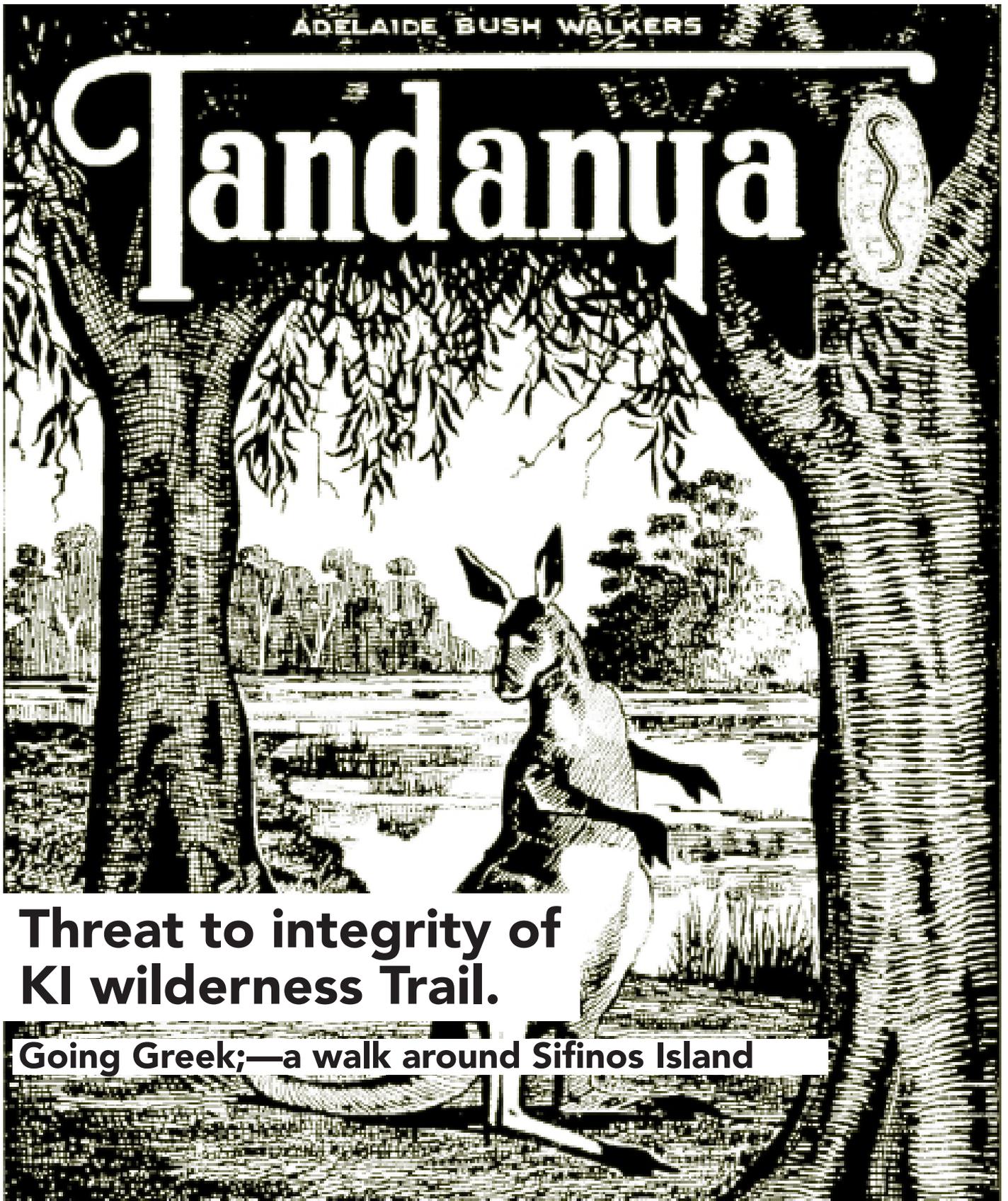


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Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was. — Dag Hammarskjöld
Dag Hammarskjöld was a Swedish economist and diplomat who served as the second Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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The Long Walk to Getting Wilderness Conservation 'Back on Track'

— *Written by the Friends of Parks KI Western Districts and the Field Naturalists Society*



View from development location to Sandy Creek.

Right, Sanderson Bay with lodge location circled.

Walkers have been attracted to the Flinders Chase wild country throughout its 100 years of protection. There are easy hikes along paths and tracks but for those who prefer more of a challenge, the vegetation can be impenetrable and the weather unpredictable. The construction of the five-day Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT) traversing the park's coastline, rivers, beaches and lakes with sheltered campsites and basic infrastructure was therefore generally welcomed.

The Flinders Chase Management Plan¹ was amended in 2017 prior to the trails opening that year, following public consultation. It allowed for 'small scale, ecologically sustainable tent-style accommodation along the KIWT' within 'minor development' zones.

The trail and campgrounds offer diverse landscapes, provide stunning coastal views, avoid impacts on threatened species and tuck facilities away in sheltered sites. Local businesses and commercial tour operators offer quality on and off-park accommodation and services for visitors, with a cap of 48 walkers on the trail at any one time. Members of Friends of Parks KI Western Districts assisted the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) with interpretative content, seed collection and threatened species monitoring.

¹ Flinders Chase National Park, Kelly Hill Conservation Park, Ravine des Casoars Wilderness Protection Area and Cape Bouguer Wilderness Protection Area Management Plans Amendment 2017 pg 2

² 'Eco-sensitive accommodation to be built on KI Wilderness Trail' Press release Ian Hunter Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and Leon Bignell Minister for Tourism 7/2/18



The Australian Walking Company (AWC) was appointed by the previous State government to prepare a proposal to develop private luxury accommodation for the trail. A press release in February 2018 described the two sites as being located 'along the wilderness trail'

However, the new State government allowed AWC to relocate outside the minor development zones identified in the amended Management Plan. The 'small-scale ecologically sustainable tent-style accommodation' along the trail turned into:

- seven tourist accommodation pods, a staff accommodation building, a utility shed, an 18m X 9m 'long house' plus lookouts, rainwater tanks and associated infrastructure at two sites — a coastal headland at Sandy Creek and a vegetated dune at Sanderson Bay
- two staging posts (storage areas) on roads leading to the accommodation
- additional kilometres of walking trail and vehicle access roads
- leasing, updating and using the Heritage listed Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages at Cape Du Couedic as third luxury accommodation site for clients; public access restricted to luxury accommodation fee/person/night when not in use by AWC walkers (eg. over \$500/night)
- 30 year leases on sites and infrastructure with a possible 15 year extension
- guaranteed options for AWC on 14 of the 48 walking trail places at any one time

While Friends of Parks and Field Naturalist Society of South Australia volunteers were helping DEW with the Flinders Chase centenary celebrations (planned for October 2019), the news broke that the SA Government was fast tracking AWC's proposal as a Category 1 development through the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP)². This meant no requirement for community consultation, no opportunity for public submissions and no rigorous environmental assessment.

