



May 2025

Dear Pathfinders and Parents,

This letter is to provide information for the Expedition at the Parr State Conservation Area and surrounding National Park on Friday, 6th to Sunday, 8th June, 2025. This camp is a hiking camp, and the Pathfinders will be doing different walks based on their class level and hiking ability.

Required gear

All levels

- Consult the Hiking Checklist for what to bring and be extra sure to pack all the required items, as it will be cold in the evenings, and possibly wet - <https://castlehillpathfinder.club/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/hiking-equipment1.pdf>
 - Ensure some lightweight hiking pants are brought, as tracksuit pants are too hot and heavy for hiking in. It gets hot quickly when carrying a pack!
- The club has some quality hiking packs available for hire if needed. Contact Rachel if you are interested in this option.
- Bring a watch so you will know the time and can be ready when asked. Nothing expensive in case it gets lost, or that will run out of charge, but something that can be taken on all camps (Kmart has a \$9 sports-type watch that does the job nicely!).
- Camping t-shirts – Pathfinders must wear their ‘camping shirts’ (not the polo) so that we can easily identify them. If your Pathfinder does not have the new camping t-shirt, made of the breathable material, you may wish to order one at ASAP at [T-shirt \(new style\) – Castle Hill Pathfinder Club](#)
- A Pathfinder hat (labelled of course!) is also a great asset.
- Ensure quality socks are brought that are at least ¾ crew or crew length, not low-cut socks, as they may result in blisters.
- Hiking boots – go for a long walk in them before the camp to ensure they still fit! If new ones are needed, purchase them in enough time to go for a test walk before the Expedition.
- Bring a packed dinner on Friday night to eat as we drive in the cars, as per usual.
- Please remember to limit the lollies to just a few. Healthy, nutritious food is best.

Hike details

All levels

- All gear must be packed in the pack prior to arriving at church on Friday night.
- Pathfinders will be sleeping 1-3 per tent, which the club will supply.
- There will be toilets at the base camp, but likely none at the Saturday night camp site. Ensure a plastic trowel, toilet paper and handwipes/sanitizer is brought.
- There won't be any showers so bring wet wipes etc for freshening up.
- Fresh water will be available to fill up water bottles. Bring 2L to start with though.
- Bring a spare rubbish bin liner in case a wet tent needs to be packed into the pack on Sabbath/Sunday mornings.

Juniors (Level 1, Friend and Companion classes)

- A hiking pack of at least 45L is needed, which is large enough to carry all their items short distances (3-4km per day).
- There will not be rubbish bins and washing up facilities this camp, so Pathfinders need to be responsible for these items themselves.
- *Compulsory pack check – all Juniors are required to bring their pack for an inspection on Wednesday, 4/6 between 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Packed with food, clothes, sleeping bag, water – all items as per the list (fresh food excepted).*

Arrival and return times - Arrive at Castle Hill SDA church by 4:00pm on Friday afternoon (please be on time). We should be back around 4:30pm on Sunday. Parents, please keep an eye on your email and Facebook over the weekend and we will update you on any events and ETA to church on Sunday.

Transport - We will be transporting all the children via cars. Your child will be allocated a car to travel in. We will group friends together as much as possible.

Cost – The cost for the camp will be \$63 per person (\$25 payable to the club for transport and consumables, and \$38 payable to the Conference).

Camp Forms – Please go to our website and complete the [Registration for camp](#). Note that the process is a little different than usual, as the Conference registration has to be done as well as the club registration.

RSVP: Please pay your camp fees and complete your forms no later than **5pm Sunday, 26th May, 2025**.

If your child is not attending, please advise Vanessa by email at_chpathfindersecretary@gmail.com (if not already done).

Thank you for your continued commitment to Castle Hill Pathfinders. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel, Stephen, or Vanessa. Remember, if you are buying new gear for this camp – think "light and warm" as you will need to carry it when on a hike.

Kind regards,

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