



## Combined Gippsland Bushwalking Clubs' Weekend 2024

This year's **Combined Gippsland Bushwalking Clubs' Weekend** is hosted by the Ben Cruachan Walking Club and is based at the Licola Wilderness Village in the Gippsland High Country. Walks have been selected from those offered at FedWalks2021. A number of the walks available traverse parts of McMillans Walking Track; a 220km track that BCWC foster. Come and experience the quiet beauty of the Alps with fellow Gippsland Bushwalkers.

**When:** From Friday evening 10 May to Sunday 12 May 2024. Make this a special Mother's Day weekend.

**Where:** Base Camp is at the [Licola Wilderness Village](#) on the banks of the Macalister River. The entrance is opposite the Licola Store.

On-site check-in from 2 pm on Friday. Check-out of cabins by 10am Sunday. Belongings can be stored for pick up after the Sunday Walk.

**Accommodation:** Licola Wilderness Village has 16 cabins. Each cabin is equipped with bunk bed style accommodation in 3 or 4 bedrooms per cabin. Each has toilets, hot showers, and a mini kitchenette containing a microwave, a toaster, a kettle, cutlery, and a fridge. As well as both indoor & outdoor sitting areas. Guests also have access to laundry facilities, a large self catering kitchen and 2 BBQ areas. You can opt to pitch a tent near a cabin and use the facilities in the cabin.

All guests are required to provide their own linen: most beds are single except a couple of doubles. Single fitted sheet, pillow, doona, sleeping bag, towels and toiletries are to be supplied by guests. Bring a camp chair for sitting round the fire on Saturday night.

**Catering:** BCWC will provide pre dinner nibbles and a BBQ on Saturday night. After dinner on Saturday night there will be a number of entertainment items. There will also be afternoon tea for when you return from your Sunday walk and before heading home. Please be self sufficient for all other meals and snacks. BYO alcohol is permitted for respectful consumption in the village.

**Walks Program:** See the walks summary on the next page and follow [this link for detailed descriptions and maps](#) for the walks available. Your actual walks will be confirmed after registrations close.

**Registration:** Please register by completing and submitting the on line registration form. A separate form must be completed for each person. [CGCW2024 Registration Form](#).

### **Fees and Payment:**

There is a fixed fee of \$150 per person for the weekend. This pays for two nights accommodation at the Lions Wilderness Village, pre dinner nibbles and a BBQ meal on Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon tea and two walks lead by experienced walk leaders. Sorry, no discount if you can only make it for one night.

Fees are payable to the Ben Cruachan Walking Club, in advance with registration, either by: EFT to BSB 013713: A/C 278934713: BCWC. Use **CGCW2024** and your **surname** as identifier, or Cheque or money order to PO Box 70, Maffra VIC3860. Your registration will be effective when the payment is received.

On the weekend transport to and from the start/finish of walks will be via car-pooling. You may need some change to recompense the driver.

Copies of the McMillans Walking Track guide book will be available at the special event price of \$20.

**Registrations Close on 19 April 2024**

**Queries:** Email [secbcwc@gmail.com](mailto:secbcwc@gmail.com). Phone Joe 0411749799. [Visit BCWC website](#)



## Walks Summary

Walk #	Walk Description	Distance km	Grade	Climb metres	Descent metres	FedWalks2021 Walk Number
Sat01	<b>Thomastown to Kelly's Hut</b> return on 4WD track. 2 small creek crossing. Lunch next to Shaw Creek at McMichaels Hut	13	Easy	230	230	5
Sat02	<b>Mt Arbuckle to Dingo Hill Track</b> via Kelly's and McMichaels Huts mainly on bush track. This walk follows McMillans Walking Track.	12	Easy/ Medium	315	410	9
Sat03	<b>Neilson Crag.</b> Easy walking for most of the way but some scrambling required to get the great views.	15	Medium	410	410	12
Sat04	<b>Tamboritha Saddle to Breakfast Creek.</b> Bush tracks and alpine meadows. Great views but long descent on McMillans Walking Track.	13	Hard	390	1350	19
Sun01	<b>Wollangarra.</b> Walk across the paddocks and learn about the work of the off grid Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre.	5	Very Easy	50	50	1
Sun02	<b>Arbuckle Junction to Kelly's Hut</b> return. Follow the McMillans Walking Track markers up an initial steep climb onto Arbuckle Plain.	8	Easy/ Medium	390	390	8
Sun03	<b>Mt Eliza.</b> This walk is mainly on Glenfalloch Station by permission of the management. It is handy to LWV and affords marvelous views.	6	Medium/ Hard	450	410	13
Sun04	<b>The Crinoline</b> return. This classic walk is mainly on well graded tracks but requires a bit of a scramble to get the best views.	12	Hard	870	870	20

NB The information above may differ somewhat from the information on the [maps and detailed descriptions](#) as they come from different sources.