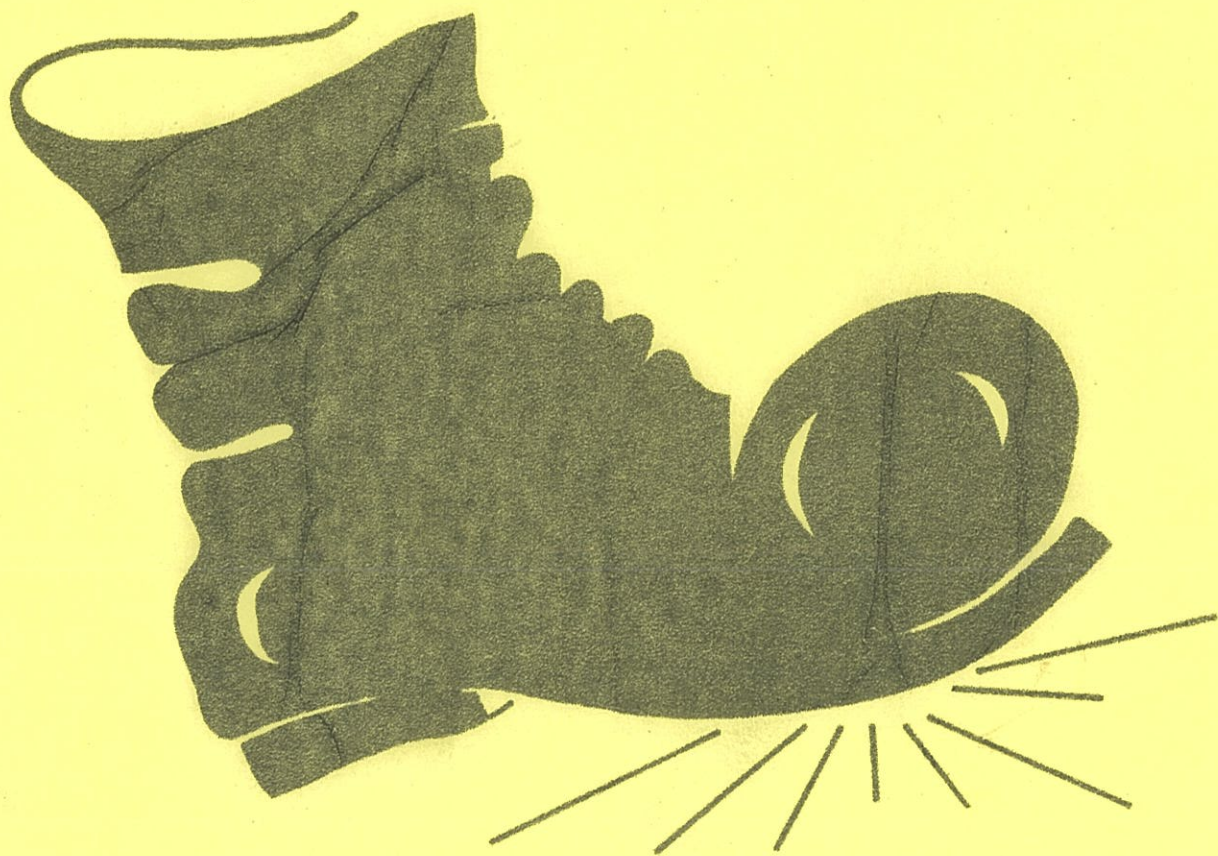


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EDITORIAL

New members (and also old members) sometimes feel that they'd love to go away for a weekend - somewhere interesting, but none of the regular haunts appeal, and maps of places unvisited can seem lifeless.

The editors hope that this booklet will inspire you by presenting glimpses of trips that have left lasting memories in the minds of club members.

The walks and activities in these pages are wide ranging - bushwalks, bicycle trips, canyon trips, skiing and even a Supercrawl. In some cases, where information on trips is hard to find, details have been given, while in other cases, a paragraph has sufficed. It is not the intention of these articles to give a step by step guide to any trip. We hope the articles will motivate you to seek further information for yourself.

