

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 November. 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 Little Murray with the objective being to create habitat for a large number of rare and threatened species via the removal of surviving Scotch Broom in refuge areas adjoining impacted sections from the Carters Road Wildfire in the World Heritage Area.

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

Activities will start and finish from Little Murray where free camping is provided.

Spotlight Tour :
Friday 10th Dec & 3rd 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.

Post Fire Scotch Broom Control 2022/23 4WD access only

Getting there:

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/little-murray-campground/visitor-info#Getting-there-and-parking>

Participants will provide their own transport to Little Murray Campground. The roads are unsealed, and open to the public. The access to Little Murray campground is 4WD ONLY and is accessible only 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 by the March 2021 flood and storm events. Road re-open dates are unknown at this stage, although works have started and expected to be completed before Christmas. Access 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. Turn into Barrington trail, which is on the right 1km past Polblue. Follow Barrington Trail for around 5km to Little Murray campground.

Dates:

Activity 1: 8th till 11th December 2022

Activity 2: 2nd till 5th February 2023

Barrington Tops

Little Murray Campground

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/little-murray-campground>

The campground has been booked out 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.

Little Murray Campground 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 off-road capable camper trailers, caravans and motorhomes. Please bring plenty of drinking water, food and supplies for your stay as well as your own camping equipment and firewood.

Fitness Level: Medium level of fitness required

Bookings:

- Register for the 8th till 11th of December 2022 and:
- Register for the 2nd till 5th of February 2023 here:

<http://bttr.im/olrqf> or

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/890cfb76-34d9-47c6-b860-f95854227d8b/Activity/8649db21-8c45-4404-92eb-5dbf28de3a15/3>

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.

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.

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

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| 9:00 am | Meet at Little Murray Hut |
| 9:15-10:15am | Activity Induction |
| 10:15-10:35am | Morning tea – NPWS – bring a cup |
| 10:35-12:15am | Drive to site & inspect post fire site |
| 12:15-1:15pm | Lunch on site – bring picnic lunch and chair |
| 1:15-3:45pm | Scotch Broom control works |
| 3:45pm | Return to campsite at your leisure |

Day 2 /3/4

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| 9:00am | Drive to agreed post fire meeting site |
| 9:30-9:45am | Morning tea - NPWS - bring a cup |
| 9:45-10:00am | Take 5 for Safety |
| 10:00-12:00pm | Scotch Broom control works |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Lunch on site – bring picnic lunch and chair |
| 1:00-3:00pm | Scotch Broom control works |
| 3.00pm | Return to campsite/home at your leisure |

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