**Beagle Club walk schedule 2018**

**All walks begin at 2.00pm**

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| **Date** | **Walk Venue** | **Event** |
| 18 February | Wainuiomata Gum Loop | Longest stay |
| 18 March | Red Rocks | Best heel walk |
| 15 April | Eastbourne | Best recall |
| 20 May | Camborne walkway | Longest stay |
| 17 June | Wellington waterfront | Best trick |
| 22 July | Mana | Longest stay |
| 19 August | Trentham Memorial Park | Spud, spoon, and Beagle race |
| 16 September | Seton Nossiter Park | Best trick |
| 21 October | AGM – Petone Community Centre | Commencing 2.00pm |
| 21 October | QE II Park | Longest stay |
| 18 November | Botanic Gardens | Best trick |
| 16 December | Wilton Bush Christmas Walk | Best dressed Beagle |

**Walk Leaders**

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| February | Esme |
| March | Russell and Sharon |
| April | Lynne |
| May | Bill and Ruth |
| June | Terry and Sandra |
| July | Terry and Sandra |
| August | Esme |
| September | Russell and Sharon |
| October | Bill and Ruth |
| November | Lynne |
| December | All |

**Directions and Details**

**February Wainuiomata Gum Loop**

Directions: Take Wainuiomata Road over the hill from the Eastern Hutt Valley to the roundabout at the South end of the Wainuiomata town centre. Take the second exit to Main Road, go straight through Homedale village then turn left into Hine Road and drive to the car park at the very end of the road. Meet on the grass area just above the car park.

Details: This is an off-lead walk (if you’re confident your Beagle(s) won’t take to the bush!) along well defined tracks at the edge of the bush. The walk goes up one side of the River towards the water treatment plant, crosses the bridge, follows Reservoir Road back to the lower bridge and crosses back to the start point. After the walk we’ll have a get-together and refreshments, and there’ll be a prize for the winners of the seven-legged race.

Note: This walk is suitable for cross-country type buggies only, as there are uneven parts of the track to negotiate.

**March Red Rocks**

Directions**:** Travelling on the Inner City Bypass/Karo Drive: From the North turn right, from the Eastern suburbs turn left at the lights into Victoria Street. Turn right into Webb Street and immediately left at the lights into Willis Street, then veer right onto Brooklyn Road. Follow that road through the lights at Brooklyn and all the way until it becomes Happy Valley Road and ends at Owhiro Bay. Turn right into Owhiro Bay Parade and follow that road to the point where Red Rocks Walkway begins, and park in the car park on your left. You’ll no doubt be able to see other Beagles and owners milling about there waiting for the walk leader!

Details: This is an off-lead walk, but we should be aware there may be seals present in the Red Rocks area. Fortunately vehicle access to the area is prohibited on Sundays, so we should enjoy a pleasant walk. After the walk we’ll enjoy a cold drink and a snack, and there will be a prize for the longest stay.

Note: The walk is suitable for cross-country type buggies only, due to the heavy shingle drifts which tend to bog you down in places.

**April Eastbourne/Pencarrow walkway**

Directions: Follow Eastern Bays Marine Drive from Seaview. Drive through Eastbourne and Muritai, past the bus barn, and meet at the car park at Burdans Gate, the start of the Pencarrow Lighthouse walkway).

Details: The walkway is within the Wellington Regional Council East Harbour Regional Park. Dogs must be on-lead at all times (and are banned during the spring lambing season from 1 September). These restrictions are strictly enforced. After the walk there will be the usual light refreshments, and a prize for the Beagle with the best trick.

Notes: 1. On the day of the walk, we can decide whether to travel on this walkway South toward the lighthouse or North along the

Eastbourne Esplanade, where dogs are permitted to be off-lead along the beach.

2. Suitable for buggies.

**May** **Camborne Walkway**

Directions: If you are driving North along SH1, pass through Mana and turn right into Grays Road at the traffic lights just past those at the Plimmerton Beach intersection. Follow the road over the hill, and as you get near the bottom on the harbour side, look for the car park on your right. Ensure that the road is clear of approaching traffic before turning into the car park. If you come via the Haywards Hill road (SH58), turn right at the roundabout into Pauatahanui village, then left into Grays Road and proceed around the harbour until you see the Water-ski Club shed and car park on your left. Meet on the grass at the Grays Road entrance to the walkway.

Details: This is an off-lead walk, but some Beagles have been known to get a bit side-tracked by delicious smells emanating from some of the baches at the Mana end of the walkway. We’ll turn around on the beach South of the baches and return to the Grays Road end of the walkway. After the walk we’ll be having light refreshments and a chat, and a prize for the Beagle with the best heel walk.

Note: The walkway is in very good order and is suitable for pushchairs, buggies, etc*.* Look out for cyclists who share the walkway with pedestrians.

**June Wellington waterfront**

Directions:  **(7 June 18 – To be advised after reconnaissance, hopefully next week, before I put out the reminder next Sunday)**

Details: Dogs can be walked anywhere in the city on leash. Dogs are prohibited from a small stretch of Oriental Bay, but we won’t go there. Cleaning up after our dogs will be important so don’t forget poo bags!

**July Mana**

Directions: From Mana Esplanade turn West (towards the sea) at the traffic lights into Pascoe Avenue. Cross the railway line and take the first right. Follow that road, past the indoor cricket centre, between the Park and the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club, towards the Mana Squash Courts then turn right into the Mana railway station car park.

