

The Investigator

Official Newsletter of the **Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc.**

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LIFE MEMBERS

Ivan and June Wall
Gavin and Susan Dale
Andy Ryan

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Joining Fee	\$10.00
Single Membership	\$20.00
Family Membership	\$25.00
Associate Membership	\$10.00

INSURANCE FEES

Temporary Member (per walk)	\$5.00
Members (each person) (annually)	\$10.00

DISCLAIMER

The Management Committee of the Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc. wish to advise while all care is taken in organising and publishing the walks, each member walks at their own risk. The Editor takes no responsibility for any errors or omissions that may occur in the publication of the newsletter.

NOTE FOR VISITORS

VISITORS attending a walk are temporary members for the walk, upon signing the acknowledgment of risk and obligations until the walk/outing is complete. Subsequent attendance will also require temporary membership, until application is made to join the club, usually after the second walk.



GOING ON A WALK

PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIP LEADER BY THE DAY NOMINATED FOR THE WALK TO NOMINATE FOR THE WALK.

CAMPING BOOKINGS

Where it is intended that the club will camp in a QPWS controlled camping ground, it is up to the individual to book. Please enter the club name in group name when booking on-line so that QPWS staff know of the group's attendance and the numbers.

Where the camp is otherwise located, it is dependant on the owners of the campground how they wish to handle the group. In this instance, an e-mail will be sent to those who receive the newsletter by e-mail, and included in this newsletter, of the arrangements as per the booking.

WALK GRADES

The following walk grades are in use at the time of publication of this newsletter.

Distance	Short – Under 10km per day Medium – 10-15km per day Long – 15-20 km per day EXtra Long – Over 20 km per day
Terrain	1 - Smooth reasonably flat path 2 - Graded path/track with minor obstacles 3 - Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings 4 - Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings 5 - Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping 6 - Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping 7 - Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength 8 - Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required 9 - Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength
Fitness/Endurance	1 - Basic -Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Flat 2 - Basic - Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking. Minor Hills 3 - Easy -Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Undulating terrain 4 - Easy -Suitable for beginners. Up to 5 hours walking. Up to 300m gain/loss per day 5 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 450m gain/loss per day. Agility required 6 - Moderate - Up to 6 hours walking. Up to 600m gain/loss per day. Agility required 7 - High -Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 750m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required 8 - High -Up to 8 hours walking. Up to 1000m gain/loss per day. High fitness. Endurance and agility required 9 - Challenging - Up to 12 hours walking. Over 1000m gain/loss per day. Very high fitness. Endurance and agility required

WALK CALENDAR 2010

This is attached to the newsletter.

FOR SAFETY - The trip leader reserves the right to **refuse** any person from participating if that person is deemed to be **inappropriately equipped**.

EQUIPMENT FOR OUTINGS

The following is a list of items that contains what are generally required for an outing. Any special equipment will be listed with the walk.

- 2 litres of water at least
- Hat
- First Aid Kit
- Food for a day
- Sturdy covered footwear
- Sunscreen
- Backpack

More information about club practices followed at:

http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/activities_in_parks_and_forests/bushwalking/walk_safely/ and
http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/activities_in_parks_and_forests/bushwalking/walk_softly/

Directions to the walk venue are obtained from Trip Planners like Google Maps and are the shortest distance to that venue.

Upcoming Walks and Events

Venue: **Wirraglen Scout Camp, Wirraglen Road, Cabarlah**
Date: **23/01/2010 – 26/01/2010**
Walk Type: **Day Walks** **Grade: TBD** **Distance: TBD**
Trip Leader: **Gavin Dale** gavdale@tpg.com.au or **3204 0660** or **0423 091 346**
Notify by: **Wednesday 20/01/10**

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head south on the Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.

37 km (133 km)

49 km (182 km).

