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Day 4	Tuesday	8-Oct-19	<b>Pabral Rd to Bendora Hut</b>  <b>Start</b> 8:30am ACT/NSW Border on the Pabral Road. To get to Pabral Road take the Brindabella Road from Uriarra and turn left onto Curries Road (approx 10kms from the Uriarra and Brindabella road junction and proceed down the dirt road until crossing a little bridge just after a km. Veer left onto Pabral Road and the border is approx. 3 kms further along (there is NO sign indicating the position of the border).  <b>Finish</b> Chalet Road and Brindabella Road junction (Approx 5km south from Bull's Head picnic area).	20	7 hrs	Day	A day involving a combination of road and off-track sections. There is thick scrub initially and a steep scrambling ascent and descent from Mt Coree. After descending Mt Coree, the remainder of the day is on firetrails. The day offers some excellent views to Canberra, along the Brindabellas and into NSW and an interesting historical anomaly with the border near Mt Coree. Good road access allows participants to join for part of the walk.   Centenary Plaque at Mt Coree
Day 5	Wednesday	9-Oct-19	<b>Bendora Hut to Pryor's Hut</b>  <b>Start</b> 9:00 am Chalet Road and Mt Franklin Road junction (Approx 5km south from Bull's Head picnic area).  <b>Finish - For day walkers</b> - At the top of Mt Ginini. The short road from the Brindabella Road to the top of Mt Ginini can be rough. There is an alternate carpark at the locked gate on the Mt Franklin Road (10 minutes walk from the top of Mt Ginini). <b>- For overnight walkers</b> - Overnight equipment should be picked up at Mt Ginini and the border followed until Pryor's Hut (another 3 Kms).	20	7 hrs	Day/ Overnight Walk	Day 5 offers a combination of road, tracks, footpads and off-track walking. A range of impressive views to the Tidbinbilla Range and onto Canberra. Mt Aggie provides excellent views to the west into NSW. The route will pass by the historic Mt Franklin Chalet site with its old ski runs. Good access via the Mt Franklin Road presents participants with the opportunity to join for part of the walk.
Day 6	Thursday	10-Oct-19	<b>Pryor's Hut to Leura Gap</b> Start of the overnight section.	10	8 hrs	Overnight	A day of off-track walking following the ups and downs of the Brindabella Range. A great day to experience the high alpine environment of the ACT. A combination of undergrowths will be encountered with some easier going than others. Starts with the ascent to Mt Gingera with its superb views to Canberra.
Day 7	Friday	11-Oct-19	<b>Leura Gap to Yaouk Gap</b> Part of the 5 day overnight section. Difficult to join or exit. However, there is walking access to Yaouk Gap via firetrails from the ACT and NSW.	16	10 hrs	Overnight	A chance to experience the alpine splendour of Mt Bimberi, the ACT's highest point. A long day which is mainly off-track but there is a good footpad from Mt Murray to Mt Bimberi. There are some inspiring views.
Day 8	Saturday	12-Oct-19	<b>Yaouk Gap to Mt Kelly</b> Part of the 5 day overnight section. Very difficult to join or exit.	10	10 hrs	Overnight	A wonderful day exploring the essence of Namadgi National Park. The border passes by mountain tarns and the source of the Cotter River, the ACT's water supply. Near the end of the day, climb the inspiring Mt Kelly with its views to the Snowy Mountains. Walking is all off track with some very thick sections of scrub. Camp under the shadow of Mt Kelly, deep in the heart of Namadgi's wild country.



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Day 9	Sunday	13-Oct-19	<b>Mt Kelly to Maurice Luton Fire Trail</b> Part of the 5 day overnight section. Very difficult to join or exit.	14.5	10 hrs	Overnight	Day 9 is all off track. It initially ascends to the aptly named Fortress. A long scrubby traverse of the Scabby Range is rewarded with some special views. The route looks across to the slopes of Mt Gudgenby, providing good views onto its many rock faces. The going gets relatively easier once Sams Fire Trail is crossed. This is rugged but very beautiful country.   View to Mt Gudgenby from the Border
Day 10	Monday	14-Oct-19	<b>Maurice Luton Fire Trail to Boboyan Rd</b>  <b>Start</b> Maurice Luton Fire Trail. Note potential to walk to Maurice Luton Fire Trail on the Sunday and join the walk there. (All supplies need to be carried) .  <b>Finish</b> Boboyan Road (Tharwa to Adaminaby route) car park on the ACT/NSW border.	16	9 hrs	Day/Overnight	This is the last day of a five day overnight segment of the walk. The day starts with a steep ascent from the Maurice Luton Firetrail up towards Sentry Box Rock. From there there is intermittent open country on the ridges interspersed with thick scrub. Good views from Sentry Box Mountain. The last quarter of the day is on fire trails with some excellent views into NSW from Wrights Hill before descending to the Boboyan Road.   Border marker - Boboyan Divide  View of the ridge up towards Sentry Box. 
