



NAME OF TRIP: Mt Skene (Licola – Jamieson Trip)

Trip Summary

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Destination:	Mt Skene/Licola/Jamieson	Date(S):	17,18 & 19 July 2009
Type Of Trip: (e.g Day trip, W/E trip, outback adventure)	Weekend Snow Trip	Trip Rating: (Social/scenic, Easy, Medium, Hard, Extreme)	Easy / Medium (Depending on Snow Depth)
Brief Description: (provide a brief description of intended trip)	<p>Visit the wonderful Victorian High Country. We will be going across the “roof” of Victoria and visiting the iconic High Country Towns of Licola & Jamieson via Mt Skene. Breathtaking views and the opportunity to take part in the best snow ball fight of the season.</p> <p>All the bridges and roads in & out of Licola have been repaired following the 2007 floods.</p> <p>The AWDCV Snow Trip is usually one of the highlights of the year. This will be our 6th Trip to the snow.</p>		
Trip Details			
Detailed Description: (Tracks, Timetable, GPS Points)	<p>We will be commencing our trip on the Saturday morning from Licola. So you should aim to be at the Licola General Store by 9.00am on Saturday morning. The trip will leave from the Licola General Store. We will be taking the Jamieson – Licola Road across the high country to Mt Skene for lunch in the Snow. We will be then spend Saturday Night at the wonderful Jamieson Court House hotel to have a great country feast and sample the best country brewed ale in Victoria at the Jamieson Brewery. We will hopefully have time to do more tracks on the Sunday before we all head back to Melbourne.</p> <p>Depending on snow depth, we may not be able to get across the top of Mt Skene. We haven’t been able to do so for the past 3 years. If this is the case again this year, we will be spending both Fri & Sat night in Jamieson.</p> <p>I will update all those on the trip in the week leading up to the trip. Obviously, this will depend on the weather & the snow depth b/w now & then.</p>		
Meeting Place & Time:	9.00am at the Licola General Store		
Approximate Distance: (approx. total distance to be travelled)	Distance from Melbourne : Approx 250km. Total 60-70 km of 4WDing.		

Fuel: (describe fuel availability for the trip, for petrol / diesel / gas)	Fuel is available from Licola & Jamieson
Convoy Limit: (maximum number of vehicles)	10 vehicles (set on a first in best dressed basis). We can have a large convoy due to the open terrain and well formed roads we will be using.
Vehicle: (Modifications Tyres Road Worthiness)	<p>All Terrain tyres recommended, road tyres acceptable. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own chains suitable for their vehicles. Please check them carefully to ensure you have the right chains. You will not be able to hire/buy chains where we are going.</p> <p>It is SIMPLE – NO CHAINS – NO TRIP FOR YOU.</p> <p>A chain fitting demonstration will be conducted at 8.30am on the Saturday prior to the trip commencement.</p> <p>You are responsible for your own vehicle and should ensure it is mechanically sound. In particular, you should ensure your wipers, battery, tyres and heater are up to standard and in good working order.</p> <p>You should also ensure you have had the radiator and anti-freeze levels checked by a mechanic before the trip. We will be in sub-zero temperatures and insufficient anti-freeze may cause your radiator fluid to freeze which may cause major engine damage.</p> <p>THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE – Insufficient anti-freeze will cause terminal engine failure.</p>
Recovery Equipment: (e.g snatch, shackles, winch etc)	Snatch strap, shackles (x2) and at least one snatch point on vehicle. Compressor for reinflating tyres. Flat plate for jacking in the snow. Snow Chains are MANDATORY (either Ladder or Diamond Pattern chains are suitable). A good shovel is also mandatory.
Additional Equipment (Spares, Shovel, Axe, Chainsaw, Dragging Chain)	First aid kit, Shovel, Torch and Blankets
Communications UHF Vehicle Mounted, Handheld, Which channel to use.	UHF Channel 10. (handheld acceptable but not preferred). Mobile phone.
Emergency Comms Sat Phone, HF, EPIRB	At any point we are close to small local towns therefore a maximum of an 1-2 hours drive away. A Ground Charlie will also be arranged by the trip leader.
Accommodation: (hotel, motel, caravan park, Camping)	<p>Your preference. We are staying at Licola, however there are ample locations in Gippsland to choose from. Be ready at the Licola General Store at 8.30am for chain fitting demo and the 9.00am departure.</p> <p>I have 2 suggestions for Accommodation in Licola :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licola General Store / Caravan Park : Ph : (03) 51 48 8786 2. Licola Wilderness Village : Ph : (03) 51 488791 <p>I will arrange Group Accommodation in Jamison once we have confirmed</p>

	<p>numbers. I have placed a tentative hold on all the available accommodation at the Licola Store / Park. Based on first in / best dressed.</p> <p>We will arrange accommodation in Jamieson once we know the numbers.</p>
Camping: (facilities, fees etc)	<p>Dependent on your accommodation. If you are happy to brave the cold, you are welcome to camp. Bear in mind, the temperature at night is likely to be zero or below. If you are prepared to camp, be prepared for all possible alpine weather conditions – including rain, wind and snow. Licola often sees temperatures below zero.</p>
Provisions (Food Water)	<p>Bring lunch and morning/afternoon tea to eat in the snow on Saturday. You will need to be self sufficient. Bring plenty of food & water for all the people in your party. We'll organise a group meal for Saturday night at the Jamison Brewery / Motel. The meals & beverages are very reasonable priced. Their home brewed beer is memorable. The Pale Ale, Mountain Ale and Raspberry Ale are the pick of their stock but you should research all the options thoroughly. You can purchase the Ale of the Brewery to continue your research back in Melbourne.</p> <p>You will need to bring good water-proof clothing ,footwear, gloves & hats. Remember we will be in the snow. Bring extra set of clothing for everyone in your party (esp the kids) in case you get wet. Bring plenty of warm layers especially tops/jumpers made from natural fibres (ie wool) or Polar Fleece. You will need good water-proof clothing as well a good solid water proof gloves and footwear. You will be installing / removing chains on the trip. Thus you will need good “chain-handling” gloves.</p> <p>The weather in the High Country is variable and can change very quickly.</p> <p>Be prepared for all the worst possible Alpine weather scenarios. The weather can be unpredictable and extreme in Alpine Areas, thus be prepared for every & any eventuality including strong winds, snow, sleet and “white-out” conditions. Expect the temperature on Mt Skene to be b/w -3 & +3 degrees on the day.</p> <p>Remember you are responsible for your own safety and that of your party.</p>
Other Activities: Bush walking, Horse Riding, Visit Land Marks	<p>Various historic sights to see, walks, breathtaking views. The annual snow ball fight (usually started by the Trip Leader)</p>
Maps Describe which maps you are using on the trip	<p>Rooftops & Hema Maps have good maps of the area.</p>
Personal Details Forms	<p>Please complete 2 copies of the attached Personal Details forms. One will be held by Trip Leader (me) and one copy held by Tailend Charlie (TBA).</p> <p>The following people have already confirmed their attendance :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin Flynn (Ford Explorer) 2. Robert Buttigieg (Toyota Prado) 3. Moutsos Family (Toyota Kluger) 4. Big Rob (Toyota Landcruiser) 5. Evan & Sarah (Holden Jackaroo 3.0TDi)