

The Gorge Station Retreat Easter 2006

Due to the fact that the designated trip leaders, Kevin & Christine were unable to lead the trip at the last minute because of other commitments, Wray & Jan stood in for them. As most on the trip were visitors we met on the Highway early Friday morning and met Phil & son at Beaudesert whilst we were having breakfast. Apparently Phil had slept in due to a late night the night before.

We then headed off in convoy down to Bonalbo and onto the Gorge Retreat. We set up camp and explored the area as well as collecting fire-wood as the nights looked like being cold, even though the younger set went swimming in the creek.

Saturday arrived and the 4WD enthusiasts bought a pass to try the tracks out on the property. Apart from following a few dead end tracks and a certain Rodeo losing traction in the greasy black soil there were no other incidents.

Camp oven dinners were the order on Saturday night except for Phil whose son was the designated chef for the weekend.



The official trip leaders arrived while the rest of the group were on a trip to "Hempville" (Nimbin) and the surrounding areas on Sunday morning. They had their camp setup and were "relaxing" after playing Easter Bunny when we arrived back. Phil & crew disappeared around this time so I guess they headed home unless they bought some cupcakes and went bush somewhere else.

Once dinner was over everyone got involved in the games which had been organized by one of the visitors. One of the games was a different version of pass the parcel and once you won the prize there was good chance of losing it if someone else liked it. It was good entertainment value and everyone appeared to have a great time.

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On Monday morning we packed up and headed to South West Rocks while the others other made their way home - with some deviations, I believe.

A most enjoyable weekend was had by all and a nice spot for camping and honing in on our 4WD skills.

Wray & Jan