AWC and DEW held an information session in Kingscote after AWC submitted its application to SCAP. Responding to pressure, two more community information sessions were subsequently held on Kangaroo Island three months later. There was overwhelming opposition to the new proposal from the more than 150 people who attended.

Since then opposition has continued to grow. All three Friends of Parks groups on KI have gone on strike in protest, the KI Natural Resources Management Board opposed the location of the development and the KI Council acknowledged strong community opposition to the proposal.

AWC's proposal has now been approved by the SA Government through both the SCAP process and the Native Vegetation Council (NVC). This is despite scientific evidence that was provided about impacts on habitat and threatened species from fragmentation, erosion, weeds, pathogens and feral animals caused by multiple buildings, roads, tracks and human disturbance and without regard for Aboriginal or European Heritage sites or community views.

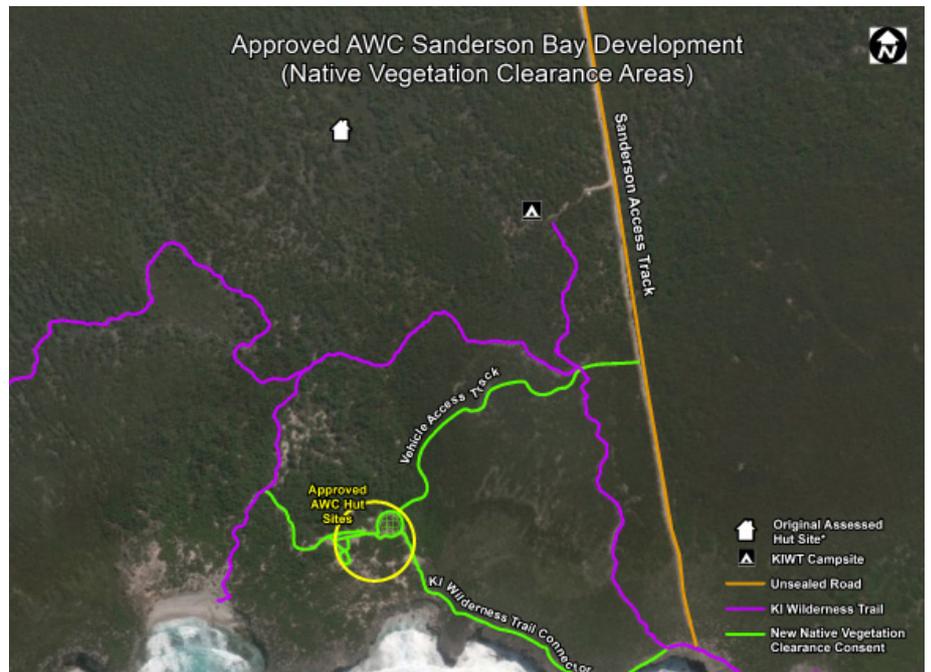
The environmental assessment in the NVC clearance application omitted many National and State listed threatened species. The proposal was 'Seriously at Variance' with most of the principles of the Native Vegetation Act and Regulations. Species likely to be negatively impacted include Hooded Plover, KI Echidna, Pied Oystercatcher, White Bellied Sea-eagle, Osprey, KI Dunnart and Rosenberg's Goanna.

The AWC proposal is neither ecologically sensitive nor sustainable. It will cause significant and permanent degradation to fragile habitats, biodiversity and landscape quality of the Flinders Chase coastline, protected for a century for generations of Australians to experience and enjoy. To compensate for clearing pristine coastal vegetation AWC will pay \$170,000 'restitution'.

Our supporters are not anti-development extremists. Many of them volunteer their time to protect and enhance protected areas across SA. They encourage visitors to visit our parks for education, recreation and wellbeing. However, the location of this development is not appropriate. It does not align with the KI Development Plan, KI NRM Plan, Coastal Protection Policy or Flinders Chase Management Plan. It will change the wilderness values and remote experience of Kangaroo Islands wild south west coastline forever.

We need Australians to help us to stop this development!

- Become a supporter on publicparksflch@gmail.com
- Write or contact Minister Speirs, Premier Marshall or your local MP
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Sanderson Bay Map with new roads and tracks marked in green; purple shows existing KIWT

Why should bushwalkers be concerned about the proposed development?

This sets a frightening precedent for private developments in National Parks and reserves throughout Australia. If it can happen in Flinders Chase, a biodiversity hotspot without foxes, goats or rabbits, it can happen anywhere. Your favourite walking spot could be next.

To give AWC clients the exclusivity they pay for, other walkers will have their wilderness experience marred by buildings located on prominent headlands visible for kilometres along the previously unspoilt coastal landscapes.



Sandy Creek Map with new roads and tracks marked in green; purple shows existing KIWT.

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Minaaka Apinhanga

— *Rebecca Richards*

Free Exhibition at the South Australian Museum, 4 Aug — 22 Sep



Rebecca Richards

2012 SA Young Australian of the Year
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Aboriginal Indigenous Issues, Anthropology

I am an Aboriginal anthropologist currently completing a PhD in Aboriginal anthropological photography. In 2013, I completed a MPhil in Anthropology at the University of Oxford Australia's first Indigenous Rhodes Scholar. My work focuses on social, visual and material anthropology in museums and Indigenous communities. I am particularly interested in representation of Indigenous peoples in museums and the repatriation of museum collections to Indigenous peoples.

