

## Trip Report: April 7th -8<sup>th</sup>

### Abercrombie River National Park and Abercrombie Caves

#### Reporter: Melissa and Rowland Hudd

Trip Leader: Ian & Luisa Reid

Attendees: Andrew Budd

Paul & Wendy Budd

Melissa, Rowland, Nicholas & Rhys Hudd

Chris Keys (Tail End Charlie)

## Day 1

We all met up at 9:30am at the common in Oberon, the Hudds were the last to arrive and after all the kids & toys fallen out of the back doors of the Landcruiser the introductions began. By this time, Ian & Luisa Reid, Paul, Wendy & Andrew Budd, and Chris Keys had mostly collected their jaws (which had hit the ground as they saw 2 children under 5 emerge from the Hudd vehicle). Aahhhhh newcomers they thought.

After introductions and a brief discussion of the trip we departed 9:45am in convoy procedure...however at 9:47am, the Hudds needed to stop for fuel...the only group not get any on the way in! Already off to an interesting start.



We next drove through Black Springs and Ian, as the trip leader, generously took us on the scenic route through Black Springs. Once we were back on the road to Abercrombie and after 20 minutes of dusty driving we stopped at the entrance to the Abercrombie River NP. Paul discovered a small rock had managed to embed itself into the passenger side rear tyre...this was airing down. The wheel was changed and the rest finished airing down, and again we were off into the NP.

1st stop was 'The Sink' camping area, and after a short stroll across the river and a good look

round we soon mounted up again and headed off, again Ian generously offered to take the scenic route and in fact back tracked to the entrance to the NP for those who had forgotten the way in.

Onto the next spot...Licking Hole via Black Hill fire trail for a stop and some lunch.

On a full stomach and with new nappies on the Hudd kids we set off again via Felled Timber Fire Trail, The Hudds parted



ways with the party at Brass Walls Fire Trail owing to a camper trailer in tow that was not suitable for this section of the track and continued down Middle Fire Trail, the party then rejoined at the intersection of Middle Fire Trail and Bald Hill Fire Trail for the run down to Silent Creek camping area.

Arrived at Silent Creek camping area around 4pm and set up camp. A few of the boys went off to get wood for the campfire. A good night was had with many members trying to solve the problems of the world over a beer and a few good



reds.

## Day 2

Woke to a chilly morning, however no frost to be seen even though it was about 2 degrees. Campers awoke clad in beanies and jackets, but once the sun raised its head we all started to defrost under a clear blue sky.

Packed up camp and headed off to Abercrombie Caves at around 9.30am. Great views exiting the campsite as we traveled over the ridge tops. Stopped at "The Beach" campsite for a quick visit on our way out.

From there it was a 2 hour scenic drive to Abercrombie Caves. We all had a spot of lunch. Some members stayed to do the self guided tour of the caves, whilst the others departed for the Sunday afternoon trip home.

A great weekend.