**EEWG Weekend Walk, Saturday 17 July 2021**

**Malcolm Creek Parklands, Craigieburn**

**Leader**: Chris Butler

**Walk details**

The Malcolm Creek Parklands provide a lovely linear park for local residents and visitors, along with retaining remnant river red gum vegetation, grasslands and wetlands. The highlight of the parklands is the presence of many red gums some of which are estimated to be 400 years old. Stunted and gnarled by winds and old age, they are a magnificent sight.

The walk will follow the southern side of the Malcolm Creek for about 4km and return on the opposite side.

**Length of walk:** 8.4km, easy

**Car pooling:** not available

**Start time and location**

10.30am, southern end of Bunnings carpark, Craigieburn (Mel 387C5)

**Travel**

Travel to Craigieburn using the Metropolitan Ring Road and Hume Freeway. Allow 45 minutes travel time from central Eltham.

When nearing Craigieburn ignore the first exit. Instead take the second exit to Amaroo Rd where there are traffic lights. Continue over Amaroo Rd into the Bunnings carpark and head around the end of the store and straight into the first carpark on the left.

**Lunch**

Bring lunch and a snack for morning tea. The lunch spot has picnic tables, shelter and toilets. Bring something waterproof to put on the seats as they may be wet.

There are a couple of options enroute for stopping at a café for a hot drink after lunch before completing the walk. A choice can be made on the day.

**What to bring**

Expect cold weather and bring a waterproof coat, beanie, gloves and scarf. The walk is mainly on concrete paths but there is the option to walk on the grass beside the paths. Boots are recommended, no need for poles.

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