

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code E

Record No 0001

Activity (W)

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

Location

Scorpion Springs conservation park (part of Ngarkat). Near Pinnaroo.

To get there go via Tailem Bend, some km after Tailem Bend turn left on the Lameroo/Pinnaroo road, before Pinnaroo and a bit after the turnoff to Bordertown turn right on Rosy Pine Rd and follow it to Pine Hit Soak campground

Outline of activity

Weekend qualifying walk. Loop walk from Pine Hut Soak picnic/camping area

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Car entry permit and camping permit. Self registration available at Pine Hut Soak.

Best to advise ranger (Mallee Office 85763690). Camping (for 4WD fraternity) is restricted to designated areas but minimal impact bushwalkers were allowed to camp anywhere provided it was out of sight of any 4WD tracks.

Maps required

Pinnaroo 1:50000

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

Travel time is about 3 hours from Adelaide. The road to Pine Hut Soak camp ground is OK for 2WD but 4WD is recommended if it is/has been wet. If going down Friday night camp at Pine Hut Soak campground. Park cars here for the walk which is a loop from here.

Water availability

There is no water available. Carry sufficient for the walk and Saturday camp. Do the walk in cool weather (winter, early spring). Recommend 5 or 6 litres.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Fires are allowed outside fire danger season. The ranger allowed bushwalkers to camp anywhere provided it was out of sight of any 4WD tracks.

Route overview

From Pine Hut Soak camping/picnic area follow the marked walking trail to Nanam Well. From Nanam Well follow the trail to the 4WD track. From here use the map and get the compass bearing to Scorpion Well. (Note this is just an approximate map positioning of where the well is meant to be, you are unlikely to actually find it). Walk on that bearing until you get to the approx position of Scorpion Well. Given the terrain and scrub the bearing needs to be checked often. A GPS is very handy. We had lunch about two thirds along this leg. Around Scorpion Well you can look for signs of it, we found an old mallee fowl nest. From here head east to the border track. Follow the border track north until you want to camp. In our case this was about 2km. It was nearly 4pm then and we came to a flat area with eucalyptus mallee (fire wood) so we headed in from the track for 200m, found a clearing and camped.

Sunday morning go back to the border track and head north for 3km before cutting across to the Scorpion Springs day visitor area (there's signage etc so you'll know you're there). If you go too far just follow the 4WD track to Scorpion Springs. It's worth a look around at Scorpion Springs. From Scorpion Springs follow the marked walking trail to the Fishponds and from there to the Pine Hut Soak picnic/camping area. The walk finishes here.

There is a café in Pinnaroo which is good for lunch/afternoon tea before driving home.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Pine Hut Soak was used for Friday night. Saturday night was bush camping about 2km north of where we hit the border track (which was east of the map position of Scorpion Well) and 200m in from the border track so that we were not visible should any 4WD's go by (the ranger doesn't want 4WD's thinking they can camp anywhere).

There are two designated campsites along the border track (The Gums & The Pines). These are south and north of where we joined the track. They could be used especially if it was a big group but may have to be shared with the 4WD fraternity. They don't have any facilities/water so there's no real benefit unless it's a large group needing a bigger clearing than may be found in the bush.

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.....MEMQ		

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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