

PRE-TRIP REPORT

Omeo Region January 2016

Trip leader: David Blore

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Start Date: Monday 18 January 2016

Meeting place: Myrtleford, 9 am Monday

Trip duration: expected to be two nights away, returning Wednesday night

Trip rating: Medium-Hard (I haven't recce'd the area so have no first-hand knowledge of track conditions)

Type of tyre tread required: All-Terrain at a minimum, with better than 60% tread.

Fuel requirements/places to purchase fuel: Full tank ex Myrtleford; 450-500 km touring range required. Fuel is available at Omeo on the way out should the need arise.

Minimum recovery gear required: Snatch straps, shovel etc

Winch required If you have one Wheel chains required No

Fire restrictions: Most probably will be some restrictions. Plan meals for the possibility of a Total Fire Ban, i.e. no campfire or open fire cooking.

Type of Accommodation/camping: Tent-based, base camping for two nights at Cams Top Place or nearby (on river); locations not confirmed at present.

Maximum number of vehicles (*first in gets a placing*): 6 vehicles + TEC

Personal equipment requirements: Gear for very hot as well as possible cold and wet conditions.

Trip Details:

We will be travelling to the Omeo region via Mt Hotham and the Dinner Plain Track (with a coffee stop at Dinner Plain on the way). There are a number of scenic locations to visit; we will encounter steep tracks (with a few very steep sections), with numerous river crossings of varying depth.

Drivers must be experienced in 4wd driving in steep terrain; vehicles must be mechanically sound, have low range and good tyres as noted above. Weather will be significant to the difficulty or otherwise of the trip; wet weather could affect river depths and may result in a change to the planned route.

If extreme fire weather or heavy storms are forecast, the trip will be postponed.

Expressions of Interest: Contact David to reserve your place. First come first served.

Note again: Trip will definitely be postponed if bushfires are active in the High Country.