Our thanks to all those people who contributed to this publication.

ROSS & LINDA VINING

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SALLY CAMP CREEK / DAVIES CANYON

Situated west of Mt. Paralyser in the Kanangra region.

Leave cars on King Pin firetrail, just off Kanangra road.

Walk along fire trails to Mt. Thurat, then north over Baldy Bill and Baldy Harry (thick scrub, but only for a short time). Great views from Baldy Harry across to Narrowneck isthmus.

Then descend due north until you end in the creek/canyon.

Follow terrific slabs and clear creek downstream. Four large abseils (full double length drop) with views down into the pools at the base. Slabs of rock and rock formations with waterfalls are quite spectacular, and the overall effect is tranquil isolation and scenery you are privileged to enjoy.

The highlight of the trip is the bivy overhang at the top of the 210 foot drop, which can be easily avoided on the next morning.

A fire in the overhang at night whilst watching the rainclouds fill the valley and drop their load over Bullagowar Buttress of Guouogang and remaining dry yourself is a really satisfying experience.

The next day the canyoning/walking ends at the junction of Sally Camp Creek with Kanangra River. (A 5ft long black snake here slithered off at our approach).

Then the puff/plant slog up the 2,300 ft buttress of Paralyser, great effort, but feels good at the top. All that remains then is the pleasant walk along the top of the ridge (with good views from the top of Mt. Cyclops and Mt. Carra - Mernoo)

To a party well able to scramble down and up rocks and abseil it makes an exceedingly pleasant 2 day trip.

DEN OF THE MIST MONSTER

(THE POOKEN HOLE)

(OR DANAE BROOK)

Rumour has it that when the wind is blowing from a particular direction the narrow slot that forms Danae Canyon howls like a mythical monster (a similar sound to blowing across a bottle)

The origin of the name is aboriginal. They, for obvious reasons, attributed the sound to a monster.

Even to-day the area holds some mystery. Horses hired from Carlons farm have been spooked in this area.

The immediate area abounds with colourful names eg Seriphos Pit, Gentle's Sheardown, The Big Misty Mountain, Murdering Gully.

DIRECTIONS:

The trip down Danae requires a longish day and is best done with an experienced party. The canyon is best approached from the Mt. Thurat firetrail by walking out towards the "Big Misty" and dropping down into the creek just before its descent into the Pookan Hole. Many spectacular abseils and a walk along the Creek bring you to Kanangra Creek.

From here you can either ascend the gorge to Kilpatrick Causeway, then back along the tops, or walk up Kanangra Creek and ascend Murdering Gully.

ROSS VINING

*Comfort comes as a guest,*

*Lingers to become a host,*

*And stays to enslave us.*

- Lee Bickmore

K O W M U N G   G O R G E

- MAPS:      Kanangra            1:31,680  
              Shooters Hill      1:31,680  
              Yerranderie        1:31,680  
              Gurnang             1:25,000

This weekend trip is recommended for hot weather as there are a number of compulsory swims (unless you are an accomplished cliff dangler).

The Kanangra road is left at the Boyd Range track (start of Uni Rover Trail), and follow the fire trails towards Morong Falls which are reached by a connecting foot track. The falls are a spectacular series of cascades and waterfalls and provide views of the far side of the Kowmung Gorge. Steep but straightforward scrambling on the north side of the creek follows, with occasional good views of the falls. It is necessary to cross to the southern side of the gully just before reaching the Kowmung River.

The first section of the gorge is particularly beautiful with the entire river appearing to be composed of a granite sheet moulded into various channels. The river passes over several cascades, some of which provide excellent chutes for bumsiding. Numerous opportunities arise for intricate scrambling. Interspersed between these cascades and boulder jams are pools of up to 50m long. A lilo or surf mat is thus handy for most of the trip. Unfortunately there is little time to dawdle in this section (about 7km) as campsites are infrequent and the going is very slow (about 1km/hr).

