Jellore State Forest - 8/3/14

Stefan-Trip Leader
Sabastian passenger to Stefan
Clinton and Valerie with the kids Valton and
Tiffany
Ratish with Savin and Sandeep
Gary and son Luke

Just another play in the bush down south in the Jellory State Forest just off the Wombeyan Caves Rd south of Mittagong.

Stefan our trip leader for the day brought his new to him Discovery 1. It being his first time in the bush with it and first time driving a manual, so I guess a learning curve for him as with the rest of us in our own respective cars on this type of track. The track basically gets straight in to it, down and weaving around trees and over steps. It was at the bottom of the first obstacle that we all discovered nature at its potential. Little Voltron stood near an Army Ants nest and soon gave out a wail which was followed by mum Valerie ripping his pants off and in doing so flicked an ant or two onto dad

Clinton where he got devoured as well. So here we are in the bush with one screaming and the other saying "but I got bit too, where is my attention Val?"

Along the Track

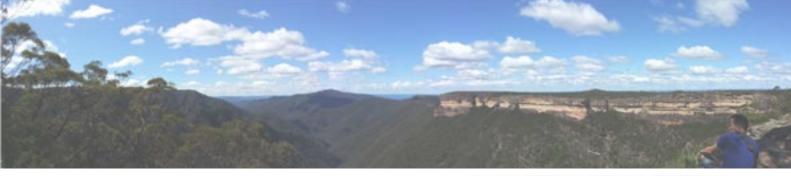
After applying some ointment to both victims we continued on with the trip to the power line section. This area gave us all an insight to good wheel placement and vehicle heights. Ratish discovering that a lift on the back needs to be equalled with a lift above standard at the front, hence a protection plate mount being damaged and I guess another excuse to get a new mod.

Lunch wasn't far from the power line area and what a view. From here we had a look at the 35" part of the track, this wasn't for our trucks as we weren't modified enough, though it was interesting to discuss how one would attempt to do it all the same. After poncing around there we carried on driving around practicing getting our driving confidence. We never seemed to be too far from our start location and ended up having to drive up the first obstacle we came down, giving us a different perspective and good practice, after all what goes down might have to go up, keep that in mind next time you take a leap down a track.

Whilst playing in the bush we heard a strange noise coming from one of the trees, alas it was a strange looking French hobbit. The little

French man didn't stand a chance, for he didn't realise the tree he was in was possessed, for it was a rare





Australian "Hobitanextractis" tree which get there groth spurts from devouring Hobits, sort of like a venus fly trap. See before and after pictures on the right.

Well on a side note after the day was finnished, Luke and I left the group and went to Wallondilly River where we stayed the night. The next day we decided to go to Kanangra Walls via Langs Rd off Wombeyan Caves Rd and with a cool Echidna and lizard sighting along the way.

Kanangra Walls, another 30Km each way on durt at 2pm from Jenolan Caves Rd. It is worth the drive with spectaculare views. A must see if you have never been, camping available, although behind cabled areas, no car access.

Gary







