ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W Area code F Record No 0001

Activity

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

Location

Flinders Ranges, Aroona Valley, Pigeon Bore which is located, on the Heysen Trail, approx 5Km Nth of the Aroona Homestead ruin and car park.

Outline of activity

A typical 3 day/long weekend activity is to drive up on a Friday evening to the camping area near the Homestead ruin. Carry packs into Pigeon Bore Saturday morning and set up camp. Lunch and afternoon walk to nearby Mt Dib and Mt Dab. Sunday day walk Nth along Heysen trail to Crisp Gorge, West in the gorge to the plains, South to a suitable Gorge (Bathtub or Tea Cosy) and return East in a loop to base camp. Many variations, longer and shorter are possible. Monday – Walk out to car park and travel home. A short morning walk to a nearby peak may be included.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

None required except for any overnight camping in the Flinders Ranges National Park ie near the Aroona Ruins.

Maps required

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

Approx 6hrs to the Aroona Homestead ruins and camping ground by 2WD vehicle provided there is no flooding. Cars can be left in the camping ground.

Water availability

There are tanks at the camping areas which are replenished by the Parks staff. There is a hand pump at Pigeon bore and the water is suitable for drinking and cooking, but tastes slightly metallic.

Need to conform that the bore pump is working and/or carry sufficient water in for at least one night and return to that camping area for more if required.

Water should not be expected anywhere in Aroona valley or in the adjacent gorges. Dead Goat Soak in Crisp Gorge is mostly dry or polluted.

Water has been found in soaks in the sandy creek bed at the entrance to Crisp Gorge and below Dead Goat soak but not reliably.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Pigeon Bore is outside the national park and fires are permitted at last use.

Route overview

As above, a number of routes can be chosen for day walks depending on the size and ability of the group. The Pigeon Bore, Crisp Gorge, Bathtub Gorge loop is a longer one. Tea Cosy gorge and others offer shorter alternatives. A though walk from Aroona Homestead ruins to Parachilna Gorge via Pigeon bore is an option subject to water and car shuffling.

The walking is not steep but rough and slow in parts and in the gorges – allow sufficient time.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Pigeon Bore is a good, large camp site. However there are other options along Aroona Valley, subject to finding or carrying 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 M: Medium scrub, H: Heavy scrub/rock, Terrain E: Track/open, 4 km/h 2-4 km/h 0-2 km/h Qualifying? (Q) Insert Activity Rating here.....MEM

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Additional walks are possible from Pigeon Bore to Kankana and Iralbo peaks. Ie North along the Heysen trail for c 0.8km then West into Ck between hills 610 and 664 to Kankana. From Kankana SSE to Iralbo. Return via same route.

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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