



W.E.A. RAMBLERS CLUB

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The WEA Ramblers Club was formed in 1925 when people who were keen walkers and lovers of nature banded together to explore the beauty of the Adelaide Hills. This is still our main walk area but more distant regions are also explored, especially on the occasional long weekend hostel or camping trips.

Hikes are held on alternate Sundays throughout the year, with a departure time of 9 am sharp (unless otherwise stated) and returning at approximately 5 to 5.30 pm. This allows for walks varying in length between 12 to 20 kms., with an actual walk time of between 4 to 5 hours. In the summer months walks are usually shorter and closer to the city.

Details about a particular walk are available from the Hike Leader and our 6 monthly programmes are available from our Publicity Officer or information on our next few walks can be found on our Website.

On occasions, during the winter months, a bus is chartered to transport Ramblers to the selected walk area. This allows for more extended, cross country walks, with the bus collecting members at the finishing point for transport back to Adelaide. En route an Attendance Record is circulated for signatures, fees collected and matters of interest are discussed. Before commencing the hike the Ramblers form a circle and the Club Leader welcomes visitors, names are stated, numbers checked and notices announced.

The WEA Ramblers is a peer club.

The Committee welcomes suggestions and help from members to lead hikes, organize weekend trips and to arrange the occasional social event.

POTENTIAL HIKE LEADERS—

Maps and information are available from the Hike Coordinator for any member who would like to lead a hike.

The Hike Leader surveys and leads his/her programmed hike, checking and timing transport requirements and suitable spots for lunch etc. It is suggested that all Leaders read the Club Information sheets "Hints for Hike Leaders".

Members must—

- a. Be over 16 years of age.
- b. Be of normal physical fitness.
- c. Be a member of W.E.A. Clubs Inc.
- d. Read carefully and accept the Club Rules.

CURRENT CHARGES are as follows—

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| a. Membership of W.E.A. Clubs Inc | *\$2.00 p.a. |
| b. Ramblers Club Registration Fee | *\$8.00 p.a.c. |
| c. Hike Fee | *\$5.00 Visitors (1st three hikes only)
*\$3.00 Financial Members |
| d. Transport | *\$12.00 per hike bus (see note below) |
| e. Club monogram (optional) | *\$3.50 |
- *All charges subject to alteration

EQUIPMENT—

Essential Items:

1. Strong non-slip boots or shoe
2. Strong casual clothing
3. Bottle of water (min 1 litre)
4. Food for picnic lunch
5. Identification, including any medical problem
6. Whistle

Recommended Additional Items:

1. Small backpack
2. Personal First Aid Kit
3. Waterproof clothing
4. Extra warm clothing
5. Hat
6. Maps and compass
7. Diary and pencil

Each individual is responsible for his/her own safety and care of his/her possessions.

Parents who wish to bring along children under the age of 16 years must seek prior approval from Club Leader before each hike.

Those who consider themselves of less than average fitness should also seek advice from the Hike Leader. (See overleaf).

Ramblers should not walk ahead of the Hike Leader nor leave the group without his/her knowledge. Ramblers must not light fires, pick flowers or fruit, bring dogs or radios, leave litter, or smoke whilst on hikes.

On public roads where there are no footpaths, Ramblers must walk on the right-hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

To qualify for Membership a person must complete three hikes to the satisfaction of the Club Leader.

The **Club Leader** chairs club meetings and implements club policy.

Ramblers Bus Hikes: In fairness to all walkers the price stated for Ramblers Bus hikes is the set price each walker pays regardless of whether they travel the full distance or make their own travel arrangements.