

Westonia Wildflower Wander

Our group arrived at various times during the Friday afternoon; Bucko & I were the first and were set up before anyone else arrived so we settled down to watch the others arrive to give us some afternoon entertainment while reversing into site. We were not disappointed with one of our group and a few of another group at the caravan park taking a few tries to get to the perfect spot. Unfortunately there are those people that make reversing into a caravan site look too easy, where's the fun in that????

Originally I had booked the Westonia Tavern for 7.00PM for dinner so everyone could arrive and set up but by 5.00 pm everyone was set up and looking hungry so I was able to change the booking to 6.00 pm. Drinks, food and much merriment was the order of the day and then Ann and Ian arrived at 7.00PM as we were finishing up our meals. From the startled looks on their faces it (very) slowly dawned on me that I had totally forgotten to let them know of the new time.

You really had to be there but the facial expressions, comments and antics of one of our group while examining and cleaning a fork was priceless, it would have been much easier to go and get another fork.

Saturday morning after the trip briefing we headed northwest to Boodalin Soak where we found one of Hun's wells and some good clusters of wildflowers. From there we went back toward town then northeast to Sandford Rock finding a great rock to climb and more good clusters of flowers. Back to the caravan park again for lunch with a few of our group making a quick detour to the Edna Mine Lookout.

After lunch Baladgie Rock was calling but we found the wildflowers were average although the rock and the nearby salt lake were awesome. Some of us had a walk before returning to the caravan park to have a debrief at Bucko's van.

Sunday was a big day taking in Yannimooning Rock, Elachbutting Rock and Berrinbooding Rock. We found good rocks to climb and good wildflower displays at the first two stops but Berrinbooding Rock was a bit disappointing with not much colour and far too many campers. We spent an hour at

Yannimooning Rock where we found a well (not one of Hunt's) and some had a good climb and explore before heading to Elachbutting Rock for lunch. Our exploring around here included Monty's Pass and a drive up to the top of the rock for a great view. Leaving after about 90 minutes we had a quick stop at Berrinbooding Rock before returning to the caravan park and Bucko's van.

Monday saw us at Weira Nature Reserve and Eaglestone Rock where we enjoyed lots of pretty things.

Once everyone was milling around after lunch at Eaglestone Rock we started to get under way when some of our group asked if they could exit slowly to explore the entrance track as there was a lot of wildflower clusters. The rough plan was to leave them to it and I would meet everyone at the main road, what could possibly go wrong???? I knew exactly where I was going to meet them but my directions to the rest of the group were probably ambiguous at best so everyone went in the opposite direction, and I thought only 3 turn arounds the previous day was quite good for one of my trips. Luckily we were still in radio contact so we could sort out my mess easily. A suggestion came across the radio to head to Nungarin for an ice cream but the only thing that was open was the Op Shop due to the public holiday. One of the locals offered to open their coffee trailer for us. Ask Skeelsy what he thought of his first ever chi latte.

Half of our group continued to Merredin for fuel and ice cream while the rest of us went back to Westonia for the regular beer o'clock at Bucko's

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