

**Australian 48 Hour Walk Rankings**  
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| World Best Men      |                   |                          | Country    | Age | Type | Race                                     | Date                |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----|------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.                  | 319.609 km        | John Dowling             | Ireland    | 53  | T    | Nottingham, England                      | 31 Jul – 2 Aug 1983 |
| Australian Best Men |                   |                          | State      | Age | Type | Race                                     | Date                |
| 1.                  | <b>294.973 km</b> | <b>Joffrid Mackett</b>   | <b>ACT</b> | 52  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 24-26 Mar 2023      |
| 2.                  | <b>283.500 km</b> | <b>Barry Loveday</b>     | <b>VIC</b> | 34  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 27-29 Jul 2012      |
| 3.                  | <b>280.203 km</b> | <b>Peter Bennett</b>     | <b>QLD</b> | 54  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 31 Jul – 1 Aug 2010 |
| 4.                  | <b>275.673 km</b> | <b>David Billett</b>     | <b>SA</b>  | 48  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 15-17 Mar 2019      |
|                     | 273.861 km        | Peter Bennett            | QLD        | 58  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 24-26 Jul 2014      |
|                     | 272.114 km        | Peter Bennett            | QLD        | 57  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 19-21 Jul 2013      |
|                     | 266.705 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 52  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 24-26 Mar 2023      |
|                     | 263.717 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 52  | R    | Adelaide 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA        | 2-8 Oct 2022        |
| 5.                  | <b>257.877 km</b> | <b>Deryck Skinner</b>    | <b>SA</b>  | 73  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 12-13 Aug 2006      |
|                     | 250.316 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 51  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 25-27 Mar 2022      |
| 6.                  | <b>240.033 km</b> | <b>Andrew Ludwig</b>     | <b>QLD</b> | 42  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 29-31 Aug 2008      |
|                     | 238.811 km        | Deryck Skinner           | SA         | 75  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 29-31 Aug 2008      |
| 7.                  | <b>230.890 km</b> | <b>Louis Commins</b>     | <b>NSW</b> | 58  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 11-12 Aug 2007      |
| 8.                  | <b>230.307 km</b> | <b>John Harris</b>       | <b>QLD</b> | 51  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Bribie Island, QLD | 19-21 Jul 2002      |
| 9.                  | <b>230.250 km</b> | <b>Gerald Manderson</b>  | <b>NZL</b> | 66  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 31 Jul – 1 Aug 2010 |
| 10.                 | 229.320 km        | Peter Waddell            | ACT        | 68  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Maryborough, QLD   | 20-22 Aug 1999      |
|                     | 227.515 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 35  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 12-13 Aug 2006      |
| 11.                 | <b>226.000 km</b> | <b>Norm Morriss</b>      | <b>NZL</b> | 55  | T    | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 15-17 Nov1996       |
|                     | 221.680 km        | John Harris              | QLD        | 50  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Bribie Island, QLD | 20-22 Jul 2001      |
|                     | 221.155 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 54  | R    | Australian 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA      | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2024 |
|                     | 219.200 km        | Gerald Manderson         | NZL        | 55  | T    | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 15-17 Nov 1999      |
| 12.                 | <b>218.643 km</b> | <b>Justin Scholz</b>     | <b>VIC</b> | 44  | R    | EMU 6 Day Race, Balatonfüred, Hungary    | 9-15 May 2019       |
|                     | 212.315 km        | Joffrid Mackett          | ACT        | 54  | T    | Sri Chinmoy 48H, Canberra, ACT           | 21-23 Mar 2025      |
|                     | 208.103 km        | David Billett            | SA         | 55  | R    | New Zealand 6D Champ, Christchurch, NZL  | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2025 |
|                     | 205.915 km        | Joffrid Mackett          | ACT        | 51  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 25-27 Mar 2022      |
|                     | 205.113 km        | Stan Miskin              | VIC        | 76  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Bribie Island, QLD | 19-21 Jul 2002      |
|                     | 204.049 km        | Louis Commins            | NSW        | 59  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Caboolture, QLD    | 29-31 Aug 2008      |
| 13.                 | <b>202.402 km</b> | <b>Craig Welsh</b>       | <b>NZL</b> | 44  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 11-12 Aug 2007      |
| 14.                 | <b>197.669 km</b> | <b>Simon Butterworth</b> | <b>ACT</b> | 47  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 18-20 Mar 2016      |
| 15.                 | <b>195.562 km</b> | <b>Paul Sweet</b>        | <b>VIC</b> | 62  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, Sydney, NSW        | 26-28 Sept 2025     |
