

## ABERCROMBIE RIVER NATIONAL PARK

Trip Leaders:- Richard & Lorraine C, GU Patrol  
 Followers: Fred & Robert De R...Pathfinder  
 Melanie D & Andy J...Patrol  
 Craig R ...Patrol GU  
 Glenn S..Patrol ute ,chopped & channelled  
 Marcel C & Lydia B (pass.) GU  
 Steve S Patrol GU

Lithgow Macka start, on the dot, sunny.  
 Lovely names, Duckmanton, Oberon Old Shooters Roads.  
 Loved the haybales falling to bits , white with cockies.  
 Brass Walls, Middle Fire Trails,  
 We had an early lunch at Silent Creek to set up our tents in the dry.  
 Pobbledebonk Frogs, yippee! + big **CRE-E-EK**, little cre-e-e-ek frogs, too.  
 Very brief visit to Licking Hole, not even enough time to find the quince tree.



We were all very impressed with Leddingham's "Hut",  
 A real mansion in the bush. A rich goldminer, maybe?

We visited the sink (of course) and had a great stone skipping comp. in the Retreat River.  
 21 was the best, we think. Perhaps it should become a Trials event?



Back to our set up tents, poor Glenn had problems though. The North Richmond Baptist Church turned up in their numbers and surrounded his swag. (*Perhaps they were going to baptise him by immersion, swag and all?*)



No need to delay Happy Hour, tents are up. A cheery camp-fire with yarns, no dampers though. The camp oven only held an apple pie.

Rain, not heavy, though, soon after bedtime, but Steve, who was sleeping rough, under a shower curtain, stayed dry, as well as everybody else.

Next morning, there were some very steep ups and downs. We were driving through mist? cloud? which is a magical atmosphere all of its own. There was some 'Motorway' driving down the "Old Colong Historic Stock Route". We came across the Talleygang road at one stage, lovely names

Lunch was at Wombeyan Caves Kiosk, discussing our trip. We only missed out on the Bald Hill trail; Richard said it was too greasy, we managed all the others.

**Good Work**, fellers.

On the way home, came a voice over the radio. "*Good afternoon, Richard*" It was Chris C, who had taken his caravan down, in preparation for the Working Bee and Trials.

Is it high enough, this time, Chris?  
Home in daylight, the traffic wasn't too heavy.



Thanks everybody, especially Richard & Lorraine, for a memorable and refreshing weekend.

Lydia Bell