

2022 WPSQ FC Wildlife Nature Walks

Our Nature Walks program is about eight years old now and is one of our most popular activities, because it gives anyone interested an opportunity to get out and explore some of the amazing natural places in our region, and learn to appreciate our fantastic wildlife.

The walks attract people with some different interests. Those that love walking, the bird watchers, the botanists, and the people that just love to be out in nature.

These different groups tend to proceed at different paces. We're developing a procedure to try and keep track of everyone so we don't lose anybody. So if you are a racer or a dawdler, you might be called on to slow down, or catch up a bit, because it's our responsibility to make sure everyone is safe.

We've tried to include a mix of places that are close and not so close, and easy and difficult.

CALENDAR 2022.

MARCH SATURDAY 5TH: Old Rifle Range Road. Access by Barranjoey Dr off Booral Road to Justin Crescent. Level, shaded, forest with some wetland. A few lengths of rough stone over boggy patches. Fairly long at 7.5k, but with a possible shorter circuit for the botanists.

APRIL SUNDAY 3RD: Vernon State Forest via Pialba/Burrum Heads Rd and Toogoom Rd intersection. Park near aerials at summit. Forest and gullies. Well-marked paths. Some hills.

MAY SATURDAY 7TH: The Wild. Gundiah. Medium difficulty, bit of a climb and a tricky downhill. This walk has been done a few times over the years and has been popular. The reason we're including it again this year, is because the property is owned by one of our members and may be sold soon, so we may not have access to it again.

JUNE SUNDAY 5TH: Hunter's Hut State Forest off Biggenden Rd. Forest. Easy but quite long. Sites for botany and entomology.

JULY SATURDAY 2ND: Rail Trail. Level, easy. Forest and wetland. Still investigating which is the best section that could include a circuit through the surrounding area.

AUGUST SUNDAY 7TH: Pulgul Creek with Sam or Pt. Vernon with C.J. Proximate to Hervey Bay. Intention is to interest the group in areas within Hervey Bay. Also to take advantage of local expertise.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY 3RD: Mount Urah. Could be quite difficult. This one is on private property. We'll have more information after we've done the reccys.

OCTOBER SUNDAY 2ND: Fergusson State Forest, Yengarie. Access off Maryborough - Biggenden road. 6km and a shorter circuit for a botanical stroll. Forest. Some wetlands level and easy.

NOVEMBER SATURDAY 5TH: Lenthall's Dam. Easy, short, small hills. Water birds.

Last walk for the year, we might include a barbeque afterwards.

Anyone available for reccys is welcome