Further downstream the river widens and pools become scarce. Grassy banks occasionally vary the foot jarring of rock hopping. A suitable exit ridge which leads back to the Uni Rover Trail is Misery Ridge - probably named for its sustained 800m climb followed by some kilometres of scrubby plateau. The ridge is followed to Mt Goodell where the Uni Rover Trail may be picked up. This marked route is not always a distinct track and can be difficult to locate.

The unusual granite river formations and beautiful cascades and pools make this trip one of the most delightful summer walks even despite the misery encounter in the exit route.

ROBYN TUFT.



ST. MARY'S PEAK - FLINDERS RANGES S.A.

St. Mary's Peak, Flinders Ranges, S.A. An easy day walk along good tracks. It is outstanding for two reasons. Firstly, the area is very dry, verging on semi-desert, which gives the region a very different but interesting atmosphere. Secondly, the view from the top is superb. The bright red cliff faces of Wilpera Pound and the surrounding ranges contrast with the blankness of the plains and the shimmering salt lakes in the distance.

CARNARVON GORGE - QLD

Carnarvon Gorge, Qld. The Carnarvon Range is an oasis in the cattle lands of Central Queensland. The area has a lot in common with the Blue Mountains; the numerous canyons which were formed by tributary streams of Carnarvon River, are very similar to the Blue Mountains creeks which become summer havens. The major difference is the vegetation (and the temperature). Everything is tropical. Palm trees look out of place in canyons. Easy, tracked walks are possible (no hills), as are longer and more rugged expeditions.

PETER TOMSETT

*Try the impossible - you may be the first to succeed.*

GRAND CANYON - BEAUCHAMP FALLS - NEATES GLEN - EVANS LOOKOUT

LOCATION: Blackheath, Blue Mountains

You may do this trip as a bushwalk, or as a  
Canyon (See Ross' notes for canyon details)

I have done this walk more times than I can remember and never  
tire of it.

While an easy and beautiful walk for a hot, clear day it is also  
suitable for a day when everything in the mountains is covered in  
mist and you feel uninspired. The canyon is narrow, and because  
you can see the landscape about you, you don't feel cheated when  
the mist hangs low and thick.

The canyon is only 2km in length, but the tunnel, the incredible  
sandstone shapes, the constant sound of rushing water and the cool  
ever-present ferns will delight you.

Follow the track to the base of Beauchamp Falls for the best view.  
This makes an excellent lunch spot.

DIRECTIONS

Take the Evans Lookout Road off the Great Western Highway, 2km  
south of Blackheath, to a small Carpark at the head of Neates Glen.  
You will see a signpost indicating the Grand Canyon. Follow the  
downhill track across the creek. Now follow the south bank downstream.

Take the Rodriguez Pass track to Beauchamp Falls.

Return 400m up the Grand Canyon, look for the signpost to Evans Lookout.  
From the lookout it is a short walk back along the road to the  
cars at Neates Glen.

LINDA VINING

MIDDLE CHRISTY'S CREEK -- KANANGRA PLATEAU

This is a walk in classic Kanangra territory where the gorges are deep with steep sided forested slopes.

Kanangra area, south-west of the "Tops" involves quite a few abseils if the creek is followed all the way to an excellent camp site at the junction of Wheengee Whungee Creek, just opposite Mt. Great Groaner.

Falls include Woollara, Margaret, Barrallier. The return trip is best made up past Barralliers' Crown on the Western side of the creek. The Crown itself is an interesting feature - Interesting names in the area are Deadstick Mt, Spinebender Creek, Dark Angel Spur, Tartarus Deep.

Before leaving the camp a visit to Tagla Rift, about one hour downstream towards the Kowmung, is worthwhile.

An experienced party is desirable. It is an area for the dedicated walker.

WARWICK WILLIAMS

*Exercise is dangerous for the ailing and unnecessary for the healthy.*

Henry Ford.

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THE AXEHEAD (or TONALLI) RANGE

As described in the Gundungura book this walk begins from Yerranderie, along the road past the turnoff to the cemetery. After crossing the Tonalli River and climbing to the base of Bull Island Peak there is an abominable scrubby traverse across its lower slopes to Bull Island Gap. The first day ends at a pleasant campsite on the junction of Bull Island and Butcher Shop Creeks. It would be well worth experimenting with alternative access to avoid this awful bash - perhaps even a slog along Scotts Main Range from Byrnes Gap would be preferable, then via The Grog Shop and across Broken Back Range to the same campsite.

