Lake Burley Griffin Heritage Walks

The National Trust (ACT) will conduct a series of walks which will visit a variety of heritage places on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, interpret their various heritage values and explain the current and potential threats to this unique national icon.

The walks will highlight the listed and unlisted heritage places and features and their social, aesthetic, historic and ecological heritage values. They will acquaint you with areas of the lake shore that few people have visited and demonstrate the sheer variety of its heritage interest.

Four separate walks will visit the Central Basin; Acton and West Basin; Scrivener Dam to Yarralumla Nursery and Yarramundi Shores. These will be complemented by tours of the trenches in the Jerrabomberra Wetlands being conducted by the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust (details overleaf and at woodlandsandwetlands.org.au).

Gold coin donation for the National Trust. You should be capable of walking at least 3 km in an hour to enjoy these walks and keep up with the group.

Bookings are not required. Details of each walk, including dates, times and meeting places for each walk are overleaf.

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**Walk 1: Central Basin - Sunday 23 April 9.30am-12pm**
A 5 km walk around the Lake's central basin to explore the fascinating history of Canberra's central area, the Griffin Plan and the heritage status and values of the landscape and buildings. Meet at lookout on Mt Ainslie for introductory overview then drive to National Library of Australia car park to start walk.

**Walk 2: Acton and West Basin - Saturday 29 April 9.30am-12pm**
Where modern Canberra began - a 4 km circular walk to explore the history and heritage features of the site of Canberra's first European settlement and the first administrative centre for the Federal Capital. Learn more about the City to the Lake project, proposals to reclaim part of West Basin and plans for private residential and commercial development on the lake foreshore at Acton Park. Meet at Constables Cottage Car Park, Lennox Crossing, Acton (opposite entrance to Old Canberra House).

**Walk 3: Scrivener Dam to Yarralumla Nursery - Sunday 30 April 9.30am-12pm**
A scenic 4 km one way walk at the western end of the Lake. Explore the fascinating history and heritage values of Scrivener Dam, Government House, the original 1820s Yarralumla estate, Warrina Inlet Wetlands, Westbourne Woods, Yarralumla Nursery and Weston Park. Meet at car park for Yarralumla dog park, cnr Brown St and Banks St, Yarralumla. Car pool to start of walk at Scrivener Dam.

**Walk 4: Yarramundi Shores, a forgotten corner of the Lake - Sunday 7 May 9.30-11.30am**
Off the beaten track. Venture where few Canberrans have trodden to explore the heritage values of Yarramundi Inlet Wetlands and Grassland, Green Hills, arboreta, cork oaks. Discover more about possible futures for the Lake's shores in this special area. A 4 km circular walk, some bush tracks and long grass, wear waterproof shoes if wet. Meet at the car park on the lake side of Lady Denman Drive opposite main entrance to National Arboretum.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You should be capable of walking at least 3 km per hour to enjoy these walks and keep up with the group. Please try to arrive about 10 minutes before the walks commence.

**Jerrabomberra Wetlands World War 1 Trench Tours**
At the eastern end of the lake the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust is offering a tour of the Duntroon World War I training trenches, Canberra's most recent heritage attraction, led by history writer Mark Butz. Various dates: 21 April 10am-noon; 22 April 1pm-3pm; 30 April 10am-noon OR 4 May 1pm-3pm. Meet at Jerrabomberra Wetlands Offices (2 Dairy Rd). More details on woodlandsandwetlands.org.au