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Group to walk 306kms around ACT Border

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ACT State Emergency Service (ACTSES) Chief Officer, Mr Tony Graham has wished a group of walkers well ahead of their unique trek around the ACT border.

“To celebrate the Canberra Centenary, from tomorrow, a group of four walkers will begin a journey of 306 kilometres around the ACT border which is expected to last 19 days,” ACTSES Chief Officer Tony Graham said.

“Over two years in the planning has gone into preparing the group for the walk with a significant training regime,” he said.

“The walk is expected to take the party through some challenging terrain and will begin tomorrow morning at the northern edge of the Woodstock Nature Reserve, Coree, at the point where the Murrumbidgee River crosses the ACT border.

“Three ACTSES volunteers and one employee from the ACT Health Directorate will then continue the border walk in an anti-clockwise direction.

“Opportunities will allow for others to join the walkers at various legs of the border walk. Park rangers from the Namadgi National Park together with staff from the ACT Emergency Service Agency have all planned on joining the group in stages.

“Supporting arrangements have also been planned for the border walk managed by the ACTSES. A logistics team will prepare meals and provide water, and also ensure a safety watch as the walkers venture along the ACT border.

“The walkers are planning on completing their trek at their starting point at the Murrumbidgee River on Sunday 20 October, 2013 however this date could change depending on conditions they face and their progress each day.

“We are fortunate to live in a territory where such a walk can be conducted in a single undertaking and I would like to wish the party and their support crew well and to return safely.”

The four walkers are: David McGill, Karen Tindall, Lisa Padzensky, and Stephen Goggs.