



# Trip Calendar

## Grading of Trips

**A Grade** - Very difficult trip. Winching probably required

**B Grade** - Moderate to difficult trip. Winching may be required.

**C Grade** - Moderate with some sections requiring caution.

**D Grade** - Relatively easy trip.

**E Grade** - Very easy, usually on sealed or formed roads.

*(Weather conditions on the day may require the trip categories to be upgraded)*

Distances indicated are approximate **total** distance, ie. return trip.

## Essential Equipment

- your own snatch strap and two "D" shackles (rated)
- strong towing points on the front and rear of your vehicle
- extra food, water and warm clothing in case bad weather traps you unexpectedly

## Radios

UHF Channel 10 is used by the Club on trips. An UHF radio not essential for new members but advisable for your comfort and enjoyment of trips. The Club has a number of radios for use by members (new members are given priority)

**If you need to borrow a radio for a Club trip contact the Trip Coordinator.**

## Trip Bookings

Unless otherwise indicated, bookings should be made with the **Trip Coordinator, Stephen Winterton, on 6255 8434**. Please note that booking does NOT automatically mean confirmation. You will be contacted prior to the trip to confirm your place. If you need to cancel, please advise the Trip Coordinator in the first instance **as soon as possible**, or the Trip Leader for that trip.

## IMPORTANT:

Please note that persons participating in Club trips cannot hold the Club or any of its members, Trip Leaders, or office bearers responsible or liable for the safety or well-being of a member or any other participant on a trip, including children and/or family members.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

**Members are reminded that, for the enjoyment and comfort of other members, and in observance of National Park laws, dogs (or other pets) should not be taken on Club trips.**

## APRIL

Sat 3	<b>Easy Brindabella National Park Trip:</b> Enjoy an easy drive through Brindabella National Park.	<b>Grade:</b> C-D <b>Approx Distance:</b> 250 km <b>Leader:</b> Stephen Winterton
Sat 3—Sun 4	<b>South East Forest National Park:</b> Visiting the scenic Myamba Gorge and Tantawanglo Mountain. Returning via Postman's and Cattleman's Tracks. No Trailers. Limit 8 vehicles. Trip rescheduled from March.	<b>Grade:</b> C <b>Approx Distance:</b> 400 km <b>Leader:</b> Grant MacDonald
Sat 3—Sun 4	<b>Camp Oven Cookout:</b> Share your successes and failures of camp cooking while sitting round the fire sharing a tale or two. Camping is available and guests are encouraged to relax, stroll around the olive and lavender groves or just veg out under the old gum tree, by the water with a good book and a glass of their favourite vino. Subject to fire bans.	<b>Grade:</b> D/E <b>Approx Distance:</b> 180 km <b>Leader:</b> Ray and Moya Vanags
Mon 5	<b>General Meeting:</b> Special Event — <b>Video</b> after meeting — Excerpts of 'Expedition Driving'	<b>Location:</b> Deakin Sports Club
Sun 18	<b>Brindabella Day Trip (New and Prospective Members):</b> . A leisurely drive around the Brindabellas for new and prospective members. Starting from the Cotter Reserve, there will be a short 4WD theory session, advice on convoy/radio procedures/key/stall starts/ascents/descents. Move on then through Vanities Crossing to Blundell's Flat, up Mt Coree, and exit the Brindabellas via the Two Sticks Road	<b>Grade:</b> C/D <b>Approx Distance:</b> 150km <b>Leader:</b> Trevor Owens
Sat 24	<b>Orroral Valley Bush Walk:</b> Enjoy a easy bush walk in the Orroral Valley with a picnic lunch.	<b>Grade:</b> Easy <b>Approx Distance:</b> Not Far <b>Leader:</b> Merle Hunt
Sat 24—Mon 26	<b>Victorian High Country:</b> Explore the Victorian High Country. Cravensville, Lake Dartmouth, Mt Benambra, Wheelers Creek, Mt Pinnibar, Tom Groggin. Not for novice drivers.	<b>Grade:</b> B/C <b>Approx Distance:</b> 1 200 km <b>Leader:</b> John Alexander

## APRIL cont

Thur 29—Mon 3 **Batlow.** Explore the State Forests around Batlow. Staying in the Batlow Caravan Park throughout, and making day trips into the surrounding forests to look for interesting scenery/driving/camping areas. Essentially a “Pot Luck” trip. Leisurely pace, suitable for trailers. **Grade:** D  
**Approx Distance:** 800 km  
**Leader:** Roger Quarterman

