

celebratenature

Week of September 1-5

To celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and its member groups have put together a program of nature-based events throughout the month of September.

Celebrate Nature has something for everybody: bushwalks, bird watching, bat counting, bug spotting, bush restoration, workshops, conferences, slide shows and even a nature-inspired concert. Go to www.nccnsw.org.au for updates on events throughout September.

Wednesday September 1

Explore Nature

Summer Hill Walk

9:30 am. Wednesday, 1 September.

Meet at Summer Hill station.

Summer Hill to Rozelle walk. Approximately 8 km.

Contact: Bob Shayler on 9890 1648.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

Thursday September 2

Explore Nature

Royal NP Walk

9:30 am. Thursday, 2 September.

Meet at Engadine station.

Explore the Royal National Park on an easy walk of between 5-7 km.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

Friday September 3

Explore Nature

Central Blue Mountains Walk

8:47 am. Friday, 3 September.

Meet at Faulconbridge (Train departs Central at 7:21 am).

Walk from Faulconbridge Victory track to Numantia Falls (11 km), then a bit of climbing up to Eurama ruins.

Contact: Yvonne Hardiman on 9670 3649.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

September 3-5

Explore Nature

Griffith Community Biodiversity Survey

9 am. Friday, 3 September - Sunday, 5 September.

Meet at Lions Shelter at lake Wyangan.

Activities are planned for dawn to 8 pm daily, wrapping up at 12 noon on Sunday, 5 September.

More information at http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/view_doc.asp?id=347&cat=340.

September 4-5

Explore Nature

Discovering the Gardens of Stone

Saturday, 4 September - Sunday, 5 September.

Discover the Gardens of Stone with the Nature Conservation Council, the Colong Foundation and the Blue Mountains Conservation Society on the weekend of September 4th and 5th. The purpose of this overnight trip is to discover and be motivated by some fantastic unprotected biodiversity. The discovery tour will be staying overnight in the Gardens of Stone. Please be self reliant and prepared to camp near, but perhaps not right next to, a 4WD vehicle. Due to the mode of transport, places are limited, so please RSVP promptly if you would like to come along. The Gardens of Stone embraces Newnes Plateau, the broken stone country to the west of the Plateau, and the Airly-Genowlan mesa to the north in the Capertee Valley. On this trip you will get a taste of what makes this place so special. It has, amongst other values:

- one of the most beautiful displays of sandstone geodiversity in Australia; and
- one of the Blue Mountains' areas of highest plant diversity including ancient windswept montane heathlands, nationally endangered upland swamps, a unique species of snowgum (*E. gregsoniana*) and other high plateau woodlands representing the highest development of native vegetation on Sydney Basin sedimentary rocks, and poorly conserved grassy white box woodlands on slopes below the sandstone.

RSVP required.

Contact: Keith Muir, Colong Foundation for Wilderness, on 02 9261 2400.

September 4-5

Explore Nature

Wollemi NP Walk

Saturday, 4 September - Sunday, 5 September.

Walk the T3 track to the Colo River for the ongoing mop-up of lantana. Camp by the river in delightful surroundings.

RSVP required.

Contact: Andy Mazqueen on 4757 1083.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW in association with the Friends of Colo.

Saturday September 4

Explore Nature

Barren Grounds NR Walk

Saturday, 4 September.

Where: Illawara.

Walk to Drawing Room Rocks.

RSVP required.

Contact: John Stewart on 4229 1648.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

Saturday September 4

Explore Nature

Blue Mountains Walk

Saturday, 4 September.

Walk from Pierces Pass to Blue Gum forest and back. One descent to river and return. Bush tracks, stairs, and one river crossing.

RSVP required.

Contact: Carole Beales on 0408 235 936 (6-9 pm).

Saturday September 4

Celebrate Nature

Native Nursery Plant Sale

Saturday, 4 September.

Wirrimbirra Flora and Fauna Sanctuary Plant sale at the only wholly native nursery in the Wollondilly Shire.

For more information, call 4684 1112.

Saturday September 4

Explore Nature

Wollemi NP Walk

Saturday, 4 September.

Explore a maze of gullies and pagodas, and visit the Dry Canyon. Some minor scrambling involved.

RSVP required.

Contact: Peter Fox on 8837 0848 (not after 9:30 pm).

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

Saturday September 4

Explore Nature

A Brush in the Bush

2 pm-4:30 pm. Saturday, 4 September.

Where: Field of Mars Reserve and Wildlife Refuge.

Explore nature and enjoy spring flowers in the Field of Mars. Short bushwalks led by volunteers, followed by afternoon tea at 4 pm. Artists of all ages can bring their pencils and brushes to paint or draw springtime in the bush.

RSVP required.

Contact: Phillip Ward on 0417 439356.

Organised by Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society.

Saturday September 4

Celebrate Nature

Wind Energy Concert

7:30pm - 10:30pm. Saturday, 4 September.

Where: Sydney Conservatorium.

Wind Energy Musical Presented by Joshua Tree Music. This concert of wind instruments allows the listener to experience the majestic sounds of nature.

Tickets: (02) 8256 2222 30\$ / 20\$.

Sunday September 5

Restore Nature

Bush Care Day at Craneland

Sunday, 5 September.

Join the Western Sydney Conservation Alliance in restoring the bush at Craneland. See before and after pictures at <http://www.wsca.org.au/>.

Free event but RSVP required.

Call 0431 222602 / info@wsca.org.au

Sunday September 5

Explore Nature

Orienteering at Callan Park

Sunday, 5 September.

Where: Callan Park.

Orienteering through Callan Park, exploring the bush with the use of a map and other clues.

Contact: Helen Murphy on 9763 1107 or visit www.uringa.nsw.orienteeing.asn.au
Organised by Orienteering Association of NSW.

Sunday September 5

Explore Nature

STEP Walk: Lower Lane Cove River

Sunday, 5 September.

Where: Lane Cove National Park.

Explore the surprising Lower Land Cove River Circuit and its many attractions, including varied bushland, river views, Fairyland Picnic Area, one of Sydney's largest footbridges and the site of a long ago famous murder.

RSVP required.

Contact: Jim Wells at secretary@step.org.au.

Sunday September 5

Explore Nature

Thirlmere Lakes Walk

Sunday, 5 September.

Where: Thirlmere Lakes.

Walk from Thirlmere Lakes to Little River along the firetrail, following Bluegum Creek. Very good forest views.

RSVP required.

Contact: Jennifer and Col Meharg on 4271 3997 for more information.

Organised by National Parks Association of NSW.

