

## Big Creek Basin SBWC & SGWAAC & WGBWC

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

Tim Rothberg            Leader: 0427 595 331

Meetup Location: Neerim South Wetland Carpark – Railway Road – there are toilets there.

To find it turn right at Railway Road nearly opposite the Neerim South Health Service – the Wetlands are on the left towards the bottom of Railway Road.

Meetup Time: 9.15            Departure Time: 9.30

Walk Distance approx. 14.5 Kilometers.

Grade: Medium plus

We drive from the Neerim South Wetland Area and drive to Neerim , Turn left heading for Poweltown, We park at the High Lead Carpark, Gentle Annie Travelling distance 25 Kilometers to and from.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Jf2VVfh9vbiVocsF7>

Carpooling Car Contribution – Car Contribution calculated as per each clubs guideline. For WGBWC it is \$25,00 per car.

**Coffee** at the Little Red Duck Noojee – Phone 5628 9613

Walk Description: We walk along The Walk into History for 4 kilometre or so doing a partly submerged log crossing over the Latrobe River (it looks worse than it is). We then walk-up Big Creek Road which is a well-formed unsealed road walking 5 kilometers or so as a steady climb reaching Woods Track. What goes up has to come down, so we then do a steady descent that is not too steep until we get to the Walk into History Track. We walk along The Walk into History Track back to the High Lead Carpark.

All Trails Map - <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/recording/big-creek-track-woods-tk-wgbwc-dbb240d?u=m&sh=qbgbzl>

Good footwear with Woods Track having moderately steep sections.

I recommend spraying your boots and gatters if you wear them with Bushman's as there may be a few leeches as we walk along the Walk into History track.

**Poles recommended. (required particularly for the crossing on a partly submerged log at the Latrobe River)**

Looking forward to you joining me for a lovely walk.

For SGWAAC please register on your website as you normally do and for SBWC to text with your emergency contact name and phone number

- my phone number is 0427 595 331.

Tim

**It is important that you have eaten and drunk sufficient** that you are fuelled up for walking at least 1 to 1 ½. hours of walking before we have morning tea.

Please carrying sufficient food, water, medical supplies, Toilet Paper and appropriate clothing and equipment (eg. poles) for the terrain and weather conditions.

**Morning Tea lasts for 10 – 15 minutes. Lunch is planned for 12.00 to 12.30 and lasts 20 Minutes to 30 minutes with a 5 minute warning to pack up given.**

If it is a wet day our morning tea and lunch break times are shortened. A small snack before heading off is a good idea for some walkers.

Please make sure you have had plenty to drink before we begin our walk – you can always have a toilet stop. **The protocol for toilet stops is to tell the co leader / back marker or another person in the group that you are stopping. If you are going into the bush, please leave your pack on the track at the point that you enter the bush.**

Anyone who is separated from the group and does not know the route should remain where they are and wait.

**It's important that you bring enough food for morning tea and lunch, enough water for 4 hours of walking (if hot bring more) Good footwear (waterproof ideally), Poles if you have them and like to walk with poles.** There are many walks where poles are a big help with stability and extra help to walk up steep sections of track. Also please bring wet weather clothing including wet weather pants if you have them. Please also bring warm clothing – Gloves, Hat, and Jacket if the weather is cold.

Do you have a current First Aid Certificate ? or CPR ?

No-one is to go on ahead without consulting the walk leader first.

Please make sure that you have current Participant's Emergency Contact & Medical Information in your pack in a sealed plastic envelope. Please update this information if there is a change in details.

For SBWC Travel money is based on the cost of petrol, not a rate per km as West Gippsland Bushwalking Club does.

In the case of two people travelling, the petrol cost is shared equally between passenger and driver.

In the case of more than two people travelling in the same car, the cost is shared equally between the passengers only and the driver does not pay a share.

WGBWC bases the Car Contribution on 50 cents per Kilometre - the driver does not pay a share.

For SBWC & SGWAAC - Trip Report. \_ Please be generous if you haven't written one for a while, or ever. Trip reports are a feature of the Newsletter and it's good to share the load.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further questions or queries.