



YHA Christmas Party

Sunday 2 December 18

This year's Christmas party will include what we like to do best: some walking!

The plan is to bring everyone to the Healesville area, have a choice of an Easy – Medium (EM) or Medium (M) walk, then go to the Grand Hotel Healesville for a finger food lunch.

This is an end-of-year special so walkers must wear something Christmassy for the occasion... maybe a touch of red, special earrings etc.

Program

There will be a choice of two walks:

- Maroondah Reservoir Park: walk from Donnelly's Weir to Maroondah Reservoir and return via Henderson Hill. Rated Easy Medium, 6.3km. approx. 2.5 hours. Led by Ken Sussex
- Dom Dom Saddle to Fernshaw Picnic area. Rated Medium, 9.3km, 3 to 3.5 hours. Led by Sonya Radywyl.

People taking part in the EM walk will finish a bit earlier than the M group. They will have the choice of having a drink at the hotel or wander through Healesville, including checking out the community market, until we're all ready to have lunch together at 2pm.

Lunch will consist of finger food including wood fire pizzas to share.

Transport

Everyone wishing to join a walk will be expected to take the bus we have hired for the occasion. There will be a choice of two pick-up points:

- Pick up spot #1: near the Radisson Flagstaff, corner of A'Beckett St and William St. Please aim to arrive by 8am so you can get checked in, the bus will leave promptly at 8.15am.

- Pick up spot #2: Ringwood Railway Station, Maroondah Hwy, Public Transport Victoria (PTV) bus bay #10. Please aim to arrive by 8.40am for prompt 8.50am departure. The bus will only be able to pull over for a few minutes so it's important everyone is there and ready to board before the bus arrives.

Note we will not wait for latecomers - make sure you check PTV to get to the meeting point on time.

Return: the bus will leave the Grand Hotel at 5.30pm, so we expect to drop people off at Ringwood station at about 6.15pm and at Flagstaff at about 6.50pm.

People who only wish to come for the lunch may choose to make their own way to the Grand Hotel. If that's you, know that you still need to book and pay for your lunch ahead of time (see below).

Cost

We ask for a \$23 contribution to bus hiring costs, applicable to everyone equally (no discount for members). This covers the return trip and transfer at the end of the walk to the hotel.

The lunch will be \$30 per person, but the YHA will subsidise \$10 for members.

So to recap: if you're a YHA Bushwalking club member, the cost for the day is \$43, and if you're not a member, it will be \$53.

If you're not yet a member and want to become one, apply online at <http://www.yhabush.org.au/MembershipRequest.htm>

Book your spot NOW!

You can either:

1. Book directly with Celine Savage by emailing bustrip@yhabush.org.au.

Please indicate which pick up point you plan to be at (Flagstaff or Ringwood) and what walk option you prefer, knowing you can change your mind on the day. Also state your full name if not obvious through your email account.

Payment is to be made by transfer to the YHA Bank account:

BSB: 733 083

Account: 560 115

Reference: Xmas and your initials

Please send proof of payment to Celine and she will then confirm your spot on the trip. It is a good idea to check that there are still seats available before you make the payment!

2. Book and pay directly on the meetup website.

This is our preferred way. Bookings will open on Sunday 21 October. Note that you don't need a paypal account, you can use a credit card. Easy!

You will also be asked to provide: your real name, where you're planning to board the bus from, and the walk you're planning to do.

Please avoid double booking yourself – only pick one of the options above.

Any questions, contact Celine at bustrip@yhabush.org.au