For Aboriginal people, historical photographs are not just archival images; they represent family and country. Photographs are portals into the past. They let people see things that are hard to talk about. Things we might have missed. They allow us to reflect on who we were, and who we are today. The archive itself is part of the web of relationships and has become part of Yura history. As stated in the final exhibition caption:

The Muda (dreaming) is the original archive. It is the system in which our knowledge is held and passed on. For me, working with museum archives is an extension of this cultural practice—of what my ancestors would have done.

As you travel through Country, you can see the archive and feel it under your feet. The hills are a part of the story along with the creeks and waterholes and

that as Yuras look at these places they see not just the hill or the water hole but the ancestral creatures that are embodied in that landscape. This perception and knowledge can add a whole extra dimension onto seeing the beauty of the landscape of the Flinders.

The Minaaka Apinhanga: Through Many Eyes exhibition goes behind the frame of historical photographs of Adnyamathanha people of the Flinders Ranges and into the world of the people that they depict. Artworks and stories by contemporary Adnyamathanha people create an exhibition that is a deeply personal exploration of history, family and identity, as developed by Adnyamathanha and Barngarla first time curator, Rhodes Scholar and South Australian Museum Earl Career Researcher Rebecca Richards.





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Trek Kokoda over Anzac Day in 2020!
Join Anna Meares on the trek of a lifetime in 2020

In 2020, Little Heroes Foundation is excited to be organising a team of trekkers to again conquer the infamous Kokoda Track.

While the Gallipoli Campaign during World War I was Australia's first military test as a new nation, the Kokoda Campaign represented the first time in the nation's history that its security was directly threatened.

The Kokoda Campaign is recognised as a turning point in the war, and has not only rightfully cemented itself in Anzac Legend, but has also created an incredible bond between Australia and Papua New Guinea.

For many, the military history of the Kokoda track is the prime motivator, however it is the interaction with the local culture and stunning tropical wilderness that makes this trek so special.

Following the success of our 2017 tour, which raised in excess of \$76,000 for our Little Heroes, we have decided to put together another team of trekkers to tackle the Kokoda Track.

Our 2020 Adventure Tour will have an additional special meaning, as our team will travel from April 19th to the 30th, meaning the trek will include an Anzac Day ceremony to commemorate the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

We are also very excited to confirm that Anna Meares will be leading our team in 2020!



Flinders Ranges —*Mal Watt*



The Heysen Range from the Aroona Lookout - Left to Right: Mal Watt, Trevor Jones, Graeme Lewis, Roxanne Crook, Jason Quinn.

For the second year in a row the coach left Adelaide at 4pm, rather than 6pm, to avoid “way past midnight” bedtimes on arrival in the northern Flinders Ranges (Brachina Gorge). The coach (towing a trailer with all our gear) was full of 19 walkers and one driver. As usual, there was a pit stop for dinner at a servo, this trip it was just passed the Tin Man near Port Pirie. The trip up is generally chatty with people catching up or getting to know each other, whereas the trip back is more sedate, and ice cream focussed.

When we entered ‘roo country after dark, the driver was presented with a number of them to avoid – quite a stressful task I imagine – but we arrived safely, though one ‘roo may or may not have survived.

The first stop in Brachina Gorge was a water drop for John Callinan’s group (the largest of the three hiking groups with about 7), followed by the group I was in, that is, Trevor Jones’ group of five who debarked around midnight at the Aroona turnoff and quickly set up camp nearby. The remaining 14 (including Romano’s group of 5) continued into the Aroona Campground, and their stories will be told elsewhere.

It was a clear and very cold night – most had very wet tents next morning from condensation and or dew. The two following nights were mild in comparison due to overnight cloud. By 8:30 am, Trevor, Roxanne, Jason, Graeme and myself were packed and reconvened at the nearby lookout that explained the Bunyeroo Formation and the Lake Acraman asteroid near the Gawler Ranges that spat rocks into the Flinders. Trevor had us each introduce and say a little about ourselves, and then we headed off (each with 4 – 5 litres of water onboard).

The Aroona Valley is a long open valley between the Heysen Range on the west and ABC Range on the east, and the ABW has done many walks along both ranges in the past. Also, through the Crisp Gorge and Bath Tub creeks which is a very good day walk loop if you base at say Pidgeon Bore.

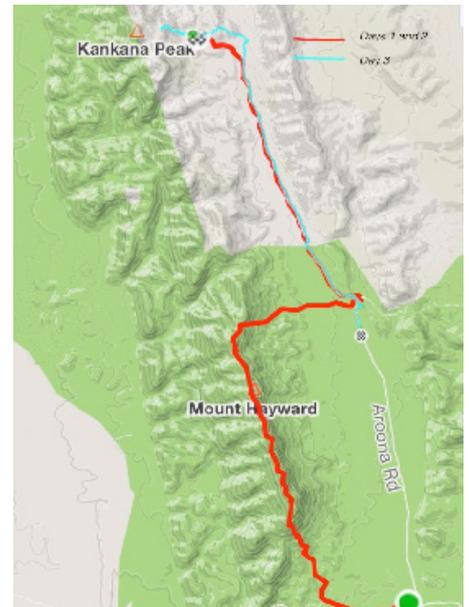
On Saturday our route was along the top of the Heysen Range. This was a “no track” route, through light scrub including cypress pine, rock hopping, and utilising goat pads along steep valley sides. Up at the top of the range, some sections narrowed to pointed rock lines with steep drop offs especially on the east side – at least no trees or scrub, and with great views in most directions.

We climbed to Hayward Bluff, then onto False Mt Hayward, then South Mt Hayward - when would we ever get to the real Mt Hayward? Not today, as upon finding a practical site for 5 tents in a small saddle just before Mt Hayward, Trevor proposed we stop for the night. There was no argument as further opportunities were unknown. We had scrambled about 7.6 km with about a 500 m climb.

