

GREATER WESTERN 4X4 CLUB

GREAT GATHERING!

RUNNING CREEK CAMP SITE-AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

**Friday the 26th of January to Sunday the 28th
2024**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The Howqua/Jamieson area is magnificent and picturesque area that caters for all skill levels of Four Wheel Driving. There is excellent fishing along the Howqua River, Rainbow and Brown Trout are the two main species that can be caught. There are also some lovely wineries and the Jamieson Brewery a short drive away.
- If you wish to attend the Trip, but may need to leave the Trip early, please advise the Trip Leader prior to the Trip so that the Trip Leader can plan for your safe exit. Ideally, you should be registered for the whole event.
- All Trip Participants, including passengers, must wear fully enclosed footwear (e.g. sneakers, work type boots) whilst on driving day trips.
- Passengers are welcome in Members' vehicles.
- In accordance with Club Regulations, no Alcohol is permitted or to be consumed on this trip until all driving is completed for the day.
- Daily trekking is expected to commence at approximately 0930am Friday and Saturday mornings. That way we can be back early in the afternoon for a play in the river if it's warm enough.
- The trip officially ends Sunday morning.
- Running Creek campsite is located on the Howqua River Rd/Track. After leaving Mansfield drive towards Jamieson on the Mansfield Woods Point Rd, for approximately 30km. Immediately after you cross the Howqua River bridge (inlet) turn left onto the Howqua River Rd and drive along it for approximately 10km, you will see running Creek sign posted on your left. The campsite is in the Mansfield State Forest, so don't look for the sign until you are in the bush and past the farms and houses.

- **MEETING PLACE:**

Running Creek camp site

The campsite features 2 drop toilets and is on the river having more than enough room to handle several large groups. The campsite is suitable for camper trailers and caravans of all sizes. If you're towing a caravan, please be aware the track is steep coming into the campsite, however it looks worse than it is.

TRIP STARTING TIME:

Friday the 26th 0900 Daily trip Briefing before we head out to explore the area.

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:

600kms approximately (including tracks) return from Melbourne.

FUEL:

Full Tank from Mansfield should be sufficient; however, basic groceries and fuel is available in Jamieson nearby.

TRIP STANDARD:

We will be catering to all levels, however a snatch, and/or winch recovery may be expected. To attend this Trip, you must have a full recovery kit and at least All Terrain tyres. Due to the tracks selected for this trip, it should be noted that vehicle damage may occur (though highly unlikely)

RECOVERY EQUIPMENT:

The minimum requirement is one Snatch Strap, 2 Bow Shackles rated 4.75 Tonne each, a Dampener and Riggers Gloves (a full recovery kit is preferable and more appropriate). Riggers Gloves must be worn when dealing with recovery equipment or for track clearing if encountered. An inspection of recovery equipment will be carried out at the meeting place, therefore please ensure you have your equipment with you and that it is in very good condition.

VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT:

Your vehicle must be Roadworthy and appropriately set up for the trip (**if you know of any mechanical or maintenance issues with your vehicle, you must have these fully resolved/rectified before the Trip**). You will not need extra ground clearance for the tracks, however a suspension lift of at least 2 inches is advised. Appropriate or Acceptable front and rear recovery points, for snatch strapping or winching, are essential. Due to the terrain a minimum of all terrain tyres, however, mud terrain tyres would be ideal, especially if we encounter wet weather. Tyres on or very close to roadworthy are not acceptable. Onboard UHF Radio, basic vehicle spares and tools, First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher.

FOOD AND GENERAL PROVISIONS:

You need to be fully self-sufficient and bring enough food, Water and Snacks for all persons in your vehicle for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. You also need to bring sufficient Water for every person in your vehicle (for daily drives). Basic groceries Milk bread etc) and fuel can be purchased in the nearby town of Jamieson.

Weather can be very unpredictable in the mountains so please bring warm articles of clothing, like a jacket or coat, beanie and gloves to protect you from the cold.

EMERGENCY CONTACT / PERSONAL DETAILS:

Each driver must bring three (3) sealed envelopes (with your name and vehicle on the front) containing completed Emergency Contact / Personal Details forms for all persons travelling in the vehicle. Please complete these prior to leaving home. You should retain one envelope in the vehicle glove box or centre console and provide two envelopes to the Trip Leader at Sign On, which will be returned to you at the end of the trip.

TRIP REGISTRATION:

[To register for the Trip, please add your name to the Facebook group the committee has created for this event.](#)

EVENT ORGANISER:

Greater Western 4X4 Club Committee