

# YHA BUSHWALKING

## Beaufort accommodated weekend

### August 18-19<sup>th</sup> 2018

*Beaufort is an attractive town on the Western Highway between Ballarat and Ararat. Just under two hours drive from Melbourne, it is an ideal base for some of Victoria's best day walks in nearby Langi Ghiran and Mt Buangor state parks. Walks this weekend will take in the highlights of these parks; extensive views from almost 1000m granite peaks, waterfalls, fern gullies and forest trails.*



Descending Langi Ghiran



Langi Ghiran from Mt Buangor state park

#### General Itinerary

- ❖ **Depart:** Melbourne Friday afternoon. Car-pooling will be organised by the leader a few days prior to the trip.
- ❖ **Saturday:** Langi Ghiran grand tour (15km / 7 hours, medium-hard). Depart by 8.30am, Langi Ghiran state park is 30km further on the Western Highway towards Ararat. The walk will start with a visit to an aboriginal rock art site in the southern end of the park before taking an untracked route up Mt Gorrin for the first of the views. From Mt Gorrin descend to a saddle then follow a track to Hidden Lagoon, which may or may not contain water depending on how wet the winter has been. From Hidden Lagoon, the route to Mt Langi Ghiran summit is untracked, with some rock scrambling on the final section but the reward should be spectacular 360 degree views as far away as the Grampians and a good chance of spotting a circling eagle or two. From the summit, the initial descent is also a rock scramble, before joining a walking track down to the main picnic area.  
Dinner Saturday night will be at one of Beaufort's two hotels.
- ❖ **Sunday:** Mt Buangor state park (11km, ~5 hours, medium). Depart by 9.00am, start point is Middle Creek picnic ground 20km NW of Beaufort. A circuit, all on walking tracks, visiting The Cave, Grevillea and Snow Gum lookouts, returning via Ferntree Waterfalls and picnic area. Finish planned by 2.30pm, afternoon-tea stop in Beaufort before returning to Melbourne.
- ❖ **Grade:** The Langi Ghiran walk is medium-hard, as it contains off-track and steep sections, with rock scrambling over open granite slabs to reach the summit. Participants should have prior experience on med-hard day walks such as Lerderderg Gorge.
- ❖ **Accommodation:** Four-share deluxe cabins on the edge of Beaufort Lake, a short distance south of the town centre.
- ❖ **Booking:** Cost is \$70 for two nights accommodation, plus weekend trip fee (\$5 YHA members, \$10 non-members, nothing if you have a trip card). To book, please contact the leader either via email or the Enquire link on the website. If a place is available, you will be sent a booking form and need to pay within seven days to confirm your spot, or risk having it given to someone else. The deadline for bookings is 10<sup>th</sup> August, however numbers are limited so early booking is advised.