Details: This walk is a mixture of on- and off-lead sections and is partly on the Ara Harakeke walkway which runs North from the Southern end of Mana to Pukerua Bay. We will do the section from the car park to Plimmerton beach and return before walking around the park and the marina. After the walk there will be a get-together with light refreshments back at the car park, and a prize for the winners of the longest stay competition.

Note: Suitable for buggies

**August** **Trentham Memorial Park**

Directions: From SH2 cross the Silverstream Bridge and follow Fergusson Drive past Trentham Memorial Park, then take the next left into Brentwood Street. Pass Brentwood Grove and then turn left into the car park just before Ruahine Street. Park at the far (Northern) end of the car park beyond the children's play area.

Details: The area is open and flat and dogs can be walked off-lead, except for the children’s play area. After the walk there will be a get-together for light refreshments, and a prize for the winners of the spud, spoon, and Beagle race.

Note: Suitable for buggies

**September Botanic Gardens 2.00 pm.**

Directions: Meet just inside the gates at the Glenmore Street entrance to the Gardens.

Details: You can expect plenty of interest from other visitors when they see the Beagles gathering. This is a strictly on-lead walk along the (fairly hilly) tracks to the Rose Garden area. After the walk there will be a get-together on the grassy bank behind the Rose Garden café. As usual light refreshments will be provided, and ice-creams etc. can be purchased from the cafe. There will be a prize for the Beagle with the best trick.

Notes:

1. Suitable for buggies.

2. Parking can be difficult so make sure you allow plenty of time.

**October AGM. Petone Community Centre**

Directions: Britannia Street is off Jackson Street, Petone’s main street, and there is ample off-street parking in close proximity.

Details: The business side of the AGM is informal and quite brief. This is a good chance for you to share any brilliant ideas you might have about how we can improve the Club, include other activities, change something, or do something better. This is your club and the committee values your input and support. Tea, coffee, and sandwiches and cakes will be served afterwards, so there will be an opportunity for members to chat and socialize.

Note: Babies and their transport welcome. Beagles will have to wait until the following Sunday for their outing.

**October QE II Park, Paekakariki 2.00 pm**

Directions: Take SH1 North, pass Paekakariki, and look for the signposted off ramp before the overbridge about 3.5 km North. Follow Whareroa Road right to the end at Whareroa Beach.

Details: This is an off-lead walk on tracks through the sand dunes (with some steepish bits) and along the beach, with lots of fun and interesting scents for the Beagles. After the walk there will be light refreshments on the grass by the car park, and a prize for the winners of the longest stay competition.

Note: Suitable for buggies that can handle soft sand, and you need to be fit for the hilly bits.

**November Seton Nossiter Park**

Directions: The park is in the Paparangi area, East of the SH1 motorway between Johnsonville and Churton Park. The simplest route from North or South is via the Churton Park/Glenside off-ramp onto Grenada Drive (that’s over the motorway if you’re coming from the South). Take the third exit at the roundabout onto Mark Avenue. Follow Mark Avenue South through Grenada Village and pass Mark Avenue Park, about 200 m on your left just before arriving at the carpark for Seton Nossiter Park.

Details: The area is devoted to outdoor recreation, with walking tracks varying from open flat areas to bush covered hillsides. Dogs can be walked off-lead in most parts of the park. After the walk there will be a get-together for light refreshments, and a prize for the best trick.

Note: Some areas are suitable for buggies. The access track from the car park into the park is quite steep, and parts of the park may be difficult if the ground is wet.

**December Christmas Walk Wilton Bush**

Directions: Park in the Churchill Drive entrance to Wilton Bush (opposite Blackbridge Rd). This is the lower entrance to Wilton Bush. Meet on the grass area through the entrance from the car park.

Details: This is an on-lead walk. We’ll take the paths through to the large grassed area in the middle of the bush where we hope that Santa will be waiting. Please bring a wrapped gift for the Santa Sack valued at up to $10, if desired. If you would prefer your children to have a present from you, please make sure it is clearly marked with your child’s name so that Santa can give it to the right person. There will be a prize for the best dressed Beagle.

Enjoy wine, juice, Christmas cake, goodies, and some Christmas social time before returning to the start point.

Note: Not suitable for pushchairs, but marginally OK for the big wheel baby buggies, due to the steps on portions of the track.

**Not included 2017**

**Ataturk Memorial**

Directions: Drive to Lyall Bay and turn left. Follow Moa Point Rd past the Southern end of the airport runway and the dog pound (cover your Beagle’s eyes for that bit), and continue another 600 m to Tarakena Bay where there is a car park on the left (you should be able to see the Ataturk Memorial up on the hill to your left). There is a walking track from there to the memorial.

Details: There are other parking areas around the start of the track to the memorial on the beach side of the road. If it’s a really good day there may be a crowd so keep an eye out for a park as they may be rare. After the walk there will be a prize for the longest stay.

Notes:

1. There is a sign warning of poison stations with possum bait, so it would be advisable to keep dogs on lead.  
2. One route involves quite a few steps, but there is a longer alternate route that would be suitable for buggies.

**Red Rocks**

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**Awakairangi (Totara) Park, Upper Hutt**

Directions: Travel North on SH2 towards Maoribank, turn left at the traffic lights into Totara Park Road. Cross the bridge and immediately turn right into the Awakairangi Park car park.

Details: The walk goes through the park then along one side of the Hutt River and back along the other side. It’s a longer walk than usual so wear good shoes and don’t hurry. We’ll meet for drinks and snacks back at the car park and there’ll be a prize for the best trick.

Note: Suitable for all buggies.