The real fun begins on day two with the ascent onto the end of the Vengeance Peninsular. The following spectacular traverse along the northern cliff top of the Peninsular, over Mts. Relentless, Remorseless and Ruthless, provides magnificent views and some intricate scrambling. One saddle in particular is only a metre or so wide above precipitous drops.

After Bull Island, another interesting rockpile separated a little from the Peninsular, Green Wattle Break is a long flat saddle leading to the Sentinel, the first peak of Axehead Mountain. Further fascinating scrambling on top of and beside a narrow rock wall along the crest of the ridge, accompanied by everchanging but always magnificent views, continues to Defiant Peak. From here one can look across to the southernmost peak of Axehead Mountain, and wonder how on earth the route goes up it. However a short way around the western side of the bluff is a gully which provides a steep but easy scramble for the agile - once you get off the ground. From the end of the mountain, with its dress-circle view of Yerranderie and its peaks, a steep but straightforward gully returns down the mountain to Byrnes Gap and the road.

This walk is one of my best remembered trips partly because of the truly glorious views, and partly because of the fascinating scrambling and route-finding throughout the traverse.

MAPS: Gundungura, 2" = 1ml, Sydney Uni. Rover Crew.  
Yerranderie, 2" = 1 ml, C.M.A.  
See also the Gundungura guide book, S.U.R.C.

PETER TUFT

BEROWRA - APPLE TREE BAY  
KU-RING-GAI NATIONAL PARK

This is a very short and easy walk for a hot summer's day when you feel like getting away from the crowd, strolling through the sweet smelling bush and stopping for frequent swimming in Cowan Creek.

Allow 4-5 hours for walking, lunching and swimming.  
Start the walk at Berowra Railway Station. At the station turn right at the top of the exit stairs, and right again at the end of the railway overbridge. Take a hard left at the track sign to Waratah Bay. Follow the track as it hugs the shores of Cowan Creek until you reach Apple Tree Bay.

(If you wish to catch the train you will see a righthand fork near 2 cement pylons at the Waters edge about 3/4 km before Apple Tree Bay).

LINDA VINING

KOWMUNG RIVER

This is a delightful but rarely visited area. There are many good walks, but a particularly pleasant one, leaves Kanangra Walls and reaches the Kowmung River via the Bullhead ridge and Cabbage Spire. Follow the river down through the Bulga Denis Canyon - not a true canyon, but easy river walking (wet feet) with the occasional scramble. There are some superb campsites at the bottom section of the Canyon. An exit can be made at any ridge to the left, but Roots ridge is particularly good. A good walk to appreciate a very beautiful area.

PETER TOMSETT

CROAGINGALONG - NADGEE COASTAL WILDERNESS

DURATION: about one week (Medium standard)  
LOCATION: East Gippsland (Victoria) - S.E. NSW  
SEASON: Spring-Summer-Autumn preferred, but  
probably anytime.

Do you like wild deserted ocean beaches, surf pounded rocky headlands, huge sand dunes, secluded freshwater lakes, red tea coloured creeks foaming their way out to sea, excellent fresh and salt water fishing, the cry of the dingo in the wild, seal colonies, open heathlands carpeted with wildflowers in spring, dense green forested hill slopes with rainforest within their sheltered gullies; or observing the processes of natural repair after wildfire?

All of these things (and more) can be experienced in the south eastern corner of Australia - with Croagingalong National Park (Victoria) and the adjacent Nadgee Nature Reserve (NSW). Nadgee lies within one of the Wilderness Areas designated in the wilderness surveys of Helman et al (Wilderness in Australia, New England University Geography Department (1975)) and Feller et al. (Wilderness in Victoria, Monash University Geography Dept. (1979)). In addition another portion of the Croagingalong coastline between Wingan Inlet and Mallacoota Inlet, is of similar quality.