Day 11	Tuesday	15-Oct-19	<b>Boboyan Rd to Gap Creek Fire Trail</b>  <b>Start</b> 8:00 am The Boboyan Road (Tharwa to Adaminaby route) car park on the ACT/NSW border.  <b>Finish</b> Near the Gap Creek Fire Trail intersection with the Clear Range Fire Trail (No public vehicular access).	21	7 hrs	Day/Overnight	Experience the changes in vegetation as the walk climbs onto the Clear Range from the valley floor. The walk takes in the southern-most point of the ACT and Mt Clear. Mostly on firetrail through forest with a few short detours where the firetrail and border diverge significantly. The Boboyan Road provides easy access to the start of the day's walk and facilitates participants joining for the first half of the walk and then returning back to the starting point.


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Day 12	Wednesday	16-Oct-19	<b>Gap Creek Fire Trail to The Forest Fire Trail</b>  <b>Start</b> Near the Gap Creek Fire Trail intersection with the Clear Range Fire Trail (No public vehicular access) Forest Fire Trail in Namadgi National Park.  <b>Finish</b> Forest Fire Trail junction with the Clear Range Fire Trail in Namadgi National Park. (prior arrangement is required to participate in this stage of the walk due to difficulties of access).	12	8 hrs	Day/Overnight	Day 12 offers a mix of firetrail and off track walking through the forested ridges, with occasional views into the surrounding valleys and the Booth Range. The day starts with a steep offtrack climb back onto the Clear Range before following the top of the range for the rest of the day.
Day 13	Thursday	17-Oct-19	<b>Forest Fire Trail to Ingledene</b>  <b>Start</b> Forest Fire Trail junction with the Clear Range Fire Trail in Namadgi National Park (prior arrangement with the walk leader is required to participate in this stage of the walk due to difficulty of access).  <b>Finish</b> At the sign posted ACT/NSW border on Smith's Road Ingledene.	24	8 hrs	Day/Overnight	The first two thirds of the day is mainly on the Clear Range Firetrail with regular off-track sections where the firetrail diverges from the border. There are good views into NSW along this section. The last third of the day is on open rural ridges with good views into the Naas River and across to Mt Tennent
Day 14	Friday	18-Oct-19	<b>Ingledene to Royalla</b>  <b>Start</b> 8:30 am At the sign posted ACT/NSW border on Smith's Road Ingledene.  <b>Finish</b> Royalla Drive Royalla, at the woodland reserve 200 metres on the right hand side after turning off the Monaro Hwy and crossing the bridge over the disused railway line.	18	8 hrs	Day	After crossing the rural lands at Ingledene there is a short, very steep section down to the Murrumbidgee River. Some superb views during the descent. The route crosses the river using Angle Crossing then negotiates the scrubby bank of the river before undulating east across open woody rural lands. There is an opportunity to examine the lands managed for environmental purposes by Icon Water near Cunningham Hill. Once the Monaro Hwy is crossed the rest of the day follows the disused Queanbeyan - Cooma railway line with some good views of Rob Roy Nature Reserve and Mt Tennent. This section has the potential to provide a great floral display.
Day 15	Saturday	19-Oct-19	<b>Royalla to Gilmore</b>  <b>Start</b> 9:00 am Royalla Drive Royalla, at the woodland reserve 200 metres on the right hand side after turning off the Monaro Hwy and crossing the bridge over the disused railway line.  <b>Finish</b> Henry Melville Crescent Gilmore. Park at the reserve (it is the only one on Henry Melville Cres and it leads to the Monaro Highway pedestrian and equestrian underpass).	16	6.5 hrs	Day	This day follows the disused Queanbeyan - Cooma railway line, so a day of flat walking. It is a section of the ACT not often seen and includes some interesting natural and historical highlights including the memorial to the workers who constructed the railway. Some very pleasant rural views. There is potential to join along. Contact walk leader to discuss.   On the eastern border near Old Tuggeranong Road

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Day 16	Sunday	20-Oct-19	<b>Gilmore to Yass Road</b>  <b>Start</b> 9:00 am Henry Melville Crescent Gilmore. Park at the reserve (it is the only one on H M Cres and it leads to the Monaro Highway pedestrian and equestrian underpass).  <b>Finish</b> Yass Road (cnr Yass Road and Capital Terrace). (Or for participants not wanting to walk across the Queanbeyan River, the southern end of Williams Ave Oaks Estate - the end closest to the railway line).	16	6 hrs	Day	A day of relatively easy walking that will examine the varying human impacts on the environment. This is a day where interested participants can join for shorter sections. A highlight is passing the historic area of Environa, near Hume. A development that didn't happen, it is now being encroached upon by modern urban projects. The walk also passes by the Jerrabomberra East Grasslands, an important example of the region's depleted grasslands before taking in the streets of Queanbeyan. The initial part of the day follows the disused Queanbeyan - Cooma railway line. Near the end there is a need to cross the Queanbeyan River which may involve wading. Participants can leave the walk just before that at Williams St Oaks Estate.