If you are wondering who Hayward was, he is Johnson Frederick Hayward who in 1851 acquired a half share of the Aroona Run (sheep station). There is information about him at the site of the Aroona Homestead ruins, and one of his quotes while quite dismaying, provided ongoing amusement.

in our conversations with the phrase “dregs of the colony” from “..always short-handed and served by the dregs of the colony in the shape of shepherds and hut keepers...”. He was a bit of a diary keeper, and I presume the quote is taken from *Johnson F. Hayward. Incidents in my Australian life: life on a sheep station 1846- 1856, c.1872 held by nla.gov.au*

Our Saturday campsite provided a view to the west for some and the east for others – we had hoped for a great sunset, but cloud moved in and obscured the sun. It was chilly for a while then the wind died down, and it became very comfortable so no rush for the sleeping bags after dinner, and quite warm in the tents overnight. There was a small sprinkling of rain over night, and the sunrise brought a double rainbow over the western plains.



Above: A typical skyline section traversing the Heysen Range.

Map; showing Heysen Range route walk.

Left, Heysen Range.

We had a leisurely 8:30 start on Sunday morning, continuing the scramble north to reach Mt Hayward (865m) and then further to Walkandi Peak (813m). From Walkandi we descended and hiked cross country directly towards the Aroona Campground area arriving about 11:30.

There we had lunch and filled our water containers sufficient for another day out. There were few campers at the camp grounds – it was busier from people driving in to look at the ruins. The weather had cleared to a sunny day again. Water sources at Aroona include the scattered rainwater tanks, as well as the spring supplied water taps located throughout the camp area.

After lunch we went up to the spring well and ruins and took a group photo against the info sign explaining the Heysen Range skyline that we had just traversed. Then we walked about six kilometres north along the Heysen Trail, passed Pidgeon Bore and turned west to again ascend the Heysen Range foothills, towards Kankana Peak (808m).



Top: Sunrise double rainbow

Below: View from Heysen Range

Next page: View from Heysen Range

We stopped early to camp in the foothills before we ran out of options for the day, leaving further approaches to Kankana for Monday morning. This camp spot presented some challenges for pegging and tie downs, but everyone managed. It was a relaxing and mild night, plenty of time for soups, teas, port, chocolate, main food and figuring out (or not) constellations, planets and world peace. At sunset the author scrambled in goat mode up a nearby hill to take some “golden hour” photos.



Overnight, the weather supplied some strong gusts and a bit of rain, but it cleared again by morning. We packed but left our tents up to dry. Starting at 7:45 we scrambled (with no heavy packs) towards Kankana following goat tracks when useful, and a little bit of rock climbing as well. We ran out of time at the final ridge across from Kankana. We could at least see the cairn – and Graeme set up one final group photo. Regarding goats, we saw very few.

Back at our tents about 9:15 we geared up and took two hours to hike back to the coach waiting in the Aroona Campground. Romano’s group was already waiting, and we had just John’s group at Dingley Dell to pick up on the way out.

Saturday – 7.6 km
Sunday – 12.6 km
Monday – 9.6km



As usual we stopped at Hawker for lunch, and as there was a unanimous call for ice cream on the way back, a dessert stop was made in Melrose, with arrival in Adelaide around 7:30pm. Thanks to Trevor who lead a very well-paced hike/scramble with great views and ensured everyone traversed obstacles safely, and thanks to Jason, Graham and Roxanne for the company.

Going Greek: A walk around Sifnos Island—*Martin Flood*



We've all heard of Greek islands like Santorini and Mykonos famous, of course, for their white-washed houses, blue domed churches and those sublime views across the Aegean. But in all honesty, who wants to endure the mass of tourists, tacky tourist shops and inflated prices? Well thankfully, you don't have to travel too far off the beaten track to find islands that are every bit as beautiful, more authentic, better value and much, much quieter. We present to you, Sifnos.

When the ferry docked in the main port of Kamares, I was immediately struck by the impressive stretch of rocky hillside that encircled the harbour. In fact, my excitement was just as high as the first time (27 years prior) when my wife, Jenny, and I stepped foot on a Greek island. But this 3 week trip (for me at least) wasn't really about the beaches, the fried calamari... not even the ouzo. This time, it was all about the walking.

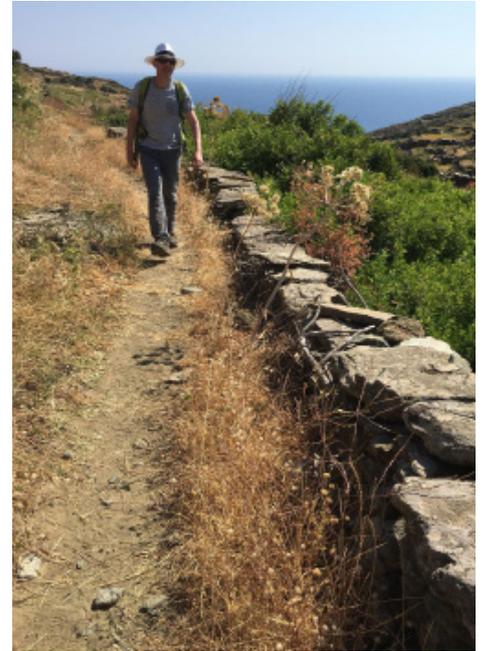
Sifnos is part of the Cyclades group of islands about a 5 hour ferry ride from Athens. Its total area is only 74 sq km; but what it lacks in size, it sure as heck makes up for in jaw-dropping vistas, postcard-worthy villages, beautiful rural landscapes and traditional hospitality.

By far the best way to explore the island is on foot. In fact, there's an extensive 200 Km network of walking trails that criss-cross the entire island; about half of which are well signposted and waymarked. All the information is available online at www.sifnostrails.com - this website provides a digital guide for each of the 19 marked trails with tips, maps and even gpx files. But in all honesty you won't need it. You can pick up an incredibly detailed 1:20 000 topo map for \$12 in the main port. And even more impressive, is that all the trails can be found on Google Maps! Now, that's not something we can even boast in regards to the Heysen.

Sifnos has an amazingly varied landscape for its size, and the trails give you easy access to it all. Firstly, there are 7 beautiful "blue and white" villages all with scrumptious bakeries, great coffee and sweeping views of the Aegean. Kastros, on the eastern side, was built on a rock overlooking the sea 3000+ years ago and is just like an open air museum with its fortified walls, labyrinthine streets and Roman ruins.

