30min, Easy) Python Rock Lookout (3km, 1h30m, Easy) Moran's Falls Lookout (4.4km, 2h, Mod) Toolona Creek Circuit (17.4km, 6h30m, Mod) Yerralahla (Blue Pool) (9.9km, 4h30m, Mod) West Canungra Creek Circuit (14km, 6h, Mod) Albert River Circuit (20.6km, 6h30m, Mod) Border Track and Box Forest Circuit (10.9km, 4h, Mod) (includes several waterfalls) O'Reillys to Binna Burra (21km, 6h, Mod/Hard)</p> <p><i>O/n Canungra</i></p>
TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK	
<p>Day 6 Friday 9 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Canungra to Tamborine NP (26km,30m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Curtis Falls (1km, 45m, Easy) Witches Falls Circuit (3.4km, 1h, Easy) Curtis Falls and Joalah Circuit (4.2km, 1h30m, Easy) Cedar Creek Falls (1.2km, 30min, Easy)</p>

	<p>Knoll Walking Track (2.6km,1h, Easy)</p> <p>Palm Grove and Jenyns Circuits (5.4km, 2h, Easy)</p> <p>Rainforest Walk (1.4km, 30min, Easy)</p> <p><i>O/n Canungra</i></p>
THE SCENIC RIM MOUNTAIN ARC	
MOOGERAH PEAKS NATIONAL PARK	
<p>Day 7</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>10 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Canungra to Mount Edwards (90km, 1h10m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Mount French Cliff Circuit (4km, 1h30m, Easy)</p> <p>Mount Edwards (6.5km, 3h, Mod)</p> <p>Mount Greville (12km, 4h, Mod0)</p> <p><i>O/n Mount Edwards/Aratula/Warwick</i></p>
MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK	
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>11 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Mount Edwards/Aratula/Warwick to Cunninghams Gap (20km,20m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Box Forest (5km,2h)</p> <p>Mount Cordeaux (6.8km, 2-3h, Mod)</p> <p>Rainforest Circuit (1.6km, 30m)</p> <p>Bare Rock Track and Morgans Walk (12.4km, 4h30m)</p> <p>Palm Grove Circuit (4.4km, 2h, Easy)</p> <p>Mount Cordeaux and Bare Rock (12.4km, 4h, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Cunninghams Gap to Toowoomba (105km, 1h20m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Toowoomba</i></p>
DARLING DOWNS	
RAVESBOURNE AND CROWS NEST NATIONAL PARKS	
<p>Day 9</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>12 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Toowoomba to Ravensbourne NP (50km, 1h)</i></p> <p><u>Ravensbourne NP</u></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Cedar Block Walk (500m, 30m, Easy)</p> <p>Mount Perseverance Circuit (7.5km, 2h30m, Easy)</p> <p>Rainforest and Palm Creek Circuits (4.8km, 2h, Easy)</p> <p>Buaraba Creek Circuit (8.3km, 2h30m, Mod)</p> <p>Buaraba Creek (6km, 2h, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Ravensbourne NP to Crows Nest NP (35km, 30m)</i></p> <p><u>Crows Nest NP</u></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Crows Nest Falls and Koonin Lookout (4.8km, 2h, Easy)</p> <p>Valley of Diamonds Circuit (13km, 5h, Mod)</p> <p>Perseverance Heights Circuit (10.8km, 4h, Mod)</p> <p>Crows Nest Falls Circuit (via Kauyoo Loop) (4.5km, 2h, Mod)</p>