## MAY

Sat 1 **Joadja Creek:** Travel up the highway to visit a historic town, refinery and shale mines in the Berrima/Mittagong area. Entrance fee applies and includes a 2 hour guided tour of the ruins (using a “people mover”) and use of picnic/BBQ facilities. **Grade:** E  
**Approx Distance:** 400 km  
**Leader:** John Cooper

Mon 3 **General Meeting:** **Location:** Deakin Sports Club

Sat 8, Sun 9 **Yerranderie:** Visit a silver mining ghost town in the heart of the Blue Mountains. Travel via Limeburners Fire Trail. **Grade:** C  
**Approx Distance:** 600 km  
**Leader:** Geoff Hill

Sat 15 **Show and Tell Day:** Enjoy a Sausage Sizzle while checking out other Club members’ camping and vehicle setup at Molonglo Reach (just opposite Duntroon). **Grade:** N/A  
**Approx Distance:** Local  
**Leader:** Stephen Winterton

Sat 22, Sun 23 **Deua National Park:** Explore some challenging tracks in the Deua National Park. Overnight camp at Bendethra Homestead site. **Grade:** B  
**Approx Distance:** 300 km  
**Leader:** Kevin Phillips

Sat 29, Sun 30 **Broken Cart—Northern Kosciuszko National Park:** Possibly catch the first snow falls before the tracks close for winter. Walk down to the Goobarragandra River to see Chinese diggings/bridle path. Really lovely area. **Grade:** TBA  
**Approx Distance:** 600 km  
**Leader:** Geoffrey May

Sat 29 **Land Rover Club Dinner:** Enjoy the delights of a local restaurant and the company of Club members. **Grade:** N/A  
**Approx Distance:** Local  
**Leader:** Merle Hunt

## JUNE

Mon 7 **General Meeting:** Special Event — **Trivia Night** – Vie for the Land Rover Club award of ‘Most Trivial’. **Location:** Deakin Sports Club

Sat 12, Sun 13, Mon 14. **Ben Boyd NP - Salt Water Creek NSW:** Enjoy camping in this wonderful costal location. More details to follow. **Grade:** TBA  
**Approx Distance:** 600 km  
**Leader:** Geoffrey May

## JULY

Mon 5 **General Meeting:** **Location:** Deakin Sports Club

Sat 17 Jul to Sun 8 Aug **Simpson Desert via The Plenty Highway:** Full description of the trip will be in a future edition of the Trip Calendar. **Grade:** B/C  
**Approx Distance:** 7 000 km  
**Leader:** Peter Mercer

Sat 24 Jul to Fri 3 Sep 2004 **Trip to the Tip (Cape York):** Depart Canberra 24 Jul 2004 and travel via western New South Wales and Queensland, via Chillagoe, Wrotham Park and Palmer River Gold Field, joining the Peninsula Development Road just north of Laura. Then on to ‘The Tip’ via the Old Telegraph Line returning the same way. Visit Weipa, Lakefield National Park and Cooktown on the way back. From Cooktown to Mossman via the coast (will probably take the CREB track weather permitting). **Note: This trip is currently fully booked. A reserve list will be kept.** **Grade:** B, C, D and E  
**Approx Distance:** 9 000 km  
**Leaders:** Pete and Lyn Smith

## AUGUST

Mon 23—Fri 3 **Flinders Ranges — Details TBA** **Grade:** C  
**Approx Distance:** 2000 km  
**Leader:** Ria Webb

## OCTOBER

Fri 1, Sat 2, Sun 3, Mon 4 **Stockton Beach (October Long Weekend):** Come and enjoy a leisurely weekend at Stockton Beach and learn/hone your sand driving skills. The Driver Education team will be on hand to run with this weekend and give you all the tips on the hows and whys of sand driving. No limit on numbers at this stage. (Note - two convoy departures from Canberra will be catered for - 1st at 9:00am on Friday 1 Oct 04, 2nd at 5:00pm on Friday 1 Oct 04, so get the day off and come and enjoy a camp oven cookout on the Friday night). **Grade:** C/D  
**Approx Distance:** 900 km  
**Leader:** Trevor Owens