Between the main settlements, centuries old donkey paths and dry creek beds have you passing through traditional cultivated farmland with terraced slopes, olive groves, and hillsides bursting with fig trees, oregano, thyme and sage. Adding to this rural richness, you'll be guided along corridors of impressive dry stone walls, carefully crafted hundreds of years ago by dedicated stonemasons to protect their pastures and livestock. Then, of course, there are the quintessential Greek windmills that are just begging to be photographed.

As you meander through these rural areas, you can't help but notice the hillsides are dotted with countless blue domes. These belong to the 365 (OK, someone obviously counted them!) white-washed churches and glistening monasteries. With a population of about 3000, that's one church for every 8 people! And the Greeks obviously loved to build them in out of the way places, hanging off craggy cliffs or perched on boulders for the best views. The Church of the Seven Martyrs has to have one of the most beautiful settings of any church on any Greek island. A narrow path zigzags down the hillside and across to a rocky outcrop where it literally dangles above the Aegean.



Sifnos also has more than its fair share of picturesque bays and idyllic beaches, again all accessible from the walking trails. And if you plan your walk just right, you can enjoy a long lunch at one of the traditional tavernas (where going barefoot is mandatory) right on the sand. At Vathi, almost everything on the menu comes either from the local fishermen or the owner's own cheese factory, goat farm or private garden.

All in all, there are over 30 hiking routes on the island, ranging anywhere from a lazy 60 minute stroll through to various half and full day options that will have you engaging with traditional island life. Thankfully, the excellent bus connections and 10 very reliable taxis mean that you can start and finish your hike practically anywhere. The taxis are also very happy to transport your luggage on to the next village, should you choose to just carry a day pack.

So, if you've ever dreamed of sipping ouzo on the beach with the endless blues of the Aegean Sea as a backdrop..... then look no further, Sifnos is your island. It's a place that delivers an authentic Greek experience for sure... without all the tourists. Just don't forget to pack your hiking shoes.

(If you'd like to "see" what I've tried to describe, Paths of Greece have produced an excellent video <https://www.pathsofgreece.gr/en/new-video-trails-sifnos/>)



Tracks are a mix of dirt roads and donkey trails through to more rugged creek beds and stone "paths".

Going Greek: A walk around Sifnos Island

The rural landscape is dominated by olive groves, terraced hillsides, dry stone walls, churches and windmills. Oh yeah... and distant villages perched on a rock.



Sifnos isn't without its fair share of idyllic bays and lazy beachside tavernas.



The rocky hillside that surrounds the picture-perfect port of Kamares.

The next white-washed village (with a pop of yellow just to be different) is never far away.



The Church of the Seven Martyrs perched on a rocky outcrop... complete with bride and groom.

Mambray Creek, Alligator & Hidden George—*Lee Marling*



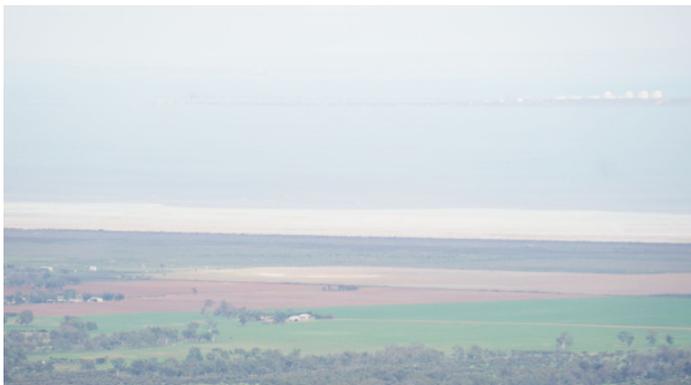
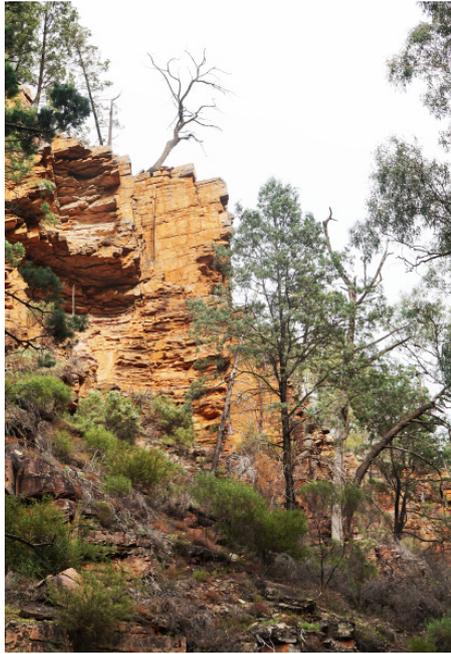
Nine club members spent the weekend exploring Mambray Creek, Alligator Gorge and Hidden Gorge. The weather was a little cloudy with lots of blue sky. The creeks were flowing gently. Perfect walking conditions! The night was freezing but with a great view of the Milky Way. We ended the walk with morning tea on the Battery with wonderful views over the Gulf.



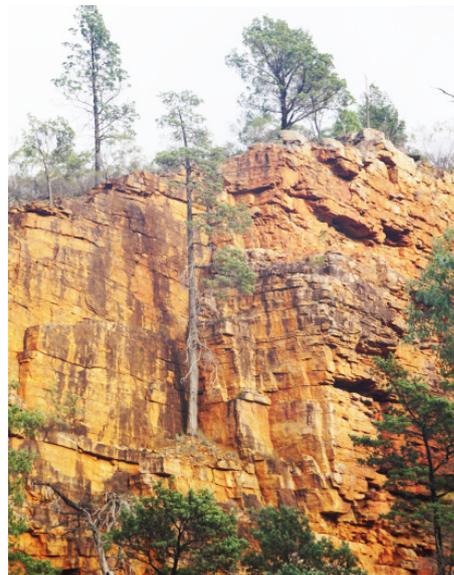
First and sixth photo are Alligator Creek. 7th photo is the Terraces in Alligator Gorge.

