

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W

Area code F

Record No 0014

Activity

Walk ('W')

Location

Southern rim of Wilpena Pound, Southern Flinders Ranges

Outline of activity

3 day circuit encompassing Rawnsley Bluff, Point Bonney and Dick Nob

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

Not required. While Rawnsley Bluff track is owned by Rawnsley Park Resort, they allow walkers not staying at the resort to walk on it. Black Gap camp is on Arkaba Station who generally don't like non-paying walkers but it is also on the Heysen Trail so walking and camping is allowed.

Maps required

SA Topo Maps (digital) Southern Flinders Ranges or Wilpena 1:50,000

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

There is a car park at Rawnsley Park at GR 706 975 but you could probably convince the resort operators to allow you to park at the resort especially if you paid for one night at the bush camping area (\$9 in 2011).

Water availability

Reliable water is available at Rawnsley Park Resort, South Wilpena Creek GR 716 013 and Black Gap GR 650 021 only. In this rather good year (2011) we found pools of water as high up S Wilpena Ck as GR 733 011 where a small creek (not marked on all maps) joins from the SE. This minor creek also had water pools in it. The water at Black Gap is supposedly permanent but it did not look permanent to me. It also has high Calcium Carbonate content which makes your tea taste funny.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

You should not have fires in the Flinders Ranges National Park but several people do. On Rawnsley Park Station there are several fire places. Arkaba Station discourages it and being on the Heysen Trail does not bestow a right to have a fire. If you have a fire, make sure that it is completely buried and made invisible.

Route overview

Rawnsley Park Station to Rawnsley Bluff (5.9 km and 500 m height gain) on a signposted track with a side trip to Wilpena Lookout GR 726 004 (add 1.8 km). Then 3 km through chest high scrub to Moonarie Gap. 6 km round trip to Point Bonney (climb 360 m to height 1133 m). Walk west down S Wilpena Ck and across the Pound floor to intersect the Heysen Trail. Walk over Bridle Gap with side trip up Dick Nob (allow 1 hour). then down to Black Gap (11.5 km). Walk to Rawnslev Pk 8.2 km.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Moonarie Gap has several flat sandy areas in vicinity GR 745 012. An alternative is on South Wilpena Ck at GR 715 012 but limited to 2-3 tents. Black Gap has extensive space with moderate slope GR 649 020. There is a car park adjacent to the camping area. The area from Black Gap to Rawnsley Park is flat but there is no water nearby.

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.....MHH		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required. Insert Maps on the last page)

Take gardening gloves. There are many spiky bushes.

No one got sick when they did not treat their water so it seems pretty good if it has rained recently.

There were many kangaroos, emus and echidnas around. Gliders often operate from Rawnsley Park.

To climb Point Bonnie, approach it from the south west. The peak can often be in cloud at the beginning of the day.

To climb Dick Nob, approach it from the south east but then work your way around to the west-south-west for the final climb. It is quite steep and there are overhangs if you go the wrong way.

We named a peak at GR 747 017 (height 962 m) to be Mark's Knob. It is a steep but achievable climb while you are waiting for Point Bonney to clear.

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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