



Operation – Wet ‘n’ Wild

As we all know Melbourne has the ability to have four seasons in one day. Often the weather is unpredictable and can catch us by surprise.

Operation ‘Wet ‘n’ Wild’ will explain the process we go by to ensure the safe operation of our adventures during the wet periods.

As always, we use the Bureau of Meteorology to inform our decisions of whether the adventure is safe to go ahead.

Our aim is to avoid finding ourselves in a dangerous position. We will always attempt to err on the side of caution.

Here are the considerations we make when deciding on whether a session will go ahead:

- **Road safety**

Rain and thunderstorms effect the safety on the roads for our team and the dogs. Slippery conditions, flooded roads and visibility are all considered.

- **Adventure location**

Is the adventure location flooded?

Are there rivers that are running high and fast?

Are the vans able to access the location safely?

- **Type of rain**

Is the forecast indicating showers, heavy rain, hail or thunderstorms?

We must consider how the rain will affect the dogs. Thunder and lightning can cause physical danger however it may psychologically affect the dogs meaning they may display unusual/ dangerous behaviours.

- **Where is the rain falling**

We often adventure around the inner north east of Melbourne. We will consider our decision based on where and when the dangerous weather is predicted to fall.

When is an adventure likely to go ahead?

- Showers or light rain is forecasted
- No thunderstorms are forecasted

- No major flooding

When are adventures likely to be cancelled?

- Thunderstorms are forecasted
- Severe weather warnings have been issued
- Dangerous currents are present in the river systems
- Flooding on the roads

Notice of cancellation

We do our best to give as much notice as possible. Often, we can see the forecast and know whether it will be safe to go ahead. If the weather is unpredictable, we may make the decision while we are out to cut the session short. In addition to this, depending on the forecast, a morning session may go ahead, however, the afternoon may be cancelled and visa verse.

We are an adventure service, so we will do our best to persevere with our walks despite the rain. It is in certain situations where it is unsafe to do so that we will postpone or cancel a walk.