14 km (196 km)

3 km (199 km)

18 km	(18 km)	Caboolture/ Bribie Island/ Woodford/ Kilcoy exits. Exit towards Woodford and Kilcoy on the D'Aguilar Highway.
33 km	(51 km)	Beenwah turn off. Continue on the D'Aguilar Highway towards Kilcoy.
21 km	(72 km)	Kilcoy. Continue through town on the D'Aguilar Highway towards Yarraman.
24 km	(96 km)	Brisbane Valley Highway turn-off. Turn left and travel towards Esk.
37 km	(133 km)	Esk. Turn right in town towards Toowoomba and Crows Nest.
49 km	(182 km)	Hampton. Turn left and travel towards Toowoomba on the New England Highway
14 km	(196 km)	Meringandan Road on right. Turn right onto Meringandan Road.
3 km	(53.8 km)	Wirraglen Road on left. Turn left into Wirraglen Road. The scout camp is on the left just up the road about 200 m.

If you miss the turn off onto Meringandan Road, continue into Highfields. Turn right at the traffic lights onto Highfields Road and travel towards the shopping centre (Woolworths). Just before the Highfields Tavern turn right into O'Brien Road (follow Library and Museum signs). Veer slight left at the intersection with Kleinton Road and Reis Road onto Wirraglen Road. Pass the Museum on the right before the scout camp, also on the right.

Outing Plan:

Saturday 23/01/2010 – Arrival Day

2.00pm – walk up the road to the Highfields Pioneer Village (open 10.00am till 4.00pm)

Sunday 24/01/2010

9.00 am – Depart in cars for walks and sightseeing at:

- Cooby Dam – Dam Wall to Loveday Cove – 8.4 km return
- Gowrie Mountain – short climb with views over western Toowoomba.
- Gowrie Mountain Winery
- Kingsthorpe Hill – short climb with views over western Toowoomba.

Monday 25/01/2010

9.00 am – Depart in cars for Toowoomba City. Walk along the northern escarpment of the Toowoomba Range in Jubilee Park. Also visit Highfields Falls on way from Jubilee Park.

Tuesday 26/01/2010 – Departure Day

9.00am – Other walks in area.


Carry: Water (minimum 2 litres), morning tea, camera, day pack, first aid kit, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear, comfortable clothes.




Camp fees: \$28.60 per person to be paid to the Treasurer.

Venue: **Gold Creek Reservoir, Brookfield**

Date: **14/02/2010**

Walk Type: **Day Walk** **Grade: M22** **Distance: 8 km**

18 km	(18 km)	Caboolture/ Bribie Island/ Woodford/ Kilcoy exits. Continue south on Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.
24 km	(42 km)	Gateway Motorway exit. Continue on towards Brisbane on the Gympie Arterial Road  .

14.4 km	(38.4 km)	Follow  past Aspley, Chermside to Lutwyche. Continue on Lutwyche Road.
2.1 km	(40.5 km)	Turn left with  to exit onto the Inner City Bypass and travel towards Ipswich.
3.7 km	(44.2 km)	Travel in the left lane and exit onto Milton Road.
3.2 km	(47.4 km)	Follow Milton Road to the junction with the Western Freeway  and veer left onto the Western Freeway and travel towards Ipswich.
3.6 km	(51 km)	Moggill Road exit. Exit on to Moggill Road (route 33) and travel towards Mt Crosby.
2.8 km	(53.8 km)	Kenmore Shopping Village. Turn right at the roundabout onto Brookfield Road
3.7 km	(57.5 km)	Roundabout. Turn right onto Gold Creek Road, and follow to the end.
5.5 km	(63 km)	End of road and day use area.

Trip Leader: **Gavin Dale** gavdale@tpg.com.au or **3204 0660** or **0423 091 346**

Notify by: **Wednesday 10/02/10**

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head south on the Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.

Outing Plan:

9.00am Meet and walk around the reservoir. Lunch on return

Carry:

Water (minimum 1 litre), first aid kit, hat, sunscreen. Carry morning tea.

Venue: **Diana's Bath, Mt Mee**

Date: **28/02/2010**

Walk Type: **Day Walk/Swim**

Grade: **L33**

Distance: **16 km**

Trip Leader: **Gavin Dale** gavdale@tpg.com.au or **3204 0660** or **0423 091 346**

Notify by: **Wednesday 24/02/10**

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head south on the Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.

