

Volunteer in Barrington National Park

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Barrington Tops Volunteer activity

Post Fire Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) Control Works:

Join us and help make a difference this December. The environmental weed Scotch Broom is widely distributed throughout sub alpine communities and is impacting on the structure, floristics and ecology of the area. These works are helping to protect Endangered Ecological Communities and Threatened Species Habitat in the Barrington Tops Region.

Works will be based around Polblue with the objective being to protect the montane wetland and to create habitat for a large number of rare and threatened species via the removal of surviving Scotch Broom.

Participants will be cutting unburnt mature broom plants and emerging seedlings in the project area.

Activities will start and finish from Polblue Campground where free camping is provided.

Spotlight Tour :
Friday 24th Feb -
8pm till 9:30pm



As a bonus, in this program we will be incorporating spotlighting activity to discover biodiversity of the Barrington Tops area.

Polblue Scotch Broom Control 2022/23 2WD access

Getting there:

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/polblue-campground-picnic-area/visitor-info#Getting-there-and-parking>

Participants will provide their own transport to Polblue Campground. The roads are unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Polblue Campground is 2WD and is only accessible from Scone.

From Gloucester: Road Closed

Important Safety Alert The main access road to Barrington Tops from Gloucester is **closed** until further notice due to damage caused from flood and storm events of March 2021. The road is expected to open prior to Christmas. Campgrounds and visitor precincts located on the plateau that are open may be accessed from the western side via Scone.

From Scone:

Take Gundy Road which becomes Hunter Road from Scone. Drive through Moonan Flat, then turn right onto Moonan Brook Road. After 3.4km turn left onto Barrington Tops Forest Road. Polblue camping area is located 7km on the right after the Dingo Gate.

Dates:

Activity 2: 23rd till 26th February 2023

Barrington Tops

Polblue Campground

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/polblue-campground-picnic-area>

The campground has been booked for event participants - and camping is free. You are welcome to come up the night before or to stay the night after the activity to help manage fatigue and to give you more time to enjoy the Barrington Tops National Park.

Polblue is a basic campsite with a pit/drop toilet, gas BBQs and picnic tables. The site is designed for 'camp beside your vehicle' and is suitable for camper trailers, caravans and motorhomes. Please bring plenty of drinking water, food and supplies for your stay as well as your own camping equipment & firewood.

Fitness Level: Medium level of fitness required

Bookings:

- Register for the 23rd till 26th of February 2023

Here: <http://bttr.im/3td13> or

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/890cfb76-34d9-47c6-b860-f95854227d8b/Activity/02338d37-f00d-475f-9148-93569401aea2/3>

It is essential volunteers' book and are registered in the Volunteer Information Portal (VIP). Register your interest to be provided with all details of the program.

Number of participants is capped at 30 people per day.

Weather

It is important to be prepared for wet and cold weather for this activity, as the weather can change quite rapidly on Barrington Tops. Please ensure you have good wet and cold weather gear for the activity.

As part of the risk assessment process we will discuss weather implications and how we will manage this. Your safety and comfort are important to us and if weather conditions deteriorate, we will cancel either the work session, the day or the activity. This is a sub - alpine environment with the potential for snow. If you wish to cancel due to predicted weather conditions, we respect that and ask that you inform us. Barrington Tops can become quite cold. Please ensure you have adequate warm and weather proof camping, clothing and bedding.

Phone coverage

Very limited Telstra phone coverage at Barrington Tops. Normally you will only get reception at lookouts and at a couple of other spots around the plateau. Other telco providers may not get any reception.

Cover photo: John Spencer /DPIE
Junction Pools Campground, Barrington Tops.

What to bring

Long sleeve shirt, long pants, jumpers and jackets, safety glasses, gloves, closed shoes (ankle high lace up boots preferred)

Drinking water, food, sunscreen and other gear.

NPWS will supply tools and safety equipment for broom control works. If you want to bring your own personal safety equipment such as helmets, fluoro shirts or vests, gaiters and sun protection you are welcome.

NPWS will supply all cleaning products for disease and pathogen control.

Activity Timetable

Day 1

9:00 am	Meet at Polblue Campground - NPWS marquee
9:15 -10:15am	Activity Induction
10:15-10:35am	Morning tea – NPWS – bring a cup
10:35-12:15am	Walk to site - Scotch Broom control works
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch back at campground
1:15– 3:00pm	Scotch broom control works

Day 2/3 & 4

9:00am	Meet at Polblue Campground
9:00-9:15am	Take 5 for Safety
9:15-10:00am	Walk to Site - Scotch broom control works
10:00-10:15am	Morning tea - NPWS – bring a cup
10:15-12:00pm	Scotch broom control works
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch back at campground
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