| 16.                 | <b>193.222 km</b> | <b>Neil Armstrong</b>    | <b>ACT</b> | ?   | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 17-19 Mar 2017      |
|                     | 192.800 km        | Peter Waddell            | ACT        | 66  | T    | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 16-18 Nov 1997      |
|                     | 187.065 km        | Justin Scholz            | VIC        | 44  | T    | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 15-17 Mar 2019      |
|                     | 182.000 km        | Stan Miskin              | VIC        | 78  | T    | Gold Coast 48H Carnival, QLD             | 23-24 Aug 2003      |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----|---|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 180.300 km *                 | Stan Miskin                | VIC        | 78 | T | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 16-18 Nov 2003      |
| 17. <b>176.076 km</b>        | <b>Robert Osborne</b>      | <b>NSW</b> | 64 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 15-17 Mar 2019      |
| 18. <b>176.000 km</b>        | <b>Fred Brooks</b>         | <b>VIC</b> | 71 | T | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 12-14 Aug 2005      |
| 174.562 km                   | Robert Osborne             | NSW        | 63 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 15-17 Mar 2018      |
| 174.400 km                   | Stan Miskin                | VIC        | 80 | T | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 20-22 Nov 2005      |
| 19. <b>172.487 km</b>        | <b>Albin Hess</b>          | <b>VIC</b> | 62 | R | Adelaide 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA        | 2-8 Oct 2022        |
| 20. <b>163.843 km</b>        | <b>David Attrill</b>       | <b>NSW</b> | 70 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 15-17 Mar 2018      |
| 163.611 km                   | Albin Hess                 | VIC        | 64 | R | Australian 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA      | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2024 |
| 147.360 km                   | Joffrid Mackett            | ACT        | 54 | R | New Zealand 6D Champ, Christchurch, NZL  | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2025 |
| 147.700 km                   | Stan Miskin                | VIC        | 81 | T | Australian 48H Champ, Runaway Bay, QLD   | 12-13 Aug 2006      |
| <b>World Best Women</b>      |                            |            |    |   |                                          |                     |
| 1. 294.113 km                | Ann Sayer                  | England    | 46 | T | Nottingham, England                      | 11-12 Apr 1982      |
| <b>Australian Best Women</b> |                            |            |    |   |                                          |                     |
| 1. <b>275.957 km</b>         | <b>Sabina Hamaty</b>       | <b>NSW</b> | 56 | T | Sri Chinmoy 48H, Canberra, ACT           | 21-23 Mar 2025      |
| 2. <b>270.086 km</b>         | <b>Allicia Heron</b>       | <b>ACT</b> | 41 | R | Adelaide 48H Championship                | 3-5 Oct 2024        |
| 261.535 km                   | Sabina Hamaty              | NSW        | 56 | R | New Zealand 6D Champ, Christchurch, NZL  | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2025 |
| 250.820 km                   | Sabina Hamaty              | NSW        | 54 | T | Southern Sydney 48H, Sydney, NSW         | 10-12 Jun 2023      |
| 247.474 km                   | Allicia Heron              | ACT        | 42 | R | New Zealand 6D Champ, Christchurch, NZL  | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2025 |
| 3. <b>236.703 km</b>         | <b>Linda Christison</b>    | <b>NSW</b> | 56 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 17-19 Mar 2017      |
| 4. <b>236.703 km</b>         | <b>Heather Christison</b>  | <b>NSW</b> | 52 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 17-19 Mar 2017      |
| 232.745 km                   | Linda Christison           | NSW        | 64 | T | Australian 48H Champ, Sydney, NSW        | 26-28 Sept 2025     |
| 231.189 km                   | Sabina Hamaty              | NSW        | 55 | R | Australian 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA      | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2024 |
| 219.496 km                   | Linda Christison           | NSW        | 55 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 18-20 Mar 2016      |
| 219.496 km                   | Heather Christison         | NSW        | 51 | T | Australian 48H Champ, AIS, Canberra, ACT | 18-20 Mar 2016      |
| 5. <b>211.480 km</b>         | <b>Kerrie Hall</b>         | <b>QLD</b> | 38 | T | Australian 48H Champ, Maryborough, QLD   | 20-22 Aug 1999      |
| 204.405 km                   | Kerrie Hall                | QLD        | 41 | T | Australian 48H Champ, Bribie Island, QLD | 20-22 Jul 2001      |
| 6. <b>182.400 km *</b>       | <b>Deborah de Williams</b> | <b>VIC</b> | 35 | T | Australian 6 Day Race, Colac, VIC        | 21-23 Nov 2004      |
| 7. <b>149.252 km</b>         | <b>Marie Boyd</b>          | <b>NSW</b> | 76 | R | Australian 6 Day Race, Adelaide, SA      | 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2024 |

\* In the annual Australian 6 Day Race at Colac, hardcopies of the leaderboard were printed each hour and distributed to the runners and crews. In a number of cases, this allowed walkers to claim 48 Hour distances. Although these were generally accepted for ranking purposes, they must in some cases be considered “provisional” as they may not have always undergone rigorous post-race verification.