

## ABW ACTIVITY INVENTORY (AI) - Activity Information Record

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Activity Code W Area code Victoria Record No 0008

### Activity

Walk

### Location

Bridgelwater Lakes to Point Danger (Gannet Colony) on the Great South West Walk (GSWW). Which is walking the 3 Capes on the GSWW near to Portland Victoria. Completed on a long weekend in October, which is 2 and a half days walking.

### Outline of activity

Backpacking overnight walking from established "walk" campsite to campsite.

### Permits & permissions required, with contact details

No permits or permissions needed. The Friends of GSSW, Bridgewater Café and the Cape Nelson Lighthouse are all contactable from web sites. All are have been very helpful. Registration of walks can be undertaken by contacting the local Police or the Discovery Information Center in Portland. See the GSWW web site for more information.

### Maps required

I used a Spatial Maps CD and made copies of the relevant section to be used. I also used Google Maps and John Chapmans book "Bushwalking in Australia" All systems have limitations. I anticipate Carto Graphics soon to be released GSWW map to of great benefit.

### Travel: recommendations, times, car shuffling, parking etc.

See the routes section for the ABW bus details. Car trip to Nelson or Portland is necessary which is approx 6 hours. Bus time is approx 7 hours. The entire route can easily be walked over 2 trips of about a week each. A bike can be used for a schuffle as the circuit as roughly an oval shape. Using the narrow part of the oval for the bike trip back to a parked car. This walk also can encompass a town stop in the middle of either walk. Alternatively the Friends of the GSWW have been known to offer a lift to help out schuffles. Parking in remote trail areas is a possible risk and local Police should be notified of parked cars and trip plans

### Water availability

Each campsite has a rainwater tank with water which may need to be treated. The campsites also have a toilet, shelter and a fire ring with a cooking plate.

### Restrictions (fires, gates etc.)

The Country Fire Authority or the Victorian Government web sites have the relevant fire guidance information.

### Route overview

The bus dropped us off 9am at Bridgeland Lakes. We walked all day arriving at Trewalla Campsite late afternoon. This 24k was undertaken with 14 people with the usual breaks and an extra break at the Bridgwater Bay Café. The next day was 14.8k from Trewalla to Mallee Camp and was stretched out easily enough with a longish stop at the Cape Nelson Lighthouse "Isabellas" Café. Last half day was from Mallee Camp to Point Danger and the bus pick up was 15k. This was completed from a 7.30am start at a fast pace to meet the bus at 12am.

### Campsites used & possible alternatives

See above. The entire list of campsites and details are listed on the GSWW web site

### Walk Ratings:

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| <b>Distance</b>          | S: Short, 0-9 km            | M: Medium, 10-17 km       | L: Long, 18+ km               |
| <b>Gradient</b>          | E: Undulating               | M: Steep                  | H: Very steep/exposed         |
| <b>Terrain</b>           | E: Track/open, 4 km/h       | M: Medium scrub, 2-4 km/h | H: Heavy scrub/rock, 0-2 km/h |
| <b>Qualifying? ( Q )</b> | yes<br>Walk Rating: M, E, E |                           |                               |

### Supplementary information

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**Note:** This activity outline has been compiled from information provided by ABW members. Its accuracy is subject to variations in individual members' observations, climate and weather conditions, land and ownership, accessibility, national park rules and permits.

Members should not rely on this information but use it as a guide and supplement it with their own research as appropriate.

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