

Canberra Tree Week 2019 Calendar of events

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Saturday 4 May 2019	8am-4.30pm	ACT Tree Climbing Championships - <i>Australian National Botanic Gardens, Eucalypt lawn</i> . A tree climbing competition consisting of six events across the day including work climb, open ascent, speed climb, throwline, aerial rescue and masters. A great spectator sport for the whole family. For more information visit Australian Capital Tree Community (ACTC) Climbing Championships' Facebook page.
	10am-12pm	Harvest Group Market Stall - <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Delicious jams, preserves and pesto made from fruit, vegetables and herbs harvested straight from the gardens and forests of the National Arboretum are on offer.
	11am	Hug a Tree - <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Free hugs at the National Arboretum Canberra! Hug a Tree Day brings people together to celebrate the special relationship between people and trees. Appreciate nature, practice mindfulness and share the love by hugging a tree in the Camden White Gum Forest. In memory of Adam Burgess, the founding curator at the Arboretum, who was passionate about trees. Bookings essential for this free event at www.stickytickets.com.au/NationalArboretumCanberra .
	12pm-2pm	Kite Making - <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Bring the family to make, decorate and fly a kite with spectacular views across Canberra. \$15 per kite. Bookings essential at www.stickytickets.com.au/NationalArboretumCanberra .
	1pm	Walk as One at 1pm on World Labyrinth Day in solidarity with the global labyrinth community to promote peace. Meet at the Labyrinth Garden in the Gallery of Gardens and join a facilitated walk with Mel Keys at the <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> .
	2pm-3pm	Trees Live in Communities Guided Walk <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Join a guided walk through the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park. FREE, no bookings required. Meet at the Information Desk in the Village Centre.
Sunday 5 May 2019	8.30am-12pm	Mountain bike ride through Kowen pine plantation - <i>Sparrow Hill Rd carpark</i> . Come and visit a working commercial forest and enjoy a social cross country bike ride with friends. Forester, Peter Langdon, and handbuilt trail legend, Paul Cole, will provide a guided tour through mature pine forest, post-harvest second rotation pine forest, native timber reserves and woodland restoration areas. BYO transport, mountain bike, helmet, water and snacks. Fitness level - beginner as the ride is slow paced and can cater for all fitness levels. Total duration may be up to three hours, however there are options for you to stay for one, two or three hours. Let Peter know you are coming at peterd.langdon@act.gov.au
	9am-11.30am	Tree Planting - Pinnacle Nature Reserve , <i>Springvale Drive carpark opposite De Salis Street in Weetangera</i> . Bring your hat, gardening gloves and trowel, a bucket for watering and some water to drink. Please dress appropriately for the weather and for working out in the open. Places are limited and bookings essential to John at coordinator@fotpin.org.au or on 0405 331 405.
	11am-12pm	Guided Forest Walk - <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Enjoy a one hour guided forest walk. Moderate fitness is required. Wear closed sturdy footwear, dress for the weather conditions and bring water. FREE, no bookings required. Meet at the Information Desk in the Village Centre.
	2pm-3pm	Guided Walk to Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park - <i>Forest 20, National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Take a one hour guided walk amongst eucalypt trees commonly found in the ACT and surrounding areas. View understorey species of shrubs, herbs and grasses at the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park. FREE, no bookings required. Meet at the Information Desk in the Village Centre.
Monday 6 May 2019	10.30am-11.30am	Tree Week themed story time - <i>Erindale Library</i> . Story time is a session full of tree-themed stories, rhymes and songs suitable for 3-5 year old children and their parents/carers.
	2.30pm-3.30pm	Scar Trees and Indigenous Plants - <i>Tuggeranong Library</i> . Discover the cultural significance of trees to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Presented by Adam Shipp from Yurbay. Bookings required through eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/scar-trees-other-indigenous-plants-adult-16-tuggeranong-library-tickets-57762551346
	5pm-9pm	Forestry and Education: Closing gaps between educational institutions and industry - <i>Fenner Seminar Room (ANU)</i> . Hosted by the International Forestry Student Association with support from the Institute of Foresters and ANU. Register to yulia.cuthbertson@anu.edu.au or 0428190779. www.facebook.com/ifsaLCanu/

