# ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code

Area code A

Record No 0002

# Activity

Walk

#### Location

Marne River (starting at Kappalunta Station) in the Adelaide Hills (near Springton)

#### **Outline of activity**

Walk along the Marne River. Start Saturday morning and finish early Sunday afternoon. The walk is reasonably easy but requires many river crossings and can be difficult if the river is high, or if poeple do notlike jumping on wet rocks. Saturday is a full day (normally reach camp around 4 or 5). There are plenty of nice camp sites to choose along the way. Sunday is a half day. Lunch is often eaten back in Mt Pleasant and the Train and Whistle cafe. The route can be walked in 1 day if there are no full backpacks. If the group is large, allow for a much slower trip - as it takes more time for people to cross the many river crossings. August is a good time to walk here, when there is plenty of water in the river.

## Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Cars are left on Kappalunta Station behind the shearing sheds and the walk is over private land. Permission is required from the property owner - Michael 08 8565 3222. Note that he may not want you to walk at lambing or shearing times.

## Maps required

Angaston: 1:50 000 Grid reference 327647 (park cars), 377613 (drop from the hill to the Marne River)

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

Meet at Mount Pleasnt (opposite the Train and Whistle Cafe, near public toilets) at 8.15am on Saturday. Drive to location in convoy. Follow Angaston to Birdwood Road past Springton - turn right onto Pine Hut Road (at oval/caravan park). Follow road to the end to Kappalunta Station. Park behind sheating shed. Start walk at 9am.

## Water availability

The river normally has water and is good to drink. Recommend purification tablets as a precaution. Check with property owner about the level of the river to know if water needs to be carried.

## Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Fires are allowed.

#### **Route overview**

The route is a ring route and is relatively easy as far as distance and gradient are concerned. The creek crossings may be difficult.

Saturday: Begin walk at map ref. 327647. Follow bald hills all morning. Drop into the Marne River at approx. map ref. 377613. Follow the river back in the direction of the cars for the remainder of the day. Camp somewhere along the river.

Sunday: Continue along the river to the junciton of the Somme Rover. Continue to map ref 332645 an climb the hill to the cars. You will pass a couple of gates. Finish time is likely to be beofre lunch time - depending on the size of the group.

### **Campsites used & possible alternatives**

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Walk Ratings:					
Distance	S: Short, 0-9km	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)	yes				
	Walk Rating: S, E, E				

Supplementary information

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