Day 17	Monday	21-Oct-19	<b>Yass Road to Kings Hwy</b>  <b>Start</b> 8:00 am Yass Road (cnr Yass Road and Capital Terrace)  <b>Finish</b> Carpark on Brooks Hill Reserve right hand side of Kings Highway on the ACT/NSW border. This carpark is at the top of the hill before descending 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 Carlton Drive at the bottom of the hill and then proceed back up the Highway to the carpark which is near the end of the overtaking section of the road.	22	8 hrs	Day	After 2 kms across open grassy country the walk crosses the Molonglo river to join the the picturesque Blue Tiles trail in the Molonglo Gorge Nature Reserve. Leaving the Blue Tiles trail the walk involves several further crossings of the Molonglo River (none of the crossings are expected to involve wading) and a couple of descents and climbs. The remaining two thirds of the day sees the walk crossing rural and forestry lands, utilising trails and roads wherever possible, eventually passing the most easterly part of the ACT (ignoring Jervis Bay Territory).  Potential for some short very minor sections of blackberry and other scratchy plants on the way so the wearing of long trousers and a long sleeved shirt is recommended.
Day 18	Tuesday	22-Oct-19	<b>Kings Hwy to Sutton Road</b>  <b>Start</b> 9:00 am Carpark on Brooks Hill Reserve right hand side of Kings Highway on the ACT/NSW border. This carpark is at the top of the hill before descending 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 Carlton Drive at the bottom of the hill and then proceed back up the Highway to the carpark which is near the end of the overtaking section of the road.  <b>Finish</b> Dirt carpark on the ACT/NSW border on the Sutton Road. (The carpark is on the right hand side, if coming from the direction of Queanbeyan, and it may be easier if coming from that direction to turn at Nortons Road and have a left hand turn into the carpark).  <b>Finish</b> Dirt carpark on the ACT/NSW border on the Sutton Road. (The carpark is on the right hand side, if coming from the direction of Queanbeyan, and it may be easier if coming from	22	8 hrs	Day	A day on firetrails, the route follows the edge of Kowen Forest with Wamboin to the north. It is an undulating walk passing by several trig points. This walk is surprising for the fabulous views it can offer. The day's walk provides an interesting contrast between the rural lands to the north and the ACT's forests.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <p>View from Wamboin Break</p> <p>Border Marker</p> </div>

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Day 19	Wednesday	23-Oct-19	<b>Sutton Road to Federal Highway</b> <b>Start</b> 8:00 am Meet in the dirt carpark on the ACT/NSW border on the Sutton Road. (The carpark is on the right hand side, if coming from the direction of Queanbeyan, and it may be easier if coming from that direction to turn at Nortons Road and have a left hand turn into the carpark).  <b>Finish</b> At the service road in front of Eaglehawk Resort. If heading north from Canberra, take the Eaglehawk services exit after crossing into NSW on the Federal Hwy. At the top of the exit ramp turn right and after crossing over the highway turn right to enter the service road to the Resort.	15	6 hrs	Day	This day's walk mainly follows the northern edge of the Defence military firing range before descending to the Federal Highway on the NSW side of the border next to the ACT's gun clubs. Access to the military firing range is in conjunction with the land manager there to ensure the safety of participants and, because of this, a short section of the border is not accessible. The day is mainly on firetrails through wooded country. Part of the walk follows the boundary with the little known NSW Goorooyaroo nature reserve. This is a great opportunity to see a rarely visited area with the prospect of many border markers. (Note only limited photography is allowed once on the Defence land).
Day 20	Thursday	24-Oct-19	<b>Federal Hwy to Mulligans Flat Road</b>  <b>Start:</b> 9:00 am McKeahnie Road. This is accessed by taking the Eaglehawk services exit after crossing into NSW on the Federal Hwy, if heading north. At the top of the exit ramp turn left into McKeahnie Road and park at the broad right hand bend in the road.  <b>Finish</b> Small carpark at Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve (North) - 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.	12	5 hrs	Day	Experience two of the ACT's most important reserves for the protection of the nationally important lowland grassy woodland ecosystems, Mulligans Flat and Goorooyaroo. The day features scenic views over Gungahlin and towards the ACT's south and west. Within easy reach of the ACT's northern suburbs, the day's walk will showcase some of the hidden gems of the northern border. The day will be on part of the Centenary Trail as well as single footpads following boundary fences. Undulating but not hard. The views from Old Joe Trig are a highlight.   Gooroo Hill There is the potential to join for part of the day but participants would need to independently return.