18 km	(18 km)	Caboolture/ Bribie Island/ Woodford/ Kilcoy exits. Continue south on Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.
18 km	(36 km)	Anzac Avenue exit. Exit onto Anzac Avenue and travel towards Kallangur and Petrie.
6 km	(42 km)	Petrie. At the roundabout turn right and travel towards Dayboro.
19 km	(61 km)	Dayboro. Continue to the t-intersection and turn right onto McKenzie Street.
0.5 km	(61.5 km)	Dayboro State School. Park in car park area.

Outing Plan:

8.30 am Meet at the school. From drive to start of walk, then walk in to Diana's bath and enjoy a swim.

NB. The actual start of walk is yet to be determined and the walk grade reflects the hardest route of possible routes. It is possible a 4WD relay may be required to get attendees to the venue.

Carry:

Water (minimum 2 litre), first aid kit, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear, towel, swimming gear.

Venue: **Captain Logan Camp, Lake Wivenhoe**

Date: **13-14/03/2010**

Walk Type: **Base Camp & Day Walks** **Grade:** **M11/L22** **Distance:** **10 km/ 15 km**

Trip Leader: **Gavin Dale** gavdale@tpg.com.au or **3204 0660** or **0423 091 346**

Notify by: **Wednesday 10/03/10**

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head south on the Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.

18 km	(18 km)	Caboolture/ Bribie Island/ Woodford/ Kilcoy exits. Exit towards Woodford and Kilcoy on the D'Aguilar Highway.
54 km	(72 km)	Kilcoy. Continue on the D'Aguilar Highway towards Yarraman.

24 km	(96 km)	Brisbane Valley Highway intersection. Turn left and travel towards Esk and Toogoolawah.
37 km	(133 km)	Esk. Continue on Brisbane Valley Highway towards Ipswich.
21 km	(154 km)	Coominya turn-off on right. Continue on Brisbane Valley Highway towards Ipswich.
3.5 km	(158 km)	Captain Logan Camp turn-off on left. Turn left and follow the signs.

Outing Plan:

Saturday 13/03/2010 – Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Fernvale to Lowood

1.30 pm Drive down Brisbane Valley Highway to Fernvale for start of walk. Walk to Lowood following the Brisbane Valley rail Trail and return via same route, stopping for afternoon tea (latte!) in Lowood.

Sunday 14/03/2010 – Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Coominya to Esk

8.30 am Drive to Coominya. Walk to Esk. Car shuttle required.

NB. This camp has a discount for groups. Further information to come.

Carry:

Water (minimum 2 litres), first aid kit, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear.

Venue: Ewen Maddock Dam, Mooloolah

Date: 28/03/2010

Walk Type: Day Walk **Grade:** L33 **Distance:** 16 km

Trip Leader: Gavin Dale gavdale@tpg.com.au or 3204 0660 or 0423 091 346

Notify by: Wednesday 24/03/10

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head north on the Bruce Highway towards Nambour.

18 km	(18 km)	Caloundra and Landsborough turn-off. Exit and travel towards Landsborough on Steve Irwin Way.
3 km	(21 km)	Mooloolah turn-off. Turn right and travel towards Mooloolah on Mooloolah Connection Road.
1.5 km	(22.5 km)	Mooloolah Valley Country Club on left. Continue on Mooloolah Connection Road towards Mooloolah.
0.3 km	(22.8 km)	Coach House turn-off on left. Turn left and follow the road to Maddock Park.

Outing Plan:

9.00 am Commence walk and follow the various tracks around the shores of Ewen Maddock Dam and return. If weather is favourable, swim back at the park.

Carry:

Water (minimum 1 litre), first aid kit, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear, towel, swimming gear.

