



75th Anniversary Walk, Bushwalking Victoria Sunday 5th April 2009 Mt Disappointment

List Updated 27 July

Walk No.	Name of Walk	Dist. Km	Grade	Club Leading	Short Description of Walk
1	Big Tree	10	Easy Med	Essendon Not available	A lovely circuit within tall mountain ash and delightful moist tree fern gullies. The focus of this walk is a visit to a special stand of mountain ash to rival the Ada Tree. An optional off track side trip may also be available to one of a number of plane wreck sites on Mt. Disappointment. Drive 12km.
2	Centre to Mt Disappointment	16	Med	Bunarong Not available	From dry forested country around the centre, on a local track to the base of Conical Hill on the steep southern slopes via local pads, tracks and roads (including Hilliers Rd and Phosphate Rd), traversing lush gullies, then onto the summit via Blairs Hut Picnic Ground and through tall eucalypt trees. Extensive views that eluded Hume and Hovell are found just south of the summit. The return is then mainly via local roads, including Bruces Creek Rd, Hilliers Link Rd, Lords Rd and Conical Hill Rd. From the Centre/Alternative start.
3	Cockpit Road	12	Easy Med	TBA Available to any interested club	A variety of vegetation, through lovely country lanes and farmland into dry forested bush, and onto moister higher country. Return journey entails good vistas. From the Centre/Alternative start.

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4	D Falls	12	Med	TBA Available to any interested club	<p>Experience a variety of vegetation through dry forested bush and tall timber to delightful rainforest areas where two waterfalls can be found. You will discover that DSE have tried hard to discourage vehicle users from using these tracks by barricading them.</p> <p>Walkers can navigate around these barriers or pass over with some effort. For those willing to make the effort there are good rewards.</p>
5	Stony Creek	10.5	Med.	Bayside Not available	<p>This challenging circuit includes views as it descends from the Mt. Disappointment Plateau, visits the site of a rusting abandoned steam engine and returns up a slow steady spur to Regular Camp. A variety of vegetation and scenery of the steep spur-gully terrain are experienced. The climb up and down occurs in short stages, so as not too hard and the tracks are good 4WD without loose gravel or erosion. The distance along the creek between the spurs is quite pleasant.</p> <p>Drive 16km</p>
6	Rainforest & Waterfall	13	Med/ Hard	TBA Available to any interested club	<p>Experience a variety of vegetation through dry forested bush and tall timber to delightful rainforest areas where two waterfalls can be found</p> <p>You will discover that DSE have tried hard to discourage vehicle users from using these tracks by barricading them.</p> <p>Walkers can navigate around these barriers or pass over with some effort. For those willing to make the effort there are good rewards.</p>

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7	Mini Rainforest & Waterfalls	10	Med	Peregrine Not available	<p>Experience a variety of vegetation through dry forested bush and tall timber to delightful rainforest areas where two waterfalls can be found</p> <p>You will discover that DSE have tried hard to discourage vehicle users from using these tracks by barricading them.</p> <p>Walkers can navigate around these barriers or pass over with some effort. For those willing to make the effort there are good rewards.</p> <p>This is a shorter, easier version of walk 6.</p>
8	Comet Mill to Andersons Garden	19.5	Med	TBA Still available to any interested club	<p>A walk around the Historic Comet Mill site, Sunday Creek Reservoir and lunch at the attractive Anderson's Garden Picnic grounds. A variety of scenery and vegetation; encompasses dry ridges around Sunday Creek and tall forests with lush tree fern understoreys in the vicinity of the Comet Mill Historic Site.. Exploration time required at the mill site. Remnant saw dust piles, and remains of the settlement and mill workings. Drive 14km</p>
9	Regular Camp to Comet	13	Easy/ Med	Maroondah Not available	<p>A flatter walk through tall forest and lush tree fern understorey in the vicinity of the Comet Mill Historic Site. Exploration time required at the mill site. Remnant saw dust piles, and remains of the settlement and mill workings. Drive 16km</p>
10	Sunday Creek	17 or 19.5	Med	Waverley Not available	<p>A lovely walk with extensive views and the reservoir. A pleasant picnic spot for lunch at Andersons Gardens. Option of inclusion of Comet Mill Historic area. Drive 12km</p>

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11	Comet Mill	13	Easy/ Med	Bayside Not available	<p>An intriguing walk around an historic and beautiful mill site. Experience tall forests with delightful tree fern understoreys in the vicinity of the Comet Mill Historic Site. Exploration time is required at the Mill site to discover remnant saw dust piles, remains of the settlement and mill workings.</p> <p>Comet Mill is accessible within its historic area. Drive 14.5km</p>
12	White Elephant Gully	12	Med	Bayside Not available	<p>This walk includes historically significant sites. Some remnant sleepers and the alignment of a timber train line can be seen next to the road where an expensive tramway was installed via a magnificent timber trestle bridge, Perrin Bridge, 400m long, spanning over the gully/gap. However, it was never used by the timber company. Thus it was known as the White Elephant and was destroyed by fire in 1929.</p> <p>Also includes lovely fern gullies and good views. Drive 14.5km</p>

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13	Harpers Mill – Mt Disappointment	9	Med/ Hard	TBA Still available to any interested club	<p>Harper's Mill was one of 3 timber mills in the Mt. Disappointment State Forest. The Planet Mill is now submerged under Sunday Creek Reservoir. Comet Mill is accessible within its historic area. However, there is little if any reference anywhere about Harpers Mill. Needless to say Harper's Mill is situated on Harper's Creek and has much to explore in the way of relics. A huge saw dust heap, remnants of the blacksmiths shop, crockery and small machinery parts are all revealed within a delightful moist tree fern site.</p> <p>Note the vegetation requires some scrub bashing, but for anyone who is eager and has a sense of adventure there are excellent rewards.</p> <p>Drive 10.5km</p>
14	Orchard & farm Walk	6		TBA Still available to any interested club	<p>Private property</p> <p>Still being investigated</p>
15	Plane Wreck Site	TBA	Hard	Essendon Not Available	<p>The walk traverses much of the southern slopes of Mt Disappointment, between Upper Plenty Centre and the boundary between State Forest and Kinglake National Park water catchment. A wide variety of terrain and vegetation will be seen. In 1944 two Vultee Vengeance dive bombers crashed on Mt Disappointment. The crash site can be seen close to the walk route.</p>

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16	Kelly Tree	13.5	Easy	TBA still available to any interested club	A flatter walk through pleasant gentle forest on the plateau and some delightful moist gullies with a visit to the Kelly tree and some gold workings. Drive 16km
17	Strath Falls Circuit	11		Koonung Not available	As per Chapman, starting @ 8.7km point
18	Strath Falls Rd to Allen track	10		Melb Bushies Not available	Through walk. Possible use of bus.
19	Tonsil Spur-Strath Falls		Med	CAEX Not available	An interesting walk on roads, tracks and across country. There are 2 short steep climbs with a couple of short and challenging cross-country sections for good measure. The mid-point of the walk is Strath Falls. A drive of approx 20kms to/from the walk.
23	White Elephant Gap	+/- 10km	M	Melb. Bushies Not available	As per Tyrone Thomas 150 Walks 2008