In a walk of about 7 days one can take in this superb coastline - from Wingan Inlet to Lake Wonboyne. With another 3 days to spare, the stretch from Sydenham Inlet to Wingan Inlet can be included.

TRANSPORT: Private transport is most easily organised although about one day should be allowed for car shuffles. Mallacoota is approx. midway between Sydney and Melbourne and about 7-8 hours driving. There is a bus service which runs between Sydney and Melbourne via the Princes Hwy (see Tourist Bureau). This leaves the problem of access to the coast from the Highway. The Rangers may be able to suggest the name of local operators who could hire out transport.

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NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE CONTACTS: Permission from NSW National Parks Service is required to visit Nadgee - contact Kent Street, Sydney office for details. The Ranger at Wingan Inlet (Graeme Park) is very helpful and likes bushwalkers. He lives at Cann River (P.O. BOX 54). If asked nicely he would ferry your group across Wingan Inlet. The Ranger at Mallacoota, if asked politely could ferry your group across the Inlet (essential). Alternatively he could suggest a suitable fishing boat operator.

Mallacoota, the only civilisation en route is a sleepy fishing holiday town. Has a number of small shops including reasonably stocked general store and a superb bakery (open weekdays).

MAPS: 1:25,000 Lands Department are best for Nadgee, but these are not available for the Victorian section. Forests Commission dyelines (601 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000) of 1:63,360 scale are probably the most useful without resorting to coloured aerial photos.

The Victorian maps required are:

Wingan to Cape Howe - FCV Mallacoota 1:63360, NM Mallacoota 1:100,000  
Bemm R to Wingan - FCV Cann-Everard 1:63,360, NM Cann 1:100,000

CLIMATE: Generally fairly mild, hot in summer, and can be wet.

RIVERS: Flow depends on season; in high flow fresh water would be no problem, in low flow, one may need to wade upstream to obtain suitable drinking water. Mallacoota, Wingan, Sydenham and possibly Tamboon Inlets are the most troublesome to cross. The ease of crossing Wingan, Sydenham and Tamboon Inlets depends on river flows. If this is possible, the technique is to cross at the surf/estuary interface on the sand bar.

VEGETATION: Some of the coastal heathland vegetation is as thick as that to be found in South West Tasmania (eg the climb to Howe Hill from the coast, Sandpatch Point etc).

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INSECTS are worst in summer. Ticks are found in the scrub. A tent fitted with insect netting screens is very useful for summer trips as is personal insect repellent.

CAMPSTYES: A slash denotes about one days travel.

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Berm R.

/ Clinton Rocks Ck.

00002 / Thurra R.

/ Wingan Inlet - fresh water from National Park Camping Area

Red River - about 2 hours from Wingan.

/ Benedore River

Seal Creek - superb aesthetically, although water can be a problem in dry times.

Shipwreck Creek

/ Lake Barracoota - access can be difficult since dune vegetation is thick. There is a clear blow out which runs right to the lake edge, about 25 minutes walk past the point of land on the beach which is adjacent to Tallaberga Is.

/ Nadgee Inlet - idyllic setting but brackish water so collect water from a suitable swamps en route or nearby.

00003 / Newtons Beach - 2 wheel drive access is possible to this point.

ROB JUNG



BLAKE & BUSHWALK

TUROSS GORGE - WADBILLIGA NATIONAL PARK (3 days)

Tuross Gorge is the mighty chasm carved as the river flows over the Monaro escarpment, through the coastal ranges and into the sea. It starts with a little gorge leading to a 50m waterfall, then continues 6km downstream between 300m cliffs, only a few hundred metres apart.

The river tumbles over the falls then rushes around, mostly under the house-sized boulders in the river bed. Here there are one or two compulsory swims. A good speed along the river is 2km/hr. but it's marvellous fun the whole way.

At the end you climb a long bare ridge to a fire trail. From here you can make a side trip to the strangely shaped Jillicambra Mountain.

THIS IS A THREE DAY TRAIN-BIKE TRIP

- \* Catch the Friday night train to Cooma, arriving at dawn
- \* Cycle 30km on tar road to Countegany
- \* Return on Monday and catch the evening train home.

