ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W   **Area code A**   **Record No 0001**

Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (W)

Location

Heysen Trail, Barossa Ranges – Wirra Wirra Peaks to Mt. Crawford forest, Pewsey Vale section (Rossiters Hut) and return.

Outline of activity

Qualifying Walk. Loop walk following Heysen Trail on the Saturday and park & forest tracks and dirt roads (Brownes & Wirra Wirra) on the Sunday.
Sundays walk incorporates a loop without packs around Kaiser Stuhl conservation park before returning to the cars via forest tracks and dirt roads.
The walk is quite long (approx 24km each day) but fairly easy. Sunday could be shortened by skipping the loop around Kaiser Stuhl conservation park but that is a nice part of the walk.
You can camp adjacent to Rossiters hut or sleep in the hut but don't rely on this as it cannot be booked so there's always the risk someone else may be there.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Camping permit from Forestry SA, $3/head. If intending to use Rossiters Hut need to get the combination to the lock. Phone the forest ranger if you won't be getting the permit during manned office hours.
Mt Crawford Forest Office, Warren Road (Williamstown to Birdwood Rd.)
Office hours 9am - 11am (seven days)
Ph 61 8 8521 1700

Maps required

Barossa 1:50000 and/or appropriate section of Heysen Trail maps

Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

Travel time is about 1 hour from Adelaide. Park cars at Red Gums Picnic Ground at the start of Wirra Wirra Rd.

Water availability

There is rain water at Rossiters Hut where the camp is so only need to carry water for each day. Check with forest ranger prior to walk to make sure there have been no issues/changes at the campsite.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Fires are allowed at the campsite outside of the fire danger season. Some sections of the Heysen Trail are on private property, on these sections you must keep to the trail.

Route overview

From the cars at Red Gums Picnic ground join the Heysen Trail (it enters the forest at the corner of Wirra Wirra Rd and the main road). Follow the Heysen trail all day, it splits when it enters the Pewsey Vale section of the forest, follow it around the western boundary of the forest for 4km or so until it enters the forest and is soon at Rossiters Hut, the overnight camp. On the Sunday follow the Heysen trail in the opposite direction from which you came, eg NE until it reaches the boundary and walkers entry gate into Kaiser Stuhl conservation park. Leave packs near hear and do the loop walk around the park. On return to the packs follow the Heysen trail around the eastern boundary of the forest until it reaches the road. From here follow Brownes and Wirra Wirra roads back to the cars.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Rossiters Hut. You could just get water at Rossiters Hut and camp elsewhere in the forest if there was a crowd at the hut.

Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ')

Distance	S: Short, 0-9 km	M: Medium, 10-17 km	L: Long,18+ km
Gradient	E: Undulating	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
Terrain	E: Track/open, 4 km/h	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
Qualifying? (Q)	Insert Activity Rating here…..LEEQ		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Note: **This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.**

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