



Walk the Border ACT – Light – Walk Program

Description

In 2017, the Conservation Council ACT Region completed a fund-raising walk around the 306 km ACT border. Over 21 daily stages and involving more than 50 participants the walk traversed the many and varied ecosystems that make up the ACT's boundary with NSW.

To celebrate the anniversary of the walk the Conservation Council is running a series of half day walks, on each Sunday in November, exploring the history and environment of some of the more accessible parts of the ACT's border.

Who is the Conservation Council?

The Conservation Council ACT Region is the ACT region's voice for the environment. For 39 years it has been the peak environment group for the region and, currently, represents the environmental interests of more than 45 member groups.

The Walks

a) Sunday 4 November 2018 – 9:00 am

Woods Lane (Alongside HMAS Harman) to Hume – Duration 4 hours – Features Spies, Weeds, Grasslands and History. This walk takes in the old speedway, the Environs historic development, passes the important Jerrabomberra East grasslands and looks at the impacts of human development on the natural environment. Hume also features in one of the most significant spy scandals in Australia's history.

Meet at the locked gate at the northern end of Woods Lane at 9:00 am (Enter Woods Lane via the HMAS Harman exit off Canberra Ave.). Finish at the end of Arnott St Hume.

Note that this is a one-way walk and transport will be needed to return to the starting point.

b) Sunday 11 November 2018 – 9:30 am

North Mulligans Flat – Duration 4 Hours – Features the zig zag section of the ACT's northern border where the border follows the ridgeline. Well tracked walk following the Centenary Trail. Some great views from the ridges. Lunch at the Northern campsite of the Centenary Trail before returning via a slighter shorter route to the starting point.

Meet at the small carpark at Mulligans Flat Reserve (North) at 9:30 am. To get there, turn onto Mulligans Flat Road from Horse Park Dr. Proceed through four roundabouts after which the suburbs end. The carpark is on the left before you reach the first grate in the road.

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c) Sunday 18 November 2018 – 9:30 am

ACT's most easterly point – Duration – 2 to 3 hours – Features – Excellent example of a blazed tree marking the border. This easy out and back walk is through woodlands with some magnificent views out to Queanbeyan and the southern ranges.

Meet at the dirt car park on Brooks Hill Reserve on the right hand side of the highway (if travelling from Canberra) on the ACT/NSW border at 9:30 am. This carpark is at the top of the hill before descending to down to the Bungendore Plains. For safety reasons, it would



be best, if travelling along the Kings Hwy from Canberra, to proceed past the carpark and turn around at Carlton Drive at the bottom of the hill and then proceed back up the hill to the carpark which is near the end of the overtaking section of the road.

d) Sunday 25 November 2018 – 9:00 am

Border from Tuggeranong Pines to the Monaro Highway – Duration 4 Hours – Features – Takes in an accessible but rarely visited part of the ACT following the management trail next to the disused railway line. Magic rural views with mountain backdrops. Lots of natives should be in bloom amidst the history of the railway and its construction. The walk will mainly be on the management trail next to the disused railway line but some sections will require walking along the railway line itself. These sections can provide uneven walking surfaces.

Meet 9:00 am at the dirt carpark at Tuggeranong Pines at the start of the Old Tuggeranong Road, accessed off the Monaro Hwy. The finish is at a property access road on the left hand side of the Monaro Hwy heading towards Cooma. This provides limited off road parking and is located almost **immediately** upon the start of the merger of the two southbound lanes of the Monaro Hwy after cresting the hill from Tuggeranong.

Note that this is a one-way walk and transport will be needed to return to the starting point.

What you need to bring

- Water and morning tea for all walks. Lunch will be needed for the North Mulligans Flat walk and should be considered for the Woods Lane and Tuggeranong Pines walks
- Sturdy, comfortable footwear and sunsmart clothing and hats.
- Sunscreen

Cost

\$10 per person with a maximum of \$50 per family with funds helping to support the ongoing environmental activities of the Conservation Council.

Registration

Please register for the walk via events section of the Conservation Council website <https://conservationcouncil.org.au/> or the links in walktheborderact facebook page.