

## Trip report



# Rich Pickings

Blackberry Picking – Marangaroo / Lidsdale

Participants:

Nigel & Vicki Ward (trip leaders)	Landcruiser
Rizwan Ahmed & Friends	Prado
Chris Pavlov & Family	Jackaroo
Denise & Michael Kruger	Hilux
Ed Walker	Ranger
Daniel & Kylie & Boys	Patrol
Geoff & James Hancock	Navara
Lenny & Deb Khor + 6	Landcruiser

We were all to meet up at the Lithgow Shell Service Station by 9am and were on our way pretty much on time. Around Lake Lyell and over the dam wall we travelled, and pulling up after turning onto the dirt to air down.

Once aired down we made our way to the clearing where Basic Driver Training is conducted. Some were more fruitful in getting berries, but it would seem that we were not the first ones to come through for the season.

Looking to move onto another area, the Groth's decided to join us who were the last to join us. A bit further down the road and it was peak hour at the pit. All vehicles went straight up and over, some went back for seconds and we all ended up following the track down on the left.

JACKPOT! – We pulled up and everyone got their fill of blackberries. It was around midday when we finally stopped picking and lunch was calling.

A short trip further down the track and we were in a nice flat grassy area next to the water for lunch. Kids caught fish and some went back to blackberry picking while eating lunch. We even had a visit by someone in Subaru XV. Nigel was king of the kids handing out zooper doopers, but don't tell the kids they were 100% fruit!

After lunch we completed the training track for a bit of fun. We took the scenic route after the river crossing and stopped at the next crossing for a bit where the kids had the chance to get out and wet their feet for a bit. Ranger Dave stopped by for a chat and was pleased to see people enjoying the park. A little further down the track and we ended up on the Bathurst Road where we aired up and said our goodbyes.

Thanks Nigel & Vicki for organising a relaxing day out.





