

Spring Program 2017 for Kids, Adults and Families



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL for all activities.

JUST FOR ADULTS

Our 'Just for Adults' program includes a range of guided walks and outdoor events, designed to offer rewarding and relaxing social recreation. Information is designed for mature audiences.

Growing Wilder at Ancanthe Park

Wed 20 Sep, 10 am – 2 pm

Bush Adventures and the Positive Ageing Team will once again join together to provide a charming day out, this time at Ancanthe Park, Lenah Valley. Enjoy morning tea, join a gentle guided walk then sit back and enjoy a little music and a social barbecue lunch.

Bring: Warm clothes and sturdy shoes

Walk grade: Very easy

Meet: Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St, Hobart at 9.45 am or Ancanthe Park, Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley at 10 am

Cost: \$15 per person (includes bus and food)

Note: All Bookings for this event are through Mathers House on 6234 1441. Please advise if you require transport to and from Mathers House when making your booking. Bus departs Mathers House at 10 am and returns by 2 pm.

Growing Wilder Brunch with the Birds

Mon 23 Oct, 10 am – 12 pm

Bush Adventures and the Positive Ageing Team are joining together for this all-abilities activity. Enjoy a light breakfast among the birds and a walk to see some of the Waterworks local species. We'll spot as many birds as we can as part of the 'Aussie Backyard Bird Count'- a citizen science initiative of BirdLife Australia. Bus departs Mathers House at 9.30 am and returns by 12.30 pm.

Walk grade: Very easy

Bring: A pair of binoculars if you have some.

Meet: Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St, Hobart at 9.15 am or Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 10 am

Cost: \$10 per person (includes bus and breakfast)

Note: Booking through Mathers house 6234 1441.

Birding with the 'Two Old Cockies on the Fence'

Sat 28 Oct, 8.30–10.30 am

Come and join the dynamic duo of Denis Abbot and Don Knowler as they share their wisdom, insights and humour on a very special bird watching wander through the Waterworks Reserve.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 8, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 8.20 am

Cost: \$5.50

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FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Our 'For the Whole Family' program is designed to provide opportunities for your family to do something special together in Hobart's bushland.

Missing Mammals Nocturnal Tour

Thu 7 Sep, 6–7.30 pm

Did you know that some mammals found here once roamed across mainland Australia too?

Bring: A torch and warm clothes

Meet: Car park at the end of Old Farm Road, South Hobart

Cost: \$8 per person (includes supper)

Vanishing Birds Tour

Sat 9 Sep, 10–11 am

Join Bush Adventures for this Threatened Species Day and learn about Australia's ancient and amazing avian activity.

Meet: Mount Nelson Signal Station, Mount Nelson

Cost: \$5.50 per person

Stories of the ancestors

Sat 23 Sep, 10–11.30 am

We invite you to come and sit with Palawa educator Trish Hodge and share in the knowledge and wisdom of her ancestors. This activity is open to anyone who wants to know more about the first people of lutriwita/Tasmania and their ancient and living culture.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Cost: FREE

Dogs' Breakfast

Sat 30 Sep, 10 am – 12 pm

Dear dogs of Hobart: Woof, bark, bow-wow!! Bark-bark-bark. Hooooowwwwl.

Dear dog parents of Hobart: Come along to our

Long Beach dog's breakfast. Snack on a sausage and learn about sharing and caring for Tassie's beaches and wildlife.

Meet: Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near childrens playground), Sandy Bay

Cost: FREE

Where Our Wild Things Are

Fri 5 Oct and Sat 21 Oct, 6.30–8 pm

Come for a night walk and see where our wild things are. Learn what's out there and take home some handy hints for spotting creatures of the night when you go on your own spotlighting adventures.

Bring: A torch and warm clothes

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, just inside the gate on Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway (park outside the gate)

Cost: \$8 per person (includes supper)

Real Live Reptiles

Sat 14 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Tony from Wild Ways will help you experience our amazing snakes and lizards. Are you brave enough to hold some of these scaly friends?

Meet: Cascade Gardens, next to 2 Mcrobies Rd, South Hobart

Cost: \$5.50 per person

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FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY (CONTINUED)

The AMAZING Race

Sat 21 Oct, 2.30–4 pm

The AMAZING race of Waterworks will sort the clever kookaburras from the rest. Race around Waterworks Reserve, competing in bush-themed challenges and collecting the tokens from each event.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Cost: \$5.50 per child

Parrot Puppeteers

Sat 28 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Who are these quirky, colourful characters hanging in the trees? Squawking, screeching, shouting, and doing as they please? Learn about these fascinating creatures with Parrot Puppeteers.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Cost: \$5.50 per child

Wacky Waterbirds

Sun 29 Oct, 10–11.30 am

The gulls are taking a bath, the grebes are at lunch and who's that with the webbed feet? Discover the wacky water birds that call the Waterworks home!

