



Environmental and Sustainability Statement

Introduction

Federation Walks 2021 based at Licola in Gippsland will deliver a range of hikes throughout the Foothills and Southern Alps, is committed to being an environmentally responsible event. The organizing committee is working closely with the Licola Wilderness Village and the states land managers to ensure we plan and implement a walk event that not only delivers on our Tread Softly ethos but extends to minimizing our carbon footprint and waste generation.

Re-use

Reusing items is not a new concept for bushwalkers, in fact many of us won't walk with an item unless it has multiple uses. Remember to pack for this event with items that can be reused during the event, it can be as simple as your lunch box, sandwich bag or reusable wrapping. If necessary, please utilize the recycle bins provided.

Plastic Waste

Bushwalkers have been ahead of the game when it comes to reducing our use of plastic items, but it is worth reiterating what has become common practice for us. Take your own reusable cutlery and cup. Use refillable bottles or hydration packs.

Transportation

While there is no public transport to Licola, participants are encouraged through their clubs to organize carpooling. As has always been the practice, carpooling will be utilized in getting participants to and from each walk.

Power Generation

The Licola Wilderness Village operates a recently installed and commissioned community power hub this includes solar panels, batteries with off-grid storage, a generator control system, and a PLC synchronization system that can continuously monitor the state of energy generation and usage to seamlessly swap between solar panels and battery storage as needed. As visitors to the Village our aim is to minimize our power consumption.

Tread Softly

Tread softly to protect our wild and fragile bushland areas for future generations. We undertake to:

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| Make all hiking parties small | Minimize use of campfires |
| Use existing camping or rest spots | Use fuel stoves if needed |
| Protect water resources | Bury toilet wastes, or carry it out |
| Carry out all rubbish | Respect flora and fauna |
| Comply with biosecurity measures | Carry out food waste, e.g. apple cores & banana skins |

https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/Tread_Softly_Brochure.pdf