Venue: Broadwater Campground, Sundown National Park

Date: 02/04/2010 – 05/04/2010

Walk Type: Base Camp & Day Walks **Grade:** L33 **Distance:** 16 km

Trip Leader: Gavin Dale gavdale@tpg.com.au or 3204 0660 or 0423 091 346

Notify by: Wednesday 31/03/10

Getting There: From the Mobil Service Stations on the Bruce Highway at Glasshouse Mountains head south on the Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.

18 km	(18 km)	Caboolture/ Bribie Island/ Woodford/ Kilcoy exits. Continue south on Bruce Highway towards Brisbane.
24 km	(42 km)	Gateway Motorway exit. Exit and travel on the Gateway Motorway towards Gold Coast.
38 km	(80 km)	Gold Coast exit. Continue on Gateway Motorway towards Ipswich and Toowoomba.
10 km	(90 km)	Logan Motorway Interchange. Continue on Logan Motorway towards Ipswich and Toowoomba.
22 km	(112 km)	Ipswich Motorway interchange. Continue on towards Ipswich.
8 km	(120 km)	Cunningham Highway exit. Exit and travel towards Warwick.
60 km	(180 km)	Aratula. Continue on the Cunningham Highway towards Warwick.

71 km	(251 km)	Warwick. Continue on the Cunningham Highway towards Stanthorpe.
57 km	(308 km)	Applethorpe. Continue on the Cunningham Highway towards Stanthorpe.
2.5 km	(310 km)	Stanthorpe turn –off. Continue on the Cunningham Highway towards Wallangarra and Tenterfield.
3 km	(313 km)	Pancor Road on left. Turn left onto Pancor Road and drive to end of the road and turn right onto Texas Road.
35 km	(348 km)	Pikedale. Inglewood Road on right. Continue straight ahead towards Texas.
33 km	(381 km)	Road Junction- Slim Y. Texas to right. Veer left and travel towards Glenlyon Dam.
18 km	(399 km)	Sundown National Park to left. Turn left and follow the narrow road to the campground.
5 km	(404 km)	National Park Headquarters. Continue straight ahead to campground over small bridge.
STAYING AT GLENLYON DAM		
FROM Y- Junction Texas/Glenlyon Dam.		
27 km	(409 km)	Glenlyon Dam/ Mingoola House Road junction. Continue straight ahead to Glenlyon Dam.
8 km	(417 km)	Glenlyon Dam. Glenlyon Dam Tourist Park down hill from entry gates.

Outing Plan:**Friday 02/04/2010****Arrival day****Saturday 03/04/2010**

9.00 am Commence walk to Ooline Gorge, initially following the Broadwater walking track. The walk follows the gorge to its upper reaches before topping out at the park boundary. The park boundary then followed back to campground.

Sunday 04/04/2010

9.00 am Commence walk to McCallisters Creek following the creek upstream to the falls. Return via same route.

Monday 05/04/2010**Departure day****Carry:**

Water (minimum 2 litres), first aid kit, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear.

Camp Booking: *There is a choice to camp at Broadwater – booking via QPWS, or Glenlyon Dam Holiday Park – unpowered sites only available (phone (02) 6737 5266 and mention the club. The campground at Broadwater is set out with post and rail fences around sites 1 to 8. The group sites are small with trees at the boundary. There are only pit toilets (as far as the President could see!!).*

The choice is left to the individual as to where they prefer to camp.

CLUB NEWS

AGM – Office Bearers

At the AGM held in November the following members were elected

PRESIDENT	Gavin Dale
VICE-PRESIDENT	Vacant
SECRETARY	Colin Hodges
TREASURER	Andy Ryan
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Wayne Talbot
OUTING SEC.	Jan Plunkett

Frank Elsby has retired from the position of Vice – President and any member can volunteer to take up this position. Any questions see the President.

Jan - Mar 2010

Thanks were conveyed by the President to the previous committee on the work done and also for the new committee for the road ahead...

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WISHES

On behalf of the committee of the Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc., I wish to express to the club, all members, visitors and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HERE'S TO a great 2010!!!

**Gavin Dale
President
& Editor**



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