

ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W Area code Vic Record No 0004

Activity

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

Location

Northern Grampians – Western Victoria.

Outline of activity

This walk was one of 3 which started from the Troopers Creek Camp Ground (near Wartook) as part of an ABW bus trip to the Grampians.

Permits & permissions required, with contact details

There are no permits required for hikers that we were aware of at the time. Permits may be required for car based camping at the camp grounds.

This walk was routed through a, now, discontinued Rd through the Roses Gap recreation facility which was then private and closed to the public. Permission should be sought to use this route or else take the long way around the public roads. Some scrub needs to be traversed to reach Halls Gap/Flat Rock Rd and/or Copper Mine Rd

Maps required

Vic Map - Northern Grampians Map – Note There are significant variations in various versions of these maps with respect to some roads and tracks and some campsites. Some good sites are not marked and the location and status of some roads has changed.

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

The hired bus stopped at Troopers Creek camp site at c 1am on the Saturday morning having departed Adelaide at 6pm Friday evening. This walk required the bus to transport the group to a point just past Zums tein where we joined the walking track past Fish Falls to McKenzie Falls. At this time the track was closed at Fish Falls for 'repair' but probably to remake a short slightly exposed section a little safer. However we traversed this without problems at the time. The walk terminated at the Junction of Copper Mine Rd and Pohlner Rds where the bus picked the group up on Monday 12.30p.

Water availability

At the time water was plentiful in numerous locations after a particularly wet season. However the situation should be confirmed at the time of any visit. At least 2L should be carried.

Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

Usual fire restrictions apply. Some parts of the Grampians are fuel stove only.

Route overview

Day 1 Zumstein to McKenzie Falls track. Then Cranages Rd to Chinaman Track. Then Carters Track (steep climb) to long Pt Fire Line Track. Camped at approx GR 283 994 in the bush next to a flowing creek. (No defined site).

Day 2 – Long Pt Fire Line track Nth to the Mt Difficult walking track to Mt Difficult summit camp site. Visit summit. Then followed walking track to Jn with Brigg's Bluff track (lunch there) Visit Briggs Bluff then follow track to Beehive Falls (Steep and rough in places). Camped c 400m past Beehive falls at good flat site alongside Mud Hut Ck.

Day 3 – Falls track through Roses Gap (Private property!) to Conner Mine rd and finish at Jn with Pohlner Rd 11am.

Campsites used & possible alternatives

Numerous good campsites – ie Mt Difficult Summit, Briggs Bluff (Sth of the Briggs Bluff Track Jn). The Long Point Nth campsite is (apparently) good. The campsite on the Long Pt track Jn with the Mt Difficult track is small and not flat.

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..... M M M Q		

Supplementary information (Insert below, if required)

Note again – Permission should be sought to walk through the Roses Gap facility. The road into the facility finishes at a creek and collapsed bridge just past their buildings. The most direct route is to then traverse scrub to reach the roads to the Nth of Roses Gap. There may be other less direct tracks. The alternative to entering Roses Gap is an extra approx 2 km road walk.

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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