ANDY BLAKERS

*People must not do things for fun. We are not here for fun. There is no reference to fun in any Act of Parliament*

*- Sir Alan Herbert.*

PERRYS LOOKDOWN - BLUE GUM FOREST - GOVETTS LEAP

LOCATION: Blackheath, Blue Mountains.

Blue Gum Forest, at the junction of Govetts Creek and the Grose River, is a place of great beauty and serenity, and is ideal as a one day walk.

On a hot day the area is particularly attractive with its towering shady trees, park-like grassy areas, swimming holes and views up to the huge cliffs all around the valley.

Hat Hill Road from Blackheath leads to Perry's Lookdown. The distance to Blue Gum from Perry's is 2.25km down a steep, well-defined track.

Follow the creek South-West to Junction Rock, then continue up Govett's Creek, through a fern-filled gully, beside a babbling brook, under a waterfall, until you reach Govetts Lookout.

It is a climb of 660m from Blue Gum to Govetts.

LINDA VINING

*An eager inventor named Jones  
Was reduced to loud sobbing and moans.  
He'd devised X-ray glasses  
To study clothed lasses  
But all he could see were their bones.*

BIKE n' BUSHWALK  
BRINDABELLA RANGES - 4 days

Catch the Friday mail to Michelago. Cross the Murrumbidge River near Forrest and cycle north over the beautiful clear range (particularly nice on a crisp summer morning). Leave the bikes at Gudgenty, and head north-west to Creamy Flats in the Kelly-Gudgenty National Park.

Next day climb Coronet Peak - a huge rock in the centre of the Cotter River Valley surrounded by a ring of mountains 500m higher. Cross the Cotter (careful - swimming is not allowed in Canberra's water supply) and climb 1900m Mt. Bimberi. Camp at Murray Gap. Rise early next morning and climb Murray, Morgan and Scabby, all lovely granite peaks with beautiful alpine valleys. Head over Kelly to camp in Rendevous Creek. Return to the train via the southern road around the Clear Range.

ANDY BLAKERS

BUNGONIA GORGE

Start from the top of the old flying fox above Tolwong mines on the Shoalhaven River. A steep track leads down to the river. It is only a short walk from here up to the Blockup. This spectacular feature has high cliffs which drop straight into the deep water. The only way through is a very long swim. But don't turn around and go back down the river. Choose any one of the perfect campsites on the grassy banks. Next day, continue down the river and up Bungonia Creek. Walk between the 1000ft limestone cliffs of the gorge. Climb the first steep gully on the left, back to the road. A very spectacular walk, well suited to the warmer weather, when the opportunities for swimming can be appreciated.

PETER TOMSETT

THE WOLLONDILLY

The Wollondilly River lies to the southwest of Sydney, flowing from near Goulbourn north to the waters of the Warragamba Dam. I have walked in the northernmost part of the river valley, and have done air-bed trips down from the section of the river where it is crossed by the Wombeyan Caves road (west from Mittagong). The eastern wall of the valley can be traversed to the feature known as Bonum Pic.

The area appeals to me for several reasons: One is its solitude (away from the caves road, that is) and another is its gentle beauty. It is not particularly a "wilderness" area: the valley floor and shoulders are farmed. However, the area is comparatively isolated, and in several trips through the valley, I have met only the wildlife. The eastern wall of the valley (in the northern reaches) is classic Blue Mountains sandstone wall, the west side by contrast is steeply climbing and timbered hills, with no walls.

Part of the appeal of the place from my point of view may be the happy memories associated with it: all my trips there have been with very good groups. That aside, there is ample here to attract the walker, whether it be the rapids and pools of the river in summer, the wombats and wallabys of the valley in the cooler months, or the sweeping views from Bonum Pic, overlooking Lake Burragorang and the southern Blue Mountains.

CHARLIE MORRIS

*Adventure must be held in delicate fingers.  
It should be handled, not embraced. It  
should be sipped, not swallowed at a gulp.*

-Ashley Duker

LOVETT BAY - ELVINA BAY

KU-RING-GAI NATIONAL PARK

This is an easy walk skirting the coastline of one of Sydney's most beautiful waterways. Extensive views across Pittwater and West Head are obtained.

