





The remainder of the afternoon was spent setting up camp and having late lunch and generally relaxing around camp. Gaia & Kalden spent some time in the water and searching for frogs in amongst the reeds.

During the late afternoon there were many visitors to the area looking for a campsite and eventually we had five other vehicles for company for the night.

We enjoyed drinks & nibblies in the wind resistant shelter kindly set up by Rachael & Mick before an early dinner while still light followed by a post dinner evening of drinks & merriment although Don struggled to stay the distance as was well past his usual bedtime. .



The following morning everybody was up early and the smell of bacon cooking could be detected from one of our fellow campers but the rest of us resisted the temptation.

The plan for the day was to head to Black Point and further along the coast to Jasper Beach. It was about 8.15 when we set off but the original route was deemed unsuitable due to water & mud & slush on the track so the it was the long way round . The trip took us back to Pneumonia road and then onto Black Point road (bitumen for a short distance) before heading off into D éntrecasteau National Park and onto the 4wd track. This was a great drive with some sandy track sections and some wonderful sections through the big peppermint and jarrah forest typical of the area.

We arrived at Black Point around mid morning ,had a coffee break in the shelters kindly provided by Parks & Wildlife before spending an hour or so exploring the unique volcanic rock formations etc from which Black Point gets it's name. There were quite a few fellow visitors fishing in the various locations around the area but from their reports nothing to get excited about.





We left Black Point and headed back along the coast for about 7km on a pretty sandy track with a couple of steep climbs & descents (better our way than the other) towards Jasper beach. Drove down to the beach for a look , Rachael & Mick & crew decide to stay on the beach and try their hand fishing while the rest of us found a not so windy spot behind the sand dunes to have lunch. Their were quite a 4wd's on the beach fishing and more still camped in behind the dunes .

The fishing was not highly successful so we moved on further looking for a possible track to the mouth of the Donnelly River but after several unsuccessful excursions off the main track we decided to head back to camp.

The drive back was also excellent ,similar to the main drive in . After returning to camp and because it was quite warm all of us excepting Anthea & Val retreated to the warmish fresh water of the lake for an hour before once again enjoying drinks & nibblies . Following dinner we retreated to the shelter at Rachael & Mick's to relive the days events .

Not quite so early up on Monday morning for the pack up & drive home but we eventually left around 9 and headed out north to towards Stewart Road , pumping up tyres whenwe met the formed road. Rachael , Mick, Gaia & Kalden left us at the junction at Vasse Highway and headed home via Graphite Road to Manjimup and the Muir Highway. The rest of us headed back towards Northcliffe & Walpole and a rest stop in the magnificent karri forest south of Pemberton only to be harrassed by a thousand March flies but the magic potion

supplied by Don/Val for horses I believe, managed to to keep them at bay.

Continued on to Walpole & Nornalup with the bakery near the Valley of the Giants turn-off the obvious stopping point for a pie & coffee before the last leg back to Albany.

We would like to thank Don & Val for putting together a very enjoyable weekend and to Rachael , Mick,Gaia & Kalden for their company and look forward to the next time.

Anthea & Geoff