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Activity

Walk

Location

Mt Bryan East - Approx 40Kms Nth of Burra. Mid North.

The 2 day walk based from the old Mt Bryan East School House, is approx 20kms along the Heysen Trail and requires a car shuffle.

The old schoolhouse has been set up as basic sleeping accommodation.

Map - Caroona 1:50,000.

Outline of activity

The typical weekend format for this walk is as follows.

- . Friday evening Drive to the old Mt Bryan School House via Burra and Mt Bryan (Approx 2.5 hours from Adelaide)
- . Meet/Socialise around the fire in the schoolhouse that evening. There is sleeping space inside and camping space outside.
- . Sat Morning Car shuffle for the walk to start either from the School House or at the gate at 'yards' GR 215 015 and finish at the ford at GR 198 923.
- . Follow the Heysen trail between these two locations.
- . Camp at or near GR 238 968
- . This walk is suitable for beginners.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

The Old Mt Bryan East schoolhouse is combination padlocked. The combination when last used was the post code for Mt Bryan, 5418, but this should be confirmed from the Heysen Trail managers. (SA Govt or Friends of the Heysen Trail)

Bookings are not required.

It should be noted that the campsite indicated here is on private property. It is remote and has been used before, without specific permission and with a campfire without problems.

Maps required

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

Motor vehicle is the best and possibly only way to this walk. It is approximately 2.5 to 3 hours drive from Adelaide via Burra and Mt Bryan. Care should be taken on unsealed roads and with navigation, especially at night.

Parking is remote but not secure.

The car shuffle will require approx 1 hour. Arrange for all drivers and passengers to be transported from the finish to pick up the cars at the start if possible. The track into the 'yards' my not be suitable for non 4WD vehicles particularly if it is wet. (It was impassable in May 2012) Leaving cars at the schoolhouse results in an easy 5km road walk to the trail head.

Water availability

There is usually no water available en route except at a tank provided at the Heysen Trail shelter on the trail in the vicinity of the 'old caroona well.' It is marked on the Heysen Trail maps.
Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)
No specific restrictions known.
Route overview
From the 'yards' the walk follows the walking trail east along the Tourilie Gorge to GR 256016. This is the most interesting and historic part of the walk. The trail then turns due South (with one easterly dog leg) along fence lines and tracks to GR 261 980 where it joins a dirt road and proceeds very roughly South East past the campsite and shelter/water tank to GR 234 946 where it follows fence lines and a series of straight routes West, South and West again to near the 'ford' and car pickup point. The route is considered 'easy' with some rough, rocky sections only. The walk can be completed in time for a late lunch or afternoon tea in Burra.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

The campsites suggested are either the designated Heysen Trail campsite in the Caroona Conservation Park (There is a three sided shelter, pit toilet and rainwater tank), or an open area about 1km further along the Heysen Trail track (water would need to be collected at the tank).

Walk Ratings:					
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)	yes Walk Rating: M, E, E				
Supplementary information					

See basic map outline below.					
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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