

# ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code F

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## Activity

Walk ('W')

## Location

Mt Arden area. This report covers the area conveniently accessed from Warren Gorge which is 18 km north of Quorn on the Arden Vale Road. Mt Arden is the highest point in this region.

## Outline of activity

Interesting places worth visiting in this area are: Mt White, Mt Arden, South Gorge, Hannimans Gorge and Buckaringa Gorge. There is also a very pretty creek line without a name, just west of Buckaringa Gorge. I don't advocate a specific route but I have mentioned the route that I took on one of my three visits to this area.

## Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Mt White is on the property of Mr Graham Stokes, Tel: 08 8648 6462. The mountain slopes to the west of the (Heysen Trail) creek are on Wilkatana Station, Tel: 08 8642 3642. They seem to be happy to allow bushwalkers park a car at their homestead. South and Hannimans Gorges are on Argadells Station, Tel: 08 8648 6246, which provides bush tours for fee-paying clients. They did not seem to be happy for me to be on their property if I was not going to be paying them. Mt Arden and Buckaringa Gorge are on the Heysen Trail so permission is not needed to go there.

## Maps required

Wilkatana and Willochra 1:50,000 topographical maps. Heysen Trail maps are also sufficient for the areas that they cover.

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

A good plan is to camp at Warren Gorge on the night that you arrive. It is administered by the Flinders Council and no fees are charged but there are no facilities or water tanks. Parking seems to be safe if your car is not visible from the road. Since the area is quite remote, there is little chance of your car being seen by hooligans.

## Water availability

The creeks in this area rarely have any water in them except during extensive rain. The only reliable water is a water tank on the Heysen Trail at GR 806 374.

## Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

When not on the Heysen Trail, there are gates and fences that need to be closed.  
Fires are allowed at the Mt Ardeb south camp site (water tank) where there is even a constructed BBQ. The proper campsite is about 200 meters north of the water tank but this is accessible by 4WD so you may have company.

## Route overview

The route that I took started at Warren Gorge and went south to a creek line that gave a route to approach Mt White from. Lunch on top of Mt White has great views. Descend in a north westerly direction into the dry creek which is the basis of the Heysen Trail. Camp near the water tank and climb Mt Arden the next day. Then follow the ridgeline via the Heysen Trail until Buckaringa Gorge. This will take about six hours. We did a car shuffle to Buckaringa Gorge.

## Campsites used & possible alternatives

Because there is only one water source, campsites are limited.

## Walk Ratings (indicate rating below where indicated ..eg 'SMMQ')

<b>Distance</b>	S: Short, 0-9 km	M: Medium, 10-17 km	L: Long, 18+ km
<b>Gradient</b>	E: Undulating	M: Steep	H: Very steep/exposed
<b>Terrain</b>	E: Track/open, 4 km/h	M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h	H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h
<b>Qualifying? ( Q )</b>	Insert Activity Rating here.....MMEQ		

## Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Note that the grid system takes a jump in the middle of this region. Your GPS can handle it but sometimes the walk leader makes a few mistakes.

The road into Buckaringa Gorge is blocked to prevent car access but walker access is OK. There is also a ban on rock climbing in Buckaringa Gorge.

**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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