The rest of the photos are of Hidden Gorge.





*Above, Port Bonython
in the distance.*



Victorian man missing in deep snow in Tasmanian wilderness found alive

—Yan Zhuang and Rachel Eddie

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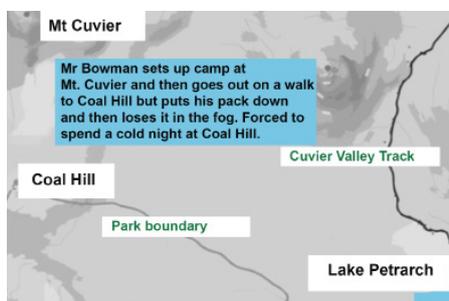


Photo from <https://www.westpacrescuetas.com.au/about/our-crew/our-crew>

Mr Bowman was one of several hikers who became trapped in the national park amid blizzard-like conditions. A West Australian father and daughter missing since Sunday were also found on Tuesday by a rescue party near Pelion Hut in Cradle Mountain.

A rescue helicopter was unable to winch them to safety due to bad weather. Police and a paramedic then walked in to meet them and walk out together to be met by a rescue helicopter. The helicopter had been brought in to search for Mr Bowman on Monday but was grounded due to fears of dangerous wind speeds. In a statement, police reminded anyone going into alpine weather conditions to be properly prepared. “Tasmanian alpine conditions can be dangerous and unpredictable,” the statement said.

Bureau of Meteorology senior forecaster Matthew Thomas said the strong winds that stoked the blizzards had eased on Tuesday. “The winds have eased back considerably since yesterday,” Mr Thomas said. The freezing weather caught numerous hikers off guard.



On Tuesday, a school group from Tasmania’s south and a British man were evacuated from the park. On Monday, a Brisbane man was rescued from near Lake St Clair, while two NSW hikers were saved from the Walls of Jerusalem National Park to the south.

Tasmanian police have urged people not to travel to the areas unless they are properly equipped. “Anyone who is venturing into Tasmanian alpine conditions should be fully aware of forecast and unpredictability in weather conditions. They should be experienced bushwalkers and have the right equipment,” Inspector Darren Hopkins said.



When the wheels fall off your safety preparations

By Bruce Marquis

Melbourne man Michael Bowman, a 57-year-old “experienced bushwalker” walked into the Mt Cuvier region of Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park on his own in July. First mistake! Don’t walk alone in remote areas. After setting up camp at Mt Cuvier he went for a short walk to Coal Hill wearing a pack with, all the appropriate safety gear. We know he had an EPIRB. Unfortunately, he made the mistake of putting his pack down in heavy fog and lost it. Really, on your own in the wilderness, it is your lifeline so under no circumstances would you move away from and lose sight of such vital equipment. Subsequently, he followed his steps in the snow back to his tent. He spent a week living on diminishing supplies before being rescued by helicopter. It would appear that the weather conditions were too severe for him to attempt to continue his walk or walk out. The helicopter had difficulty locating him in the conditions, even though it was near to him. Should Mr Bowman have carried flares? Perhaps he should have kept the emergency beacon on his person instead of in his pack? Was he carrying extra supplies in his main pack for such an emergency? It doesn’t appear so. Although Mr Bowman was an experienced walker and carried an EPIRB, I think the comments of by James Dunlevie in an ABC article are appropriate:

The weather in Tasmania is the joker in the pack for those who venture into the wilderness — it has caught many out, with fatal consequences for those who are under-prepared for conditions which can deteriorate inside an hour.

I think Mr Bowman was prepared with the right equipment but cavalier in his attitude towards what the Tassy weather could throw at him.

Base Map

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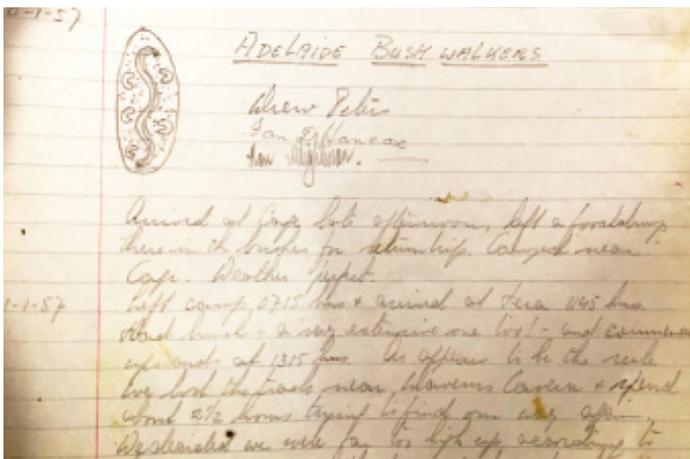
Tahune Hut Logbook—Jason Quinn



Old Lake Tahune hut, abc.net.au.

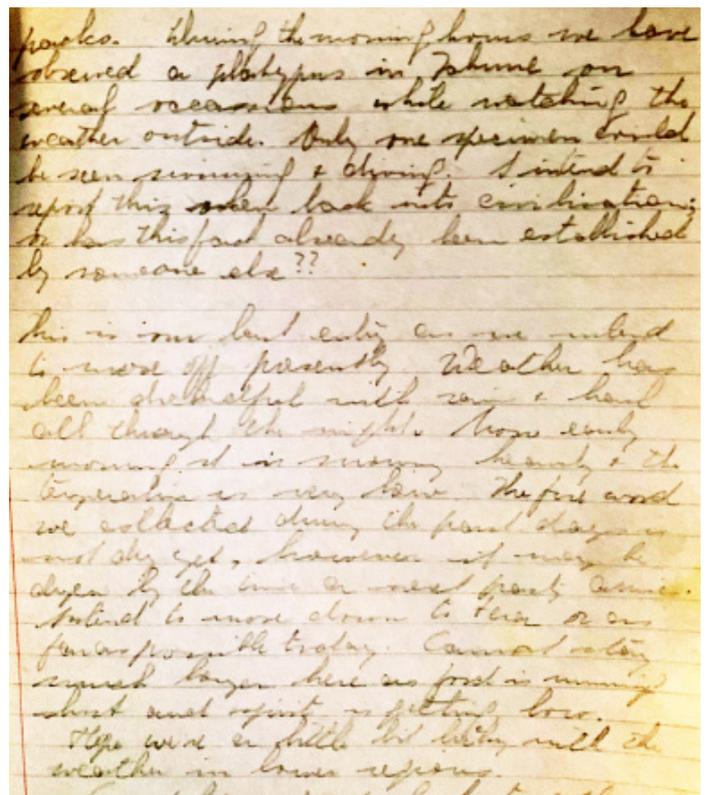


The view looking down to the new Lake Tahune Hut, abc.net.au.



