

Volunteer in Barrington Tops 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. 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 the Edwards Swamp complex, with the objective being to protect the montane wetland and create habitat for a large number of rare and threatened species that were impacted in the 2019/20 Carters Road Wildfire in the World Heritage Area. Participants will be cutting broom plants without the use of herbicide.

This event runs over 4 days. Participants can elect which days they would like to work.

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

Spotlight Tour :

Friday 1st Dec & 2nd Feb -
8pm till 9:30pm

As a bonus, in this program we will be incorporating a spotlighting activity to discover the night time

biodiversity of the Barrington Tops area.

Post Fire Scotch Broom Control 2023/24 4WD access only

Getting there:

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 and to the post fire work site is 4WD ONLY.

For directions and map on getting there, [click here](#).

From Gloucester:

Take Thunderbolts Way; this road becomes Scone Road and Barrington Tops Forest Road. Turn left into Barrington Trail, at Barrington trail picnic area located on the left after passing Devils Hole. Little Murray is located about 5km down this trail.

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: 30th November to 3rd
December 2023

Activity 2: 1st to 4th February 2024

Barrington Tops

Little Murray Campground

[Click here.](#)

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, 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 30th November till 3rd of December 2023 and:
- Register for the 1st till 4th of February 2024 here:

[Barrington Tops Scotch Broom 2023-2024 Events - Little Murray - 4WD Access](#)

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.

Participants are able to indicate individual days to attend rather than the full program.

Number of participants is capped at 30 people. If you can no longer make the event, please log back into Better Impact and deregister from the event. This allows others to then join the activity due to the popularity of this activity.

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 all year round. 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, including Devils Hole Lookout and the Dingo Gate. 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. You are welcome to bring your own personal safety equipment such as helmets, fluoro shirts or vests, gaiters and sun protection.

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

Activity Timetable

Day 1

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
3:00pm	Return to campsite at your leisure

Day 2/3/4

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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