At one spot the outcropping shale has resulted in soil which supports a beautiful forest of spotted gum, and at other places you will see Forest Oaks, Cabbage Palms, Angophora, and Scribbly Gums.

Depending on the time of year you walk, you may see Flannel Flowers, spider flowers, Christmas Bells and Hakea.

The walk is approx. 8km long, along fire trails, with a short distance along West Head Road. A good lunch spot is Salvation Creek.

HOW TO GET THERE

Go to Church Point in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase ( a bus service runs from Wynyard).

Catch the Scotland Island ferry to Hall's Wharf in Lovett's Bay. Go west until you meet West Head Road, Cross Salvation Creek, and about 1.6km along the road you will see the track to Elvina Bay where you can catch the ferry back to Church Point.

A map is readily obtainable from Ku-Ring-Gai National Park.

LINDA VINING

GRAND CANYON - CANYON TRIP

BLUE MOUNTAINS

The tourist track through the Grand Canyon is a delightful stroll - pretty and usually cool (see Linda's notes).

However the tourist track misses out on some of the most spectacular parts of the canyon proper. It's basically an easy canyon, good for beginners. It requires one abseil at the start (where the creek makes an obvious plunge into a chasm) Many strong trees are available for use as an abseil anchor.

From the bottom of the abseil it takes 1-2 hours before you rejoin the tourist track. A number of deep pools in the canyon can be climbed afloat, but there is one compulsory swim at the end.

The excellent access to the beginning and end makes this one of the best value, easy canyons in the Blue Mountains.

ROSS WINING

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THE BIG BOGGY

Just a skiing trip! Just a trip to a beautiful area and stacks of firewood. Just a trip into camping isolation and plenty of fun runs. Just a trip to get away from it all, yet not so far from the car. Leave the car at the Dead Horse Gap car park and proceed along the trail. Find a pleasant campsite and gather the firewood. Build a snowcave. Ski down Bob's Ridge and get "high". Ride down a snowball. Snuggle and dream next to the blazing fire. Admire from Drift Hill the scenery of the Snowy Mountains. Return home contented, after a weekend home away from home.

NICK BENDELI

KATOONBA TO JENOLAN

Starting from Bushwalkers Hill on Narrowneck (near the firetower) proceed down Carlon's Head via iron spikes and chains ( a rope isn't a bad idea) to Carlon's Farm (an alternate start).

Thence down Galong Creek - a handline may be necessary to the Cox's River. From the end of the Galong Creek follow the Cox's River to the junction with Jenolan River and thence to Jenolan Caves.

The walk has two difficult sections: getting down the waterfalls in Galong Creek and passing the Hellgates on the Jenolan (especially after rain). The rest is easy.

Time for the walk is two days but an extra day doesn't go astray. If you want a challenge, try this walk after rain when it becomes very difficult. Trout fishermen will especially enjoy this walk because of the huge fish in the large pools of the Jenolan.

(A variation for those who like walking in circles)

Instead of going all the way up to Jenolan, return up Breakfast Creek, past Knight's Deck and through the Wild Dog Ranges to Medlow Gap (passing Cattle Dog Ridge, Bad Dog Deck, Bad Pup Range, The Dog's Terrace), to Medlow Gap. Then up Duncan's pass to Narrowneck Plateau.

BRUCE SPRY

*What lies behind us  
and what lies before us  
are tiny matters compared to  
what lies within us.*

BUNDEENA - LITTLE MARLEY - 8km

BUNDEENA - LITTLE MARLEY - WATTAMOLLA - GARIE - 17km

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

These walks are on well defined tracks along sandstone cliffs offering magnificent coastal scenery. You can always be sure of a peaceful beach for a swim. This walk leaves on my mind a vivid inprint of the patterns in the sandstone, and of the clean, fresh appearance of the landscape from constant salt wind abrasion.

DIRECTIONS

Catch the train to Cronulla and then the ferry to Bundeena (leaves on the ½ hour) on the Southern Shores of Port Hacking.