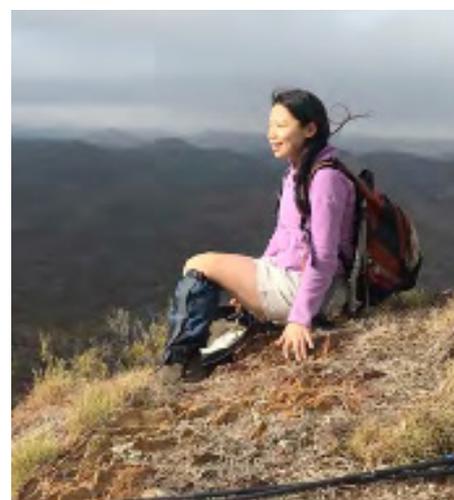
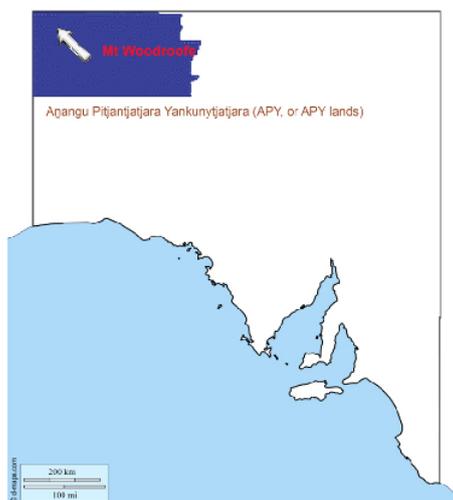
Logbook entry

Whilst walking in Frenchmans Cap in Tasmania, Jason Quinn, and a number of other group members came across this logbook in Tahune Hut, written by an ABW club member back in January of 1957. Although hard to decipher, it is a valuable artefact, that provides a great deal of history to the ABW.



Logbook entry

ABW 75th celebrations—Bruce Marquis



At this point it is likely that 4 events will occur: 1. ‘Beyond the Heysen Trail’ walking event. 2. a peak bagging event or similar. 3. an event in or close to Adelaide. 4. climb Mt Woodroffe.

The committee agreed that further suggestions will be accepted for the remainder of 2019 and will be stored in a dedicated folder on OwnCloud, and that a program will be decided in early 2020 and organised through 2020 for implementation in 2021. The committee agreed that a subcommittee will be required to organise the 75th celebrations and Roxanne Crooke would form part of that sub-committee.

There was discussion by the committee on the possibility of climbing Mount Woodroffe and the logistics of this in terms of required permissions. (as Mt Woodroffe is on APY lands) Roxanne advised that a tour operator from Uluru visits Mt Woodroffe annually. If you have ideas or would like to help organise ABW’s 75th anniversary events contact Roxanne Crooke: gohiking@adelaidebushwalkers.org

MT LOFTY RANGES

	Elevation	Points		Elevation	Points
Bumbunga Hill	415m	1	Mt Lofty	720m	
Campbell Hill	309m	1	- normal routes		1
Mt Cone	400m	1	- from the sea		4
Mt Crawford	560m	1	Mt Magnificent	382m	1
Mt Gould	480m	1	Mt Misery	530m	1
Mt Hayfield	354m	1	Mt Pleasant	540m	1
Kaiser Stuhl	600m	2	Mt Rapid	270m	1

MID-NORTH

Baroota Nob	650m	4	New Campbell Hill	710m	1
Mt Bryan	936m	2	Razorback	863m	2
Deput Hill	789m	1	Stein Hill	609m	1

FLINDERS RANGES - SOUTH OF ELDER RANGE

Mt Arden	844m	3	Mt Elm	686m	2
Barratta Hill	459m	2	Mt Eyre	400m	2
The Battery	630m	4	Hut Hill	560m	2
Mt Benjamin	467m	2	Marchant Hill	801m	3
Black Rock	850m	4	The Pinnacle	630m	4
The Bluff (Arden Vale)	410m	3	Mt Ragless	515m	2
The Bluff (Telowie Gorge)	740m	3	Mt Ragless South	550m	3
Mt Brown	950m	4	Mt Remarkable	560m	3
Mt Cavern	770m	4	Wilyerpa Hill	880m	4
Devils Peak	675m	2	Wyacca Bluff	494m	3
Dutchmans Stern	820m	2	Yappala Peak	670m	2

One of the proposals for the 75th anniversary is to climb Mt Woodroffe. In the state’s far north west.

Mt Woodroffe is on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara or APY lands and we will require permission from the traditional owners.

Another proposal is a yearlong peak bagging competition. Here, Hanna Wang bags a peak in the Flinders Ranges in 2018.

An excerpt from Tandanya Summer 2002 detailing peaks to climb and points allocated for a peak bagging competition.

