

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W Area code F Record No 0004

Activity

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

Location

Parachilna Gorge - Northern Flinders Ranges

Outline of activity

Base camp in Parachilna Gorge GR 655 533 – permission granted.
Day walk in Oratunga Creek and St Mary.
Day walk along Heysen Trail, Wild Dog Creek, Angorichina Village.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

The Heysen Trail runs south to north in between The Heysen and ABC Ranges to Parachilna Gorge. No permission needed to walk along this trail. Leaders to check Heysen Trail website regarding any track reroutes / temporary closures before your trip. Other areas walked are Private Property and permission is needed for walking / camping.
Alpana Station: David HENREY Ph: 8 6484626 Gum Creek Station : Bill McKintosh Ph: 8 6484883; Mt Falkland Station: Rory Beechke Ph: 8 6484807 (see below)

Maps required

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

Adelaide to Parachilna Gorge approx 7 half hours driving time.
Able to park in the gorge – large area GR 655 530

Water availability

June long weekend and still drought conditions. Brought water supply from Adelaide. For example, Dead Goat Soak dried up.
Shop available at Angorichina Village.
Blinman Pools near this village was dry.
Shallow and slimy pools of water in Oratunga Creek approx 1 km from Parachilna Gorge.
Natural spring at GR 667 523 along Anowina Creek – query whether running at the time.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Not fire ban season, but need to conserve the native flora & fauna, need to bring own firewood.

Route overview

Saturday: Bus drop-off within 250 metres of Warra Warra Springs, then walked southward following the wide & open Oratunga Creek. View up a hill GR 655 560. Back down this hill, proceeded south to GR 658 533, followed eastward along a tributary. One group went to the top of Mt Mary, the other group went back to Oratunga Creek, continued southward, and back to camp. Sunday: From base camp, walked westward along Parachilna Gorge road to Heysen trail start. Walked southward following this trail approx 4 km, then north along Wild Dog Creek (wide), past Mine Hill – thro' the wide gorge turned north along Anowina Creek to Parachilna creek T junction – east to Angorichina village

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Base camp in Parachilna Gorge GR 655 533.
Bush camping with no water supply and no toilets.
Possible alternative: Angorichina village

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..... MEE; MME (if did Mt Mary)		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Property boundaries basically:

Alpana Station: Extends from Crisp Gorge to near Oratunga, includes Warra Warra Spring, Mt Samuel (west) and Mt Elkington (east).

Gum Creek station: Aroona to Crisp Gorge, includes east of Heysen Range.

Mt Falkland Station: Area between Crisp Gorge and Mt Falkland, includes the Cascades.

Wheel cactus (*Opuntia robusta*), an unwanted weed was found along the route – reported to the appropriate property manager.

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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