

WANGARATTA 4WD CLUB PRE-TRIP REPORT

Track Clearing Weekend 14-15 October 2017

- Trip leader:** David Blore
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- Tail end Charlie:** TBA
- Trip leader contact details:** ☎ David: 0407 885 410, email david.blore@gmail.com
- Start Date:** Saturday 14 October 2017
- Meeting place and time:** At the Parks Vic Depot, 4900 Main Road, Whitfield, (up the hill from the pub and Whitty Cafe), 9 am Saturday
- Trip duration:** One night away
- Trip rating:** Medium-Hard (subject to track conditions and extent of clearing encountered – Chris has not been able to recce the tracks so far)
- Type of tyre tread required:** All-Terrain at a minimum, with better than 50% tread.
- Fuel requirements:** Full tank ex Wangaratta or Benalla.
- Minimum recovery gear required:** Snatch straps, shovel etc
- Winch required** If you have one
- Wheel chains required** No
- Fire restrictions:** Unlikely.
- Type of Accommodation/camping:** Tent-based, location not confirmed and subject to progress on the day.
- Maximum number of vehicles (first in gets a placing):** No maximum – the more the merrier!
- Personal equipment requirements:**
Gear for warm as well as possible cold and wet conditions. Full PPE must be worn if planning to operate a chainsaw (ONLY IF ACCREDITED TO DO SO!). PPE should be worn by all participants when working on fallen timber.
- Trip Details:**
We will be working with Chris Clarke, Acting Area Chief Ranger, Western Alps, North East District, Parks Victoria to clear tracks of fallen timber, starting from the Whitfield locality. Subject to numbers we may split into two teams. We may also have members from other 4WD Clubs joining us – yet to be confirmed. Chris will be in overall control for the weekend and may indicate what resources are to be deployed and where.
- 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 work undertaken; wet weather could affect the whole plan and may result in a change to the planned work or cancellation if too inclement.
- Expressions of Interest:**
Contact David to advise if you are coming. A list has been circulating for some time but interest has been shown by a few other members – would be great to see more than the four members presently listed!