Going Old School Navigation

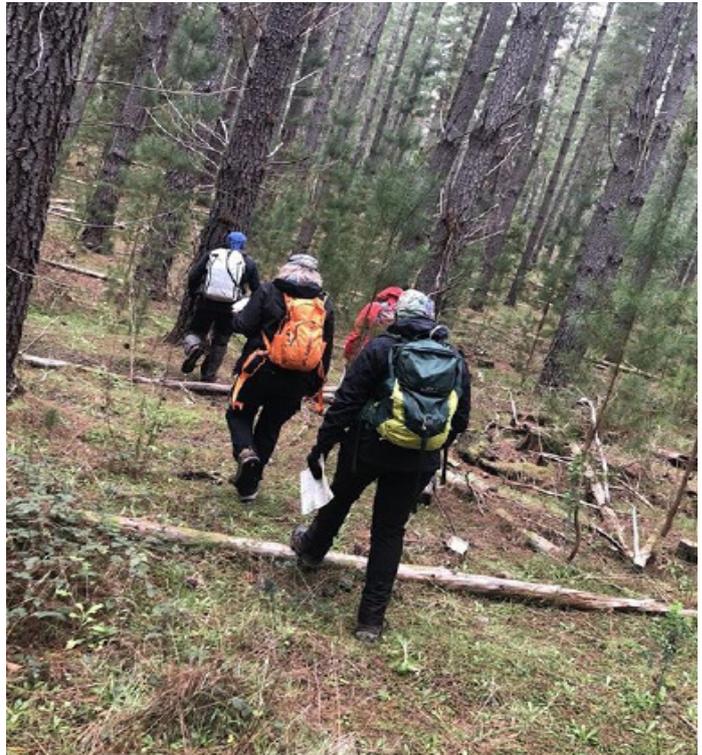
—leave the smart phone and Google Maps behind



Hello everyone! We've still got a few places left on our last Introduction to Map & Compass course for 2019 on 25—26 October. Still just \$80 with all proceeds going to support Scouting in South Australia.

Get in touch if you'd like to secure a spot via simon@soc.com.au—
Stay safe out there!

Simon



<https://silva.se/product/compasses/compasses-outdoor/expedition/>



*Images from previous
Introduction to
Map and Compass
training session.*

Solo Walk—Cape to Cape Western Australia—*Mal Watt*



The 125 km Cape to Cape trail links the lighthouses of Cape Naturaliste (north) and Cape Leeuwin (south) in the far south west of Western Australia. The track passes through varied and impressive coastal and forest scenery. In spring you will see whales off the coast to add to the joy of this walk, particularly around Cape Naturaliste, and potentially many wild flowers, such as orchids and coastal heath.

In October 2018 I hiked north to south over 7 nights and 8 days. This was made up of 3 half days, 5 full days; 130 km through about 50 hours of walking including breaks.

It is possible to connect to the start and end “nearby” townships of Dunsborough and Augusta by TransWA coach via Perth Airport (so you could fly in and flyout this hike) – though as I had a car, I drove the three hours from Perth to Dunsborough (the latter has many trendy cafes, that is no chunky steak pies or vanilla slices, and some bakeries with said food) and onto the lighthouse.

I was fortunate to park my car in front of the entrance to the Cape Naturaliste visitor centre for the week without it being molested. At the end of the walk a \$19 taxi ride from Cape Leeuwin lighthouse took me to Augusta, where I took a coach the next day back to Dunsborough and was generously given a lift by a local to my car.

Alternatively, it is possible to walk a 13.5 km coastal route from Dunsborough to Cape Naturaliste, and of course a taxi is an option especially for a small group. It is then another 11km to the first campsite.

At the end lighthouse, it is about another 8 km walk along the bitumen to Augusta, but as noted, call a taxi, you deserve it!

There are four dedicated walker’s campsites, with tables, water and a loo provided – water is from a pair of linked rainwater tanks, and on my walk all tanks were at 50%. Other “serviced” overnight options include a few coastal townships and caravan parks and the Contos national park camp (the only place you are allowed a camp fire).

I found that the walker campsites were not all spaced for a comfortable day’s walk, and some days were relatively long distances (such as Mt Duckworth camp to Moses Camp - 26km). I also stayed at Prevelly, Hamelin Bay and the Contos camp ground. I saw some adhoc spots people have used sometimes near winter water sources.

If doing this again (and I hope I will), I would add one or two more days to the walk and take more advantage of cafes at Prevelly and Gracetown so as to carry a bit less food.

Information and guides: Walk the Cape to Cape Map Pack (Parks and Wildlife) and The Cape to Cape Track Guide Book (the book is good for beach entry and exit photos and descriptions) – also see www.capetocapetrack.com.au for lots of details.

The route does its best to keep walkers away from vehicles, but some sections are 4WD tracks. Phone coverage was intermittently available (Telstra) – sometimes only on the beach or high ground.



This track is not really isolated - it was common to come across someone every hour due to many coastal access tracks - either surfers, 4WDer's, campers, days walkers, fishermen; with few overnight walkers (most was six at one camp). There are some creek outlets that might have to be waded subject to rain. The Margaret River estuary can be an issue.

There was a "winter" bypass still in effect for the river, however I met a local ex-ranger who told me of its current state (pun intended), so I continued along the more interesting coastal route - I took my shoes off and waded with care with it just below my thighs – though some day-walkers told me they had watched a hiker fall over with pack and all, on the day before.

Pay close attention for beach exits – easy to miss due to changed conditions on the beaches or simply not paying attention. On long beach sections (one section is six kilometres), and subject to tide, I found it easiest to take my shoes off and walk in the surf wash, as the sand was firmest there.

There be snakes. Twice a robust snake (probably Dugites) zipped across only a meter or so in front of me – this was in a wetlands section that had lots of frogs. I also met some very calm monitor lizards and bobtails. Mosquitoes came out at night. Swimming – it is a very exposed coast and has beach rips, but there are some lovely small protected sections, and the beach at Prevelly and lagoon at Yallingup are popular.

I wore Merrill sneakers (water proof, it did drizzle at times), and soft bamboo socks, but missed not having short gaiters to keep sand out. When it is warm, sand makes it much hotter and thirstier. I would not do this in summer (and miss the flowers), but then I have done the Nelson to Portland coast track in summer and it was fine (apart from one 40-degree day). Services at: Yallingup (caravan park), Gracetown (e.g. Gracies General Store for burgers and coffee), Prevelly (e.g. the caravan park and Sea Garden Café), Hamelin Bay (only a caravan park and its limited opening kiosk, some treats available at the office).

Watch the Indian Ocean sunsets. Underfoot can be beach sand, creek outlets, surf, sand dunes, 4WD coastal tracks, and leaf littered forest tracks, sharp limestone sections, blow hole sections, stairs, and maybe some mud.





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