From the wharf turn left into Loftus Street, right into Bournemouth Street, left into Scarborough Street and right into Beachcomber Ave. The track to Marley begins past the gate at the boundary of the Royal National Park.

If you wish to stop walking at Little Marley you can return to Bundeena on the track which crosses the moors. It starts on the north side of the creek.

Maps are available from Royal National Park.

LINDA VINING



TRAVERSE OF THE YODELLER'S

Lying near Singleton, the Yodeller's Range present a rugged outline of crags and serrated skyline. The traverse is now a classical walk (?) and a challenge by using all fair means of mountaineering, bar crampons and ice-ax! Leading gear up to grade 12 is required as well as all food and water. An average of one mile a day is good going. So enjoy yourself, and as you are going up Wedding Cake mountain, don't think too much that you should have stayed home with the girlfriend.

NICK BENDELI

*Do not follow where the path may lead  
Go, instead, where there is no path and  
carve a trail.*

KALANG FALLS, WEST WALL SUPERCRAWL  
BLUE MOUNTAINS

This trip was conceived several years ago as an attempt to create an interesting challenge combining three classic trips:-

1. KALANG FALLS - a spectacular series of waterfalls plunging 500m from Kanangra - Boyd Plateau into Kanangra Deep. - generally considered a full day trip.

2. KANANGRA WALLS TO KATOomba  
50kms of walking over ridges, rivers and peaks. It is considered by many to be an excellent 3 day walk. To complete the distance in one day is a gruelling challenge - a classic "Tiger walk".

3. WEST WALL ROCKCLIMB

The West Wall is not particularly hard or long, but provides 800' of spectacular and varied climbing.

Its 10 pitches provide many parties with almost a full days climbing. It is perhaps the best known long climb in the Blue Mountains and is certainly a "classic" of the Blue Mountains.

The challenge was to complete these 3 activities in 24 hours. The rules were simple.

The trip was to start at the Kanangra Walls car park and finish at Echo Point car park. There was no limit on party size except that the party must travel as a single unit - no one could drop out (unless injured) and no assistance was to be obtained along the way.

Travel must be by foot the entire distance. All equipment required for descending Kalang Falls and for climbing the West Wall had to be carried by the party.

The first successful completion of the trip was on 20th Oct, 1974 by a team from U.N.S.W. Mountaineering Club. Nick Bendeli and I set out at 4am, abseiled down Kalang Falls by torchlight, then spent the day walking cross-country, along Kalang Creek, across the Cox River, up Yellow Pup Ridge, on to Medlow Gap, and then

the torturous grind along the Narrowneck road, and down the Golden Stairway as the sun was setting. It was well and truly dark as we started the first pitch of the West Wall. We were thoroughly exhausted when we reached the car park at 11.30pm.

We took 19½ hours - a long time, due to a knee injury and insufficient foot supplies. It could be done much faster by a fit party.

Will anyone take up the challenge?

ROSS VINING

*Perhaps even these things will some day be pleasant  
to remember*

*- Virgil.*

and much more. From the entrance and through the area of the  
viewed for the WOLGAN PLATEAU & THE RED ROCKS  
area of the Red Rocks and the other side of the plateau.  
An area that has left the most delightful memories on me is the  
Wolgan Plateau.

Leaving the cars at Newnes, you leave all traces of organization  
- tracks and people. A steep scramble up one of the gullies to  
the west of Newnes gets you quickly to the plateau level.

In nature's museum or gallery you can take the shortest possible  
route past all exhibits, or spend hours in amazed contemplation  
of one item. On the Plateau there are many features. You may  
suddenly fall into pagodas and canyons in miniature, caves and  
micro-climates - each an artwork in itself.

For the more athletic this area offers the potential of an obstacle  
course weekend - past the Red Rocks window, down to the Glen Alice  
Valley and back through Pipeline Pass to the caves. Maybe some of  
the delight comes from outwitting these obstacles.

WEG BLUNT

*It is easier to criticize what has been done than to give  
an opinion on what should be done.*

P.K. Chau



