

# PARKS WEEK

## Saturday 11 October

- Parks Week launched at Floriade
- All day **Parks Week display**  
ActewAGL Look 'n' Learn Marquee at Floriade in Commonwealth Park
- 10am – 11am **Parks Week 'get out there' presentation**  
ActewAGL Look 'n' Learn Marquee at Floriade in Commonwealth Park
- 7.30 am – 9.30 am **Focus on Feathers**  
Kathner St, Cooleman Ridge  
Free event

Join the Cooleman Ridge Park Care Group Inc on an early morning bird-watching walk. A reasonable level of fitness is required (some steep and uneven surfaces). Please bring binoculars, stout shoes, long trousers, long-sleeved shirts, hat, sunscreen and drinking water.

Please register to Arminel on 6231 7392 before 10 October 2008. Maximum of 20 people.  
[communityprograms@act.gov.au](mailto:communityprograms@act.gov.au)  
<http://www.coolemanridge.org>

- 9 am – 4.30 pm **Namadgi National Park: Canberra's Catchment**  
Namadgi Visitors Centre, Naas Road (2km south of Tharwa)  
Free event

An exhibition of photographs and digital slideshow by Chris Whitelaw showcasing Namadgi National Park as the natural environment comprising Canberra's water catchment.

For more information call 6207 2900.

- 9 am **Orroral Valley Classic** (Australian Mountain Running Association)

Annual trail run and walk in Orroral Valley.

For more details go to <http://www.mountainrunning.coolrunning.com.au>

- 10 am – 12 pm **Ranger Guided: Majestic Mt Taylor**  
Free event

Come and celebrate the start of Parks Week with a Ranger Guided Walk up the new Mt Taylor Track. Learn about the history of Canberra Nature Parks and discover the wonders of Mt Taylor. The view from the top is definitely worth the walk!  
Meet at the Parkhill Street Entrance, 50m north of the Brinsmead Street intersection. Wear good walking shoes, a warm jacket if cold and bring water.

Bookings essential on 6207 2087 (Limited places)

- 11 am – 3 pm **Secrets of the Sanctuary**  
The Sanctuary at Tidbinbilla  
Free event

Come and discover some of the secrets of the Sanctuary at Tidbinbilla with the Volunteer Interpreters. See some amazing bird life, find out what a platypus eats and where the Brush-tailed Rock Wallabies live. Answer a few questions and you may win your very own platypus (hand puppet)! Entry to the competition is free so pick up an entry form from one of the volunteers at the Entry Building in the Sanctuary.

For more information call 6205 1233

- 12 pm - 12 am **The Scott Australian 24 Hour Mountain Bike Race**  
Stromlo Forest Park  
Spectators - gold coin parking donation

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Canberra Off-Road Cyclists' Australian 24 Hour Mountain Bike Championships. Over the years the location and name of the race has changed, however the one thing that has never changed is that this is the original and the best 24hr mountain bike race in Australia – and now it's the biggest in the world – again!

For more information visit [www.corc.asn.au](http://www.corc.asn.au)

- 1.30 pm **Ranger Guided: Pelican Feed**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Join a Wildlife Officer to watch the pelicans feed and learn some interesting pelican facts. The feed takes place on the Bird Viewing Platform in the Sanctuary, which is approximately 12 minutes drive from the Visitor Centre and then a 10 minute walk from the Sanctuary Car park.

No bookings required. Enquiries: 6205 1233

- 2.30 pm – 3 pm **Ranger Guided: Captivating Corroboree Frogs**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Tidbinbilla plays an important role in the conservation of threatened and endangered wildlife species and habitats. Come and learn about Tidbinbilla's captive Corroboree Frog Husbandry Program and the work the Reserve is doing to ensure the long-term survival of this species. Meet the Ranger at the Visitor Centre.

