

TRIP REPORT – OCTOBER 2024 COLLIE POWERLINES TRACK

This trip had originally been planned as a Mystery Trip, with the intention to drive the Lennard Track. Being a seasonal closure track however, there was no guarantee that it would be open. A back-up plan was therefore also put in place, being the Collie Powerlines Track.

Starting with a lovely Saturday Morning, we all met up at The Crooked Carrot, where many got their warm drinks & breakfast.

Following a trip briefing, we departed at around 8:45am, with a total of 11 vehicles in convoy. Some from beginner level, up to very advanced.

To break the trip up a bit, the first stop for the day was at the second largest dam in Western Australia (Wellington Dam) for Morning Tea. Quite a few of the attendees went for a walk to check out the amazing mega-mural, which was painted to the dam wall (completed in 2021). Being around 34m tall, and 360m wide, it definitely is quite impressive.

Following morning tea, we did a quick double back, where we turned off the main road to bypass River Road with a little bit of off-roading. We encountered some scratchy stuff, despite the track having had some “maintenance” completed the weekend prior.

It was still however, a nice little detour, which had a couple of challenging sections, along with some tight areas.

Once back on the black stuff, we went past Honeymoon Pool, and had a quick drive past the start of Lennard Track. Although hoping to see the track unexpectedly opened, we were able to confirm that the track was still closed 😞, and proceeded onto our back up plan.

Continuing on the road ahead, we pulled off the main road to the start of the Collie Powerlines Track, where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch, the fun stuff begun again.

Although there were a couple of steep climb climbs & challenging sections along the Collie Powerlines Track, it was definitely not what it had been made out to be online.

A few scratchy sections on this track also, but not like the River Road bypass.

The track had come to an early & anti-climatic end, so we all got our air compressors out and pumped up the tyres, while Cassie collected the convoy numbers.

Being the thirsty work that this task is, the decision was made to go and have a debrief at somewhere more comfortable, which led us to the Wild Bull Brewery, in the Ferguson Valley.

As we were debriefing (no, not in that way...) the smoke from some burn offs starting darkening the sky, giving a bit of an eerie feeling.

To summarise though, it was a great day, shared with great people, ending at a great location.

Until next time, stay safe out there.



Trip Briefing at The Crooked Carrot



All pulled up for Morning Tea



Mega Mural at the Wellington Dam



Downstream view of the Wellington Dam



Airing down for the River Road bypass



Driving along the River Road bypass



Lunch stop



Along the Collie Powerlines Track



Convoy of vehicles along the Collie Powerlines Track



Post trip debrief at the Wild Bull Brewery



Eerie sky on the trip back home