

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code A

Record No 0003

Activity

Walk ('W'), Cycle , ('C') Kayak/Canoe ('K'), Other ('O') (Indicate here with Symbol).....W

Location

Cudlee Creek Forest and possibly adjacent Montacute Conservation Park and SA Water land around Kangaroo Creek Reservoir depending on option chosen.

Outline of activity

Pack walk to Grandad's campsite (a Heysen trail campsite) in Cudlee Creek Forest (part of Mt Crawford Forest).

Option 1. Short walk suitable for warm weather / daylight saving time typically done as an "end of season" celebration. Includes dinner watching the sunset on Mt. Misery and finishes with pizza lunch at Yangoora winery.

Option 2. Longer/harder version of option 1, not so conducive to finishing at the winery for lunch.

Option 3. Long hard full 2 day walk suitable for cooler (winter) conditions. No Mt. Misery dinner or pizza lunch although coffee at the winery still possible.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Camping permit and notification of route should be sent to ForestrySA Mt Crawford office 8521 1700. Check the ForestrySA website for up to date contact details.

Maps required

Created on line using Nature Maps Website

www.naturemaps.sa.gov.au

Option 1; 1:25000 centred on grid reference 010380. Include all the layers required to get a full topographic map.

Other options will require multiple maps to cover the areas east of that used for option 1.

Option 3; The Heysen trail Southern Guide book would be useful.

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

Option 1: Parking at the Fox Creek Rd. mountain bike car park, lots of room here. 3km up Fox Creek Rd. from the Cudlee Creek to Lobethal Rd. Can finish here or at Yangoora winery on Croft Rd. in which case a car shuffle is needed.

Option 2: Parking near the 1st Ford (6th Creek) on Valley Rd. – Valley Rd. runs off Corkscrew Rd. – Space limited.

Option 3: Parking adjacent chosen access to Morialta Conservation Park, e.g. on Montacute Rd. near Chapman's Track. – space limited.

All three options should be less than an hour's drive for anyone living in Metropolitan Adelaide.

Water availability

There is a small rain water tank at Grandad's campsite.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Campfires are permitted at Grandad's campsite out side of the fire danger season. No fires 1st Nov to 30th April. Access not allowed if a declared fire ban day – something to consider when doing the warm weather “end of season” option.

Route overview

Option 1: The start point is the Fox Creek Rd. mountain bike car park. Immediately after crossing the stile at the western end of the car park take the track to the right across the end of a pond. This soon comes to a junction of Big End track and Old Ned's Track. Follow Old Ned's Track. This zig zags up hill. The track intersects with Big End Track again; turn left and follow the track across the end of a valley. There are several side tracks. Turn right onto CC17 which contours around the side of the valley. At the end of CC17 there is a junction of several tracks. Take CC16. Follow this to the end. Opposite the end of this track is Grandad's campsite.

The side trip to Mt. Misery is best taken by following Grandpa's track (which is the Heysen Trail) south west from the camp until the second track on the right. Take this and follow it to a T junction. At this point head off track up through the pine forest for 200m or so to another track. Turn right here, you should be just before Mt. Misery track. Turn left on Mt Misery track and follow it to the top. Return to camp by re-tracing your steps.

To make Sundays walk to Yangoora winery a 3 hour walk so that you get there for lunch follow the Heysen trail south west away from camp. After about an hour and a half you should be at the other Heysen Trail campsite, a suitable place for a rest. Leave the campsite by continuing on the Heysen Trail but after a few 100m uphill leave the Heysen trail at the point where it has a sharp turn to the right, instead continue straight on. This is the Human projectile trail but you won't see that sign until the other end. The trail contours up hill, follow it to the end where it joins the Kangaroo Creek Track. Follow Kangaroo Creek track to the end and turn left. You are now on fire track 1 which runs into Pranker Rd. Follow this to Croft Rd and then down hill to the winery (grid ref 011373). If you have not done a car shuffle to the winery the easiest walk back to the cars on Fox Creek Rd. is to cross the road from the winery and re-enter the forest. Follow the fence along the southern boundary of the forest for about half a km until you come to a track heading north. Follow this to a gate and track junction. Follow track CC30, this splits into a low and high track, follow the low one. The track contours downhill and runs into The Guts track. Follow The Guts track east back to the car park.

Option 2: The start point is on Valley Rd at the first ford which is where the Heysen Trail leaves sixth creek and follows the road to Montacute Conservation Park. Follow the Heysen trail to the park. After going through the gate there will be a track on the left after a few 100m. Leave the Heysen trail and follow this track steeply up. After leaving the park via a stile you join a wide fire track on top of the ridge. This is also the Mawson Trail. Follow this roughly east for a couple of km. You will come to a track junction and an information board/map. The Heysen trail crosses the Mawson at this point. Turn left at the information board and once again follow the Heysen Trail. The Heysen trail is followed all the way to Grandad's campsite.

See option 1 if you are doing the Mt. Misery side trip.

The return walk follows the Heysen trail back in the direction you came from until the Heysen trail leaves Munn's track. Stay on Munn's track (the main track) and follow it all the way to the Croft Rd. mountain bike car park. At the car park leave the forest and head south west up Croft Rd. to Pranker Rd. At the end of Pranker Rd. re-enter the forest on fire track 1. Follow this main track until you pass all the farm land on the left and come to forest (native revegetation). From here you can go left through the gate and skirt the edge of the forest past Constitution Hill to the east end of Montacute conservation park where the Heysen trail is re-joined and followed back to the cars. Alternatively you can stay on the main track until you get back to the information board passed the previous day. At this junction turn left re-joining the Heysen trail which is followed back to the cars.

Option 3: The start point is Morialta Conservation park. There are a few possible entry points. The idea is to join the Heysen trail in the park and follow it out of the park towards Montacute Heights. If starting at Chapman's Track on Montacute Rd. follow it to the top. Turn left on Moors Rd. and follow it. The Heysen trail joins this at some point. The Heysen trail is followed to the junction of Sixth Creek and Valley Rd. From here the walk is as per option 2. On the return trip again as per option 2 once you get back to the Valley Rd./Sixth Creek junction follow the Heysen Trail back to Morialta conservation park and the cars. Be aware that the Montacute Heights to Sixth Creek section (& reverse the next day) is a long steep downhill (uphill second day).

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Campsite known as Grandad's campsite – grid ref approx 010396.

Alternative is the other Heysen Trail campsite in the Cudlee Creek forest at grid ref 988383.

Another alternative is on top of Mt Misery which is clear and flat – grid ref 994392

Neither alternative has water

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..... Opt 1 & 2 SME, opt 3 LME		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required. Insert Maps on the last page)

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Cudlee Creek Forest