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Tuesday 7 May 2019	10.30am-11.30am	Tree Week themed story time - <i>Tuggeranong Library</i> . Story time is a session full of tree-themed stories, rhymes and songs suitable for 3-5 year old children and their parents/carers.
Wednesday 8 May 2019	9am	STEP into Plein Air - <i>National Arboretum Canberra</i> . Celebrate National Tree Week at the Southern Tableland Ecosystems Park (STEP) with NatureArtLab. Join us for our annual STEP into Plein Air event with demonstration of eucalypt painting by Megan Spiers. Bring your chair, easel, sketchbook, paints and pencils on Wednesday 8 May. Morning tea available for a gold-coin donation. Bookings are essential: info@step.asn.au
	10am-1pm	A guided return bushwalk through the Molonglo Valley - <i>Coombs</i> The Molonglo River Reserve is soon to be declared as Canberra's newest Nature Reserve, encompassing over 1,400 hectares in the heart of the growing Molonglo Valley. Join Parks and Conservation Service staff on a guided return bushwalk through Rocky Grassland and Remnant Box-Gum Grassy Woodland habitat, learning about the cutting edge restoration work being trialed in the reserve. Meet at <i>Edgeworth Parade, Coombs</i> . Places are limited so please register at molonglobushwalk2019.eventbrite.com.au
	10.30am-11:30am	Tree Week themed story time - <i>Woden and Kippax Libraries</i> . Story time is a session full of tree-themed stories, rhymes and songs suitable for 3-5 year old children and their parents/carers
	11am-12pm	Enjoy a one hour guided forest walk - <i>National Arboretum, Canberra</i> . Moderate fitness is required. Wear closed, sturdy footwear, dress for the weather conditions and bring water. Suitable for ages 8+. Brought to you by the Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra. FREE, no bookings required. Meet at the Information Desk in the Village Centre.
	6.30pm	Friends of ACT Trees dinner - <i>Weston Creek Labor Club, Stirling</i> . Dine with special guest speaker Ian Shares presenting on 'Trees - a vital part of the urban fabric', hosted by Friends of ACT Trees. Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non members. Meals from the bistro at your own cost. Please indicate your intentions to attend to scholto@infinite.net.au
Thursday 9 May 2019	10am-11.30am	National Arboretum trees at the Botanic Gardens . Free guided walk with two guides - one from the Australian National Botanic Gardens and one from the National Arboretum Canberra. The Australian National Botanic Gardens was opened 50 years ago and contains most of the 16 native species growing at the National Arboretum. This walk gives visitors the opportunity to see mature Arboretum specimens growing among the vegetation in which they would normally be found. Meet at the Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre at 9.50am. Bookings essential to janmorgan2@me.com
Friday 10 May 2019	5.30pm-6.30pm	Education and pro-forest behaviour: global and Australian context . <i>Fenner Seminar Room, Frank Fenner Building #141, Australian National University</i> . A seminar about the relationship between education and 'pro-environment' behaviour by Peter Kanowski and Dollie Yao.
	9.30am-3pm	Canberra Tree Week Symposium - <i>Australian National Botanical Gardens, Acton</i> . Topics include loss of mature trees, indigenous tree management and trees and climate change. Places are limited and registration is essential. Visit Transport Canberra and City Services website to register.
Saturday 11 May 2019	9.30am-11am	Farrer Ridge Woodland Walk - <i>Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve, Muresk St Farrer</i> . Explore post-bushfire regeneration of box-gum woodland, vegetation response to climate change, and indigenous food plants. Participants will be shown the post-bushfire regeneration of box-gum woodland, a nationally threatened vegetation community. The changes to vegetation in response to our changing climate will be demonstrated on this walk. Participants will be invited to look for indigenous food plants and discuss their use by Aboriginal people. Free Copies of a Labour of Love, a celebration of environmental volunteers will be provided to all participants. Places are limited so please register at Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/59932360303/
	10am-11.30am	National Arboretum trees at the Australian National University . Enjoy a free guided walk with Jan Morgan looking at mature examples of several of the species planted at the National Arboretum Canberra in the grounds of the ANU. The walk follows the Lindsay Pryor walk and the surrounding area. Meet at the Sullivan's Creek car park, near the corner of Daley Road. Booking's essential to janmorgan2@me.com
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	9.30am-12pm	Poetry of Trees – Guided Forest Walk - <i>National Arboretum, Canberra</i> . Join us for a walk through the forests and appreciate their beauty from the perspective of poetry. Wear closed sturdy footwear, dress for the weather conditions and bring water. Suitable for ages 8+. Brought to you by the Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra. FREE, however bookings essential on www.stickytickets.com.au/nationalarboretumcanberra
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Everyday		Canberra Tree Week is the perfect time to appreciate, celebrate and photograph trees . Be inspired! Follow the National Arboretum Canberra on Instagram and upload a photo taken onsite, tag us and use #explorearboretum 2019. Tell us 'What the National Arboretum Canberra means to me' competition closes on 27 June 2019. For competition details and T&C's visit www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

For more information or to register for events visit
<http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/trees/canberra-tree-week>