	<p>Perseverance Gorges Circuit (8.5km, 5h, Hard) <i>Travel from Crows Nest NP to Toogoolawah (54km, 50m) or (Kilcoy (88km, 1h15m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Toogoolawah or Kilcoy</i></p>
CONONDALE NATIONAL PARK	
<p>Day 10 Tuesday 13 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Toogoolawah to Conondale NP (80km, 1h10m)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i> Conondale Range Great Walk (5km, 2h) Booloumba Hiking Trail (6km, 2h30m, Mod) Booloumba Falls (3k, 1h30m, Easy) Gold Mine Walk (3.3km, 1h30m, Easy) Mount Langley (12.4km, 5h, Mod) Little Yabba and Piccabeen Circuits (3.3km, 1h, Easy) Mount Allan Hiking Trail (8.8km, 3h, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Conondale NP to Gympie (84km, 1h30m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Gympie</i></p>
SUNSHINE COAST AND HINTERLAND	
GREAT SANDY NATIONAL PARK (COOLOOLA WILDERNESS SECTION)	
<p>Day 11 Wednesday 14 October</p>	<p><i>Travel from Gympie to Rainbow Beach (73km, 1h)</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i> Double Island Point Lighthouse (2.2km, 1h, Easy) Rainbow Beach Coloured Sands (15km, 5h, Easy) Freshwater, Poona Lake and Bymien Picnic Area (17km, 6h, Mod) Carlo Sandblow to Poona Lake (14.5km, 5h, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Rainbow Beach to Noosa (100km, 1h15m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Noosa</i></p>
NOOSA AND MOUNT COOLUM NATIONAL PARKS	
<p>Day 12 Thursday 15 October</p>	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noosa Headland Section: Noosa Headland Circuit (7.3km, 2h, Easy) Noosa Hill Circuit/Tanglewood Walk (3.7km, 1h30m, Easy) Tanglewood Walk (8km return or return via Coastal Walk (7km, 3h) Coastal Track (10.8km return, 4h, Mod) Palm Grove Walk (1.1km, 20-30min) Peregian and Emu Mountain Section: Hakea walk (2.4km return, 1h) Emu Mountain Summit (1.1km, 1h) Ocean Beach (1km, 30min) <p><u>Mount Coolum NP:</u> Mount Coolum (3.2km, 2h, Mod)</p> <p><i>O/n Noosa</i></p>

MAPLETON FALLS AND KONDALILLA NATIONAL PARKS	
Day 13 Friday 16 October	<p><i>Travel from Noosa to Mapleton Falls NP (60km,1h)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mapleton Falls NP:</u> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mapleton Falls Lookout (50m, 5min) Wompoo Circuit/Peregrine Lookout 1.3km, 45min) • <u>Kondalilla NP</u> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Kondalilla Falls Circuit (4.7km, 1h30m, Mod) Picnic Creek Circuit (2.1km, 1h, Easy) Narrows Lookout (2.2km return,1h, Easy) Baroon Lookout (4.4km return, Mod) <p><i>Travel from Kondalilla NP to Caloundra (40km,40m)</i></p> <p><i>O/n Caloundra</i></p>
GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK AND VICINITY	
Day 14 Saturday 17 October	<p><i>Travel from Caloundra to Glass House Mountains Village (27km,30m) and return.</i></p> <p><i>Comprised of eleven distinctive peaks - technically known as volcanic plugs - the Glass House Mountains are geological marvels created by hardened magma from ancient volcanoes over 25 million years ago, with Mount Beerwah and Mount Coonowrin being the most iconic.</i></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i> Mount Beerwah Summit (2.6km, 2h30m, Hard) Mount Ngungun (2.8km return, 2h, Mod) Wild Horse Mountain (1.4km, 1h, Mod) Mount Cooroora (2km, 1h30m, Mod) Mount Ninderry (2.5km, 1h, Mod)</p>  <p><i>O/n Caloundra</i></p>
Day 15 Sunday 18 October	<p><i>Travel from Caloundra to Glass House Mountains Village (27km,30m).</i></p> <p>Tibrogargan Circuit (4.1km return, 1h30m, Easy) Mount Tibrogargan Summit (3km, 3h30m, Hard) Trachyte Circuit (5.6km, 2h, Easy) Tibrogargan Trailhead to Beerburum Trailhead Link Track (5.4km one way) Mount Beerburum (3.5km return, 1h30m, Mod)</p> <p><i>Travel from Glass House Mountains Village to Brisbane (70km,1h)</i></p> <p>Farewell Celebration Dinner</p> <p><i>O/n Brisbane</i></p>

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SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND, 4-18 October, 2026

Booking Conditions

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. *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.
5. The trip fee includes subsidisation of the leader/driver administrative and travel expenses, as well as a gift of appreciation/gratuity.
6. Registrations should be sent *as early as possible* in order to obtain optimal arrangements. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights with confidence. The deadline for registrations is **1 July, 2026**, or earlier if fully subscribed.
7. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration form, Waiver 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 **15 September 2026**.
8. 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 ("Qld") in the reference box.
9. Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is compulsory.

Registration and waiver forms are below.

Complete these and send them to us, with a copy of your passport, to secure your place. Then pay your deposit.

FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

South-east Queensland 2026: 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 Footsteps P J Donnell 38-9002-0435674-03 (with 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 & 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: _____