Meet: Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 2, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Cost: \$5.50 per child

Raptors in our Reserves Bus Tour

Sun 29 Oct, 1–4 pm

Do you have a thing for predators, and enthusiasm for eagles or a fascination with falcons? Join us to seek out Hobart's raptors across several reserves, and learn about their fascinating behaviour, movements and lifestyles.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 1pm

Cost: \$10 per person (includes bus)

Note: This tour delivers information at an adult level, and while we will do our best, raptor sightings cannot be guaranteed. We welcome the entire family to join, but please note that the content has not been designed for young children.

Precious Pollinators

Sat 18 Nov, 10–11.30 am

Meet the busy little animals who help our plants reproduce.

Meet: Princes Park, 99 Salamanca Place, Battery Point

Cost: \$5.50 per child

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BUSH KIDS

These sessions are designed for specific age groups and include a variety of exciting nature-based activities.

All Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
All activities \$5.50 per child.
Please bring a snack and water.

2-5 YEARS

Home among the Gum Trees

Mon 2 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Celebrate World Habitat Day with a discovery session for young children at Waterworks Reserve! Wander amongst the trees, wonder at who calls this home and create your own inspired artwork.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Flora the Explorer's Garden Play

Sat 14 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Discover the Cascade Gardens with Flora!

Meet: Cascade Gardens, next to 2 Microbes Rd, South Hobart

Flora the Explorer's Tiger Trail

Sat 21 Oct, 12–1.30 pm

Flora has heard that someone has spotted the Tasmanian tiger! Come along to Waterworks Reserve and explore the mystery.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Nature Play

Wed 25 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Discover the newly rejuvenated Wellesley Park. Play and nature based craft activities.

Meet: Wellesley Park, end of Wentworth St, South Hobart

5-7 YEARS

Life in a Seashell

Sat 30 Sept, 1.30–3 pm

Squishy and slimy with a solid front door? Long, hairy legs with a big pointy claw! Can you imagine carrying your house with you, everywhere you go?

Meet: Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

Whose Habitat

Mon 2 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Celebrate World Habitat Day with a guided walk around Waterworks Reserve. Discover the where wildlife make their homes, and craft our own habitat artwork.

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

Wheel to the Waterfall

Tue 10 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Join us for an all abilities bicycle adventure! Walk and bike to Silver Falls.

Bring: Children to bring their own bicycle and helmet (adults bicycle optional).

Meet: Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd (opposite Fern Tree Tavern), Fern Tree

Bush Bingo Scavenger Hunt

Fri 13 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Bush Bingo at Mt Nelson Signal Station is a great way to explore.

Meet: Mt Nelson Signal Station, end of Nelson Rd, Mt Nelson

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5-7 YEARS (CONTINUED)

Wonderful Waterbugs

Sun 15 Oct, 10–11.30 am

Take a look into the sparkling world of water. Test your trapping and identification skills and explore what these little creatures might grow up to be.

Bring: Gumboots or old shoes and clothing that can get wet

Meet: Hobart Rivulet, end of Anglesea St (near C3 Church), South Hobart

7-10 YEARS

Bush Circus

Thu 5 Oct, 1.30–3.30 pm

Bush Adventures is teaming up with Circus Art Tasmania to present this kids circus session in Hobart's bushland. Join us at Waterworks Reserve to test your skills, learn some new ones and make new friends!

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

The Arthropod Expedition

Fri 13 Oct, 1.30–3 pm

Do you think you know Hobart's arthropods? Or would you like to delve a little deeper into the mysterious micro-world? Come and explore the world of mini-beasts.

Meet: Mt Nelson Signal Station, end of Nelson Rd, Mt Nelson

In Pursuit of the Platypus

Sun 15 Oct, 12.30–2 pm

Join Bush Adventures at the Hobart rivulet to seek out the mysterious platypus. Learn about platypus biology, behaviour, and make your own platypus to take home!

Meet: Hobart Rivulet, end of Anglesea St (near C3 Church), South Hobart

GO WILD, GO SOLO

Our 'Go Wild, Go Solo' program is for kids who are keen to get out on their own for some bush challenges.

Parent/guardian attendance is not required but consent forms must be completed.

All activities \$5.50 per child.

10-14 YEARS

Bush Circus Advanced

Thu 5 Oct, 1.30–3.30 pm

Bush Adventures is teaming up with Circus Art Tasmania to present this kids circus session in Hobart's bushland. Join us at Waterworks Reserve to test your skills and learn some new ones!

Meet: Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

kunanyi/Mt Wellington Peak to Park Hike

Tue 10 Oct, 10 am – 1 pm

Lace up your boots- we're going for a hike! We'll follow the Zig-zag and Pinnacle Track to the Springs, and then the group will choose their route to continue to Fern Tree.

Bring: Weather appropriate clothing, including a wind/rain jacket, sturdy closed shoes, small backpack, water bottle and a snack for the trail

Meet: The Springs, Pinnacle Rd, kunanyi/Mt Wellington

Note: Pick-up is at Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd, Fern Tree (near Fern Tree Tavern)