

Albany 4WD Club.  
Trip Report 10/1/2016.

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We assembled at the Information Bay on South Coast Highway and headed west to Denmark at 8.45 am with four cars in the convoy. It was starting to drizzle, but nothing could dampen our enthusiasm to be out on the road.

Arriving at Denmark, we headed straight to the Denmark Bakery for some fresh made pies and cakes. After tasting the pies, we proceeded to Nornalup. The drizzle got heavier but did not stop us from enjoying the trees and scenery through the mist.

By the time we arrived at Nornalup for morning tea, the drizzle had stopped. There were a few people fishing, and launching boats, and everyone enjoyed morning tea down by the Nornalup River.

At 11am we left Nornalup and back tracked to Station Road, where we saw a Helicopter in the paddock. A quick way to travel, but not for us in our 4WD's.

At the Blue Holes sign we stopped to deflate the tyres for the soft sand track ahead. Because it has been drizzling, the track was firm, and it wasn't until we arrived at the Beach that the sand became soft, and the air was very misty due to the high humidity.

We drove along the soft beach to East Point, at the mouth of the Walpole Inlet. There were a few people paddle boarding, surfing and swimming. We stood on the edge of the Inlet and a huge sting ray, we thought by the shape, glided through the water in front of us. Paddling toes quickly retreated to the sand. Lunch was enjoyed watching the water surge through the river mouth into the Inlet, and fishing boats returning from their trips out to sea.

At 1.15pm we left East Point, and back tracked along the beach, and by now the humidity had lifted. We went past the track where we had come down onto the Beach and drove all the way to the other end of the beach. The water was an aquamarine colour and very clear, considering the amount of offshore wind stirring up the sand. We could not find a track out, so we returned down the beach and found a track which met up with the original track we came in on.

At the end of the sand track we inflated the tyres and headed to Conspicuous Cliffs for a look out. We climbed down the steps for another spectacular view. Our next stop was Peaceful Bay. It was fairly busy with Visitors, so after dipping our feet in the water, we headed to the Honey Ice Cream shop, and tried a few different varieties.

Time to head home at 4.45pm, all present thanked Neil for a fabulous trip, and terrific day out in our 4WD's.

Thanks Neil,  
Tony and Jan Christian.

