

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code F

Record No 0003

Activity

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

Location

Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park

Outline of activity

There are numerous overnight and day walk options in this small but rugged park. Three A, B & C, are outlined below. They all involve a one night camp.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Park camping permits required.

Maps required

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

It is a 4 hr drive to Quorn then approx 15 mins to the gate and Car Park of the conservation park. Accommodation and meals are available in Quorn at hotels and the caravan park. Accommodation is also available in the Heysen Trail shearer's quarters, 5 mins walk past the car park gate. (This is separate from the homesteads which can be hired.). The shearer's quarters is large, comfortable, has bunks, a fireplace, water and toilets.

Walks can be organised as a circuit if car shuffling is to be avoided.

Water availability

Water is available at the Shearer's Quarters from tanks. However water cannot be relied upon anywhere else in the park and should be carried, unless it has rained quite recently. The western spring (756209) has water but is polluted by goats and would need treatment.

Evidence of old pipes and troughs can be seen near spring 765175 but it was just a damp patch when last seen and is NOT where indicated on the map.

Extensive old, disused pipe work and a dam can be seen north west of spring 756209.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Fires are not permitted within the Park boundaries.

Route overview

A) Car park, track to lookout, Dutchman's Peak, along ridge, down to track, 'spring' 765175 (not as shown), camp at 755174, ret via track to car park.
B) From Pichi Richi (794106), Albury Ck, Dutchman's Peak, lookout, Camp near 810220, return via tracks to cars.
C) Car Park, track, down to spring (765175 unuseable & not as shown), 'spring' (769190 no water), Camp near spring 756209 (wet/muddy). Ret via 760220 & Heysen Trail/track to Car Park. (Crosses private property).

Campsites used & possible alternatives

The campsite on the creek at 755174 is quite pleasant but dry and access is steep but OK.
The campsite near spring 756209 are OK if a bit barren.
The campsite near 810220 is OK and a short walk from the shearers quarter's water tanks.
There is a suitable campsite near 790220, on the park boundary, if one wishes to base camp away from the buildings.

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.....MMM		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Three routes are basically outlined above: However these are broad directions only and detailed routes need to be planned and can vary.

This area is quite steep, scrubby, rocky and rugged in parts and consideration should be given to choosing suitable spurs and ridges when ascending, descending or traversing the area off the various tracks.

Walking times should allow for the rugged terrain. Ample water should be carried, especially in warm weather.

There is a viable ascent to the Lookout via the spur and fence line at 216808 or else follow the marked track which also provides a return circuit. Dutchman's Peak is off track, along the ridge and is indicated only by a survey marker in the ground. The ridge is OK to walk – just pick a good spur to get down to avoid scree, rocks and steep areas.

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.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

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