No bookings required. Enquiries: 6205 1233

- 5 pm – 6 pm **Ranger Guided: Puzzling Platypus**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Have you ever seen a platypus? Platypuses are very shy, secretive animals that are difficult to see in the wild. Join a Ranger to search for this elusive animal and if we're lucky we might just catch a glimpse of one. BYO sturdy shoes, warm clothing and binoculars. Meet the ranger at the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby Car park which is approximately 10 minutes drive from the Visitor Centre and entrance to the Reserve.

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## Sunday 12 October

- All day **Parks Week display**  
ActewAGL Look 'n' Learn Marquee at Floriade in Commonwealth Park
- 10am – 11am **Parks Week 'get out there' presentation**  
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- 8 – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
City – Kings Park  
Free event

Meet at the Carillon Car park.

Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's Parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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- 9.30 - 11.30 am **Mawson and Isaac Ridge Walk** (Walking for Pleasure)  
Free event.

Walk through Mawson and Isaacs on recreation paths and fire trails, with some uphill slopes. Duration 2 hours including breaks.

For details of starting point or more information contact Ray Blackmore on 6286 3477 or email [rblackmore@grapevine.com.au](mailto:rblackmore@grapevine.com.au)

- 10 am – 12 pm **Restoring the Murrumbidgee**  
Point Hutt  
Free event

A joint walk with Parks, Conservation and Lands and the Park Carers of South Murrumbidgee to look at the fauna/flora and the revegetation work being carried out and future plans for restoring the riparian vegetation of the river. Morning tea will be provided. Meet at Point Hutt East Car park.  
Bookings required on 6207 2900. (Maximum 20 people)

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- 11am – 12 pm **Friends of Aranda Bushland Orchid Walk**  
Aranda Bushland  
Free event

The Friends of Aranda Bushland Inc invites you to join them for an orchid walk. Meet at the gate under the powerlines on Bindubi Street.

For more information call 6251 1345 or email on [communityprograms@act.gov.au](mailto:communityprograms@act.gov.au)

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- 1 pm – 1.45 pm **Ranger Guided: Wet Forest Wander**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Enjoy a guided walk through the tall gum trees of the Wet Forest, home to Tidbinbilla's koalas and an amazing array of plants and animals. Hear a tale or two about koalas and their cousins and have a go at spotting one. Meet the ranger at the koala car park which is approximately 10 minutes drive from the Visitor Centre and entrance to the Reserve.

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- 4.30 pm – 5 pm **Ranger Guided: Kangaroo Walk**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Join a Ranger on an afternoon stroll through the grasslands to view Tidbinbilla's kangaroos up close and learn some interesting facts about this adaptable animal. There is also a chance we'll see an emu or two. Meet the Ranger at the Visitor Centre.

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## Monday 13 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Tuggeranong Town Park  
Free event

Meet at the Town Park Beach, Bartlet St.  
Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's Parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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- 9 am – 4 pm **Namadgi National Park: Canberra's Catchment**  
Namadgi Visitors Centre, Naas Road (2km south of Tharwa)  
Free event

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## Tuesday 14 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Woden Town Park  
Free event

Meet at the Callam Street entrance.

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- 9.30 am – 11 am **Carillon to Molonglo Reach** (Walking for Pleasure)  
Free event

An easy walk all on paths. Duration 1 ½ hrs including breaks.

For details of starting point or more information contact Ray Blackmore on 6286 3477 or email [rblackmore@grapevine.com.au](mailto:rblackmore@grapevine.com.au)

- 1.30 pm **Ranger Guided: Pelican Feed**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

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## Wednesday 15 October

- 9 am – 4 pm **Namadgi National Park: Canberra's Catchment**  
Namadgi Visitors Centre, Naas Road (2km south of Tharwa)  
Free event

An exhibition of photographs and digital slideshow by Chris Whitelaw showcasing Namadgi National Park as the natural environment comprising Canberra's water catchment.

For more information call 6207 2900.

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Yarralumla/Weston Park  
Free event

Meet at Kiosk, Pescott Lane.

Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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- 9.30 am – 11.30 am **Stromlo Forest Park** (Walking for Pleasure)  
Free event

On tracks with some ups and downs. Good footwear essential. Features visits to old and new Observatory buildings and historic Duffield grave. Duration 2hrs including breaks.

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- 1.30 pm **Ranger Guided: Pelican Feed**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

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- 5 pm – 6.30 pm **Orienteering Twilight Series**  
Stirling Park, Alexandra Dr, Yarralumla  
Child \$7/Adult \$10/Family maximum \$27/ Concessions \$7(F-T students/seniors)

An introduction to Orienteering at the start of the 2008-2009 Twilight Series. Course length approx. 6 km, 4km, 2km. Mentors will be available to provide instruction.

For more information call 6251 3885 or email [orienteering.act@webone.com.au](mailto:orienteering.act@webone.com.au)

<http://act.orienteing.asn.au>

## Thursday 16 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
John Knight Memorial Park  
Free event

Meet at the Skate Park on Emu Bank Drive. Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's Parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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Free event

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- 9.30 am – 10.30 am **Lennox Gardens to Parkes Place** (Walking for Pleasure)  
Free event

A lakeside stroll entirely on paths and includes the "Australian of the Year" awards signs. Duration is 1 hour including breaks.

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- 2 pm – 6 pm **Disc Golf**  
Edison Park, Woden  
Free event

Come and try golf with a Frisbee, a lot easier than a normal golf ball. You throw the disc from a tee area towards a target, the polehole. Ideal for all ages and skill levels. Proper golf discs are available to play the nine whole course.  
Entry to Edison Park via Launceston Street.

For more information call 6258 1194

## Friday 17 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Commonwealth Park Walk  
Free event

Meet at Stage 88. Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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## Saturday 18 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Gungahlin Town Park  
Free event

Meet at the Car park in Wunderlich Street. Discover the beauty and diversity of Canberra's Parks. A 45 minute walk will improve your health and start your day in the right way.

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- 9 am – 1 pm **Introductory Bird Watch Walk** (Canberra Ornithologists Group)  
Canberra Nature Park, Chapman.  
Free event

Come along and join the Canberra Ornithologists Group (COG) for an enjoyable bird watching walk. There are good walking tracks and a great variety of birds to be seen on the ridge. In particular the range of views of the Murrumbidgee Valley and mountains beyond, or back into the city, is unrivalled in Canberra. Meet on the North West end of Cooleman Ridge, at the end of Kathner St.

So if you enjoy bird watching and walking please come along.

For more information call 6288 7840.

- 10 am – 3 pm **Disc Golf**  
Edison Park, Woden  
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- 10 am – 12 pm **Friends of Tidbinbilla Working Bee**  
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
Free event

Come and join the Friends of Tidbinbilla to remove pine wildlings from Jedbinbilla, a former pine plantation which is now part of the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Please meet at the Visitor Centre at 10 am and bring clothes for working outside, hat, gloves, sturdy shoes and drinking water.

For more information call 6205 1660 or email [communityprograms@act.gov.au](mailto:communityprograms@act.gov.au)

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## Sunday 19 October

- 8 am – 8.45 am **A Walk in the Park** (Heart Foundation)  
Telopea Park Walk  
Free event

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- 12.30 pm – 3 pm 'round town: **Party in the Park**  
Telopea Park

Come and celebrate Park's Week with a Sunday afternoon *Party in the Park*. Sit down and relax to the smooth sounds of live music or enjoy the free family activities. There will be environmental displays to explore and community groups to visit. BBQ, coffee and ice cream available for purchase.

Call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81 or visit [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au)

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- 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm **Frogwatch Survey**  
Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, Forde  
Free event

You are invited to join the Frogwatch Coordinator in monitoring the frog populations at several dams located in Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve. You will be serenaded by the mating calls of many different species and can challenge your frog call identification skills.

You will need to bring a torch, sturdy shoes and warm clothes.

Please register with Beth Mantle on 6278 3309 or [waterwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au](mailto:waterwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au)