

Pre-Trip Report

(to be sent to the Webmaster, Newsletter Editor & Trip Coordinator prior to trip)

Trip Name: Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Destination: Either north of Omeo in an extended loop around Dartmouth Dam (The most likely trip to happen) incorporating places such as Buenba Flat, Mt Sassafras, Zulu Ck, Glen Dart old town site, Mt Benambra and much more **OR** in an area west and south of Omeo incorporating Mt Sarah, Talbotville, Marthavale, Baylisses and much more

Details/Plan: Which trip we run will be optional at this stage depending on weather leading up to the weekend. Some tracks in the area south of Omeo will be very difficult if wet so we will most likely run the trip to the north of Omeo. Both trips are quite similar in that we will camp at a different location each night, camper trailers and caravans are not suited to either trip so bring your tent or swag. Both trips will incorporate some high country huts, some easy driving, a couple of more challenging (but certainly not extreme) sections and a great time spent out in the bush. I may need to revise the trip plan whilst the actual trip is underway to suit weather conditions, track conditions / suitability, etc and the actual time it is taking us to travel the proposed route to ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable weekend and arrive home at a reasonable hour on the Monday.

Trip leader: Dave and Fiona

Emergency Contact:

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— Please advise the trip leader by **SUNDAY 5th June 2016** of your intention to participate —

Start Date: Saturday 11th June 2016

Return Home Date: Monday 13th June 2016

Start time: 8:30am

Meeting place: Clubrooms at Tarrawingee

Estimated return time: mid / late afternoon

Trip rating: medium

Type of Tyre tread recommended: good all terrains with LT construction as a minimum

Fuel requirements/places to purchase fuel: Myrtleford and Omeo have fuel depending upon which trip we go with. You will need to have enough fuel for the trip once we leave those towns

Recovery gear: minimum of recovery points front and rear of your vehicle, shackles and snatch strap. There will be some water crossings, generally not too deep but localised rainfall can affect water levels so a snorkel is recommended.

Winch required: Not essential.

Chainsaw: If you have one please bring it. More hands make light work!

Wheel chains required: Chains are required to be carried by all vehicles entering Alpine Resorts during the snow season. At this stage both trips are planned to return via Alpine resorts (Hotham or Falls Ck depending upon the trip). I can re-route the trip that would return via Falls Ck to return via Mitta Mitta and avoid the Alpine Resort and it may add a few more Km. The trip to the south of Omeo is very difficult to re-route without adding many extra Km and it would probably be cheaper to hire chains than to pay for the extra fuel.

Fire restrictions: we will likely need good fires to keep warm!

Type of accommodation: BYO tent or swag

Maximum number of vehicles: 6

UHF Radio Channel: 14

Map coverage: Hema high country map covers both trips. My preference is for Spatial Vision or Rooftop maps for the high country but I'll have a selection of hard copy and electronic maps so no need to go buying new maps if you don't have them.

Personal equipment & clothing: It is the high country, it could be sunny and warm in the morning and snowing by lunch time so bring appropriate wet weather gear and plenty of warm clothing. Bring all your own equipment and food to be self sufficient for the entire trip. Anyone who uses those small butane canister stoves, be aware that in really cold weather the canisters freeze up and your stove won't work.