



Adelaide Jeep Club Trip Briefing

1. GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

Destination:	Grampians Vic	Dates: 23 rd - 26 th January 2010
Trip Leader:	Gerard Heib	Trip Rating (see attached): C/B
Trip Summary:	<p>A moderate to challenging trip with some low range climbs and descents with very few if ever shallow water crossings in a scenic backdraw. The plan is to stay for the whole period in a recently refurbished bush camp in the North Grampians and explore from there the open northern and southern Grampians 4x4 tracks.</p> <p>In case of very high bushfire danger, we might need to change the idea of a bush camp in the northern center and relocate to a camp/caravan park at the outskirts of the Grampians or in the extreme case, abandon the trip completely.</p> <p>Suitable for vehicles in very good condition and good quality off-road camper trailers. Tents are fine but no caravans for the bushcamp. However due to the relativ short distancies, people with caravans could book on their own a site on some of the closer caravan parks in and around Halls Gap and join the bush campers for the trips.</p> <p>As it is still school holiday period and the parks authorities take no bookings for that site [max. 15 sites available], the number of vehicles will be limited to 8. In case of not enough sites available on arrival of the first vehicles on Friday, another camp site will be choosen and the Saturday group informed.</p> <p>Weather and corresponding track conditions may change the trip ratings and the total planning.</p> <p>Although the main interest is 4WDing, there will be opportunities to visit the local sightseeing highlights if enough interest.</p> <p>As usual, some flexibilty, good will, co-operation and patience will make the trip easy for everybody.</p>	

2. TERRAIN AND DRIVER / VEHICLE COMPETENCY RATING

The type(s) and associated difficulty of terrain and track features likely to be encountered on the trip include:	Easy to Moderate	Difficult to Advanced	Extreme
Winding bush tracks	X		
Sand driving	occasionally		
Outback dirt / gravel road driving	X		
Mud driving	unlikely		
Rocky terrain / boulders		X	
Hill descents or ascents		X	
Water crossings	unlikely		
Deep ruts or other clearance requirements	X		

Note: X indicates obstacle must be completed, O indicates hazard may be bypassed and is not necessary to complete trip.

Is the trip likely to optionally involve or demand any of the following?	Yes / No	Detail
Remote area travel, including:		
- Long distance between fuel stops (add detail)	no	
- Limited water availability	no	
- Travel outside mobile phone coverage	yes	
Is the trip suitable for the following?	Yes / No	Detail
On-road trailers, camper trailers and caravans	no	Not for bushcamp. Alt. See summary
Off-road trailers, camper trailers and caravans	yes	Off-road camper trailers only

3. REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED VEHICLE PREPARATION AND EQUIPMENT

In addition to the Club's Standard Minimum Equipment requirements (see attachment), each vehicle should / must carry or be equipped with:	Recommended	Mandatory
Long Handled Shovel		x
Sand Flag		x

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Water Blind		
Second Spare Tyre		
Air Compressor		x

4. CLOSING DATE / MAXIMUM NUMBERS

This trip is limited to the following number of vehicles	8
Applications to join the trip will close strictly on the following date:	26 Dec. 2009



Adelaide Jeep Club Trip Rating Guide and Standard Minimum Vehicle Equipment Requirement

TRIP RATING GUIDE*		
RATING	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
E Grade	EASY 1 — 3	Road and track conditions not likely to impede vehicle progress and able to be negotiated by a standard 4WD equipped with Highway Tyres and an inexperienced driver. Minimal High Range 4WD expected. Low Range 4WD not likely to be needed.
D Grade	MODERATE 3 — 5	Road and track conditions requiring frequent use of High Range 4WD and occasional to regular use of Low Range 4WD but suitable for standard Jeep vehicles and drivers with limited 4WD experience or training.
C Grade	DIFFICULT 5 — 7	More demanding driving conditions that can be negotiated by standard Jeep 4WD vehicles but requiring experienced and well trained drivers. Advanced driving techniques may be required and vehicle recovery may be necessary. All Terrain tyres are recommended to avoid tyre damage. Special requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader.
B Grade	ADVANCED 7 — 9	Traction and control difficulties likely to be encountered requiring a modified and suitably equipped vehicle – minimum requirement All Terrain tyres, higher ground clearance / suspension lift and a very experienced or well trained driver. Vehicle recovery is very likely. Other special requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader.
A Grade	EXTREME 10	As for B Grade, except that potentially hazardous track conditions may be encountered and vehicle damage is a possibility. Vehicles must have high ground clearance and minimum 31" Mud Terrain type tyres and have self recovery (diff lock/s and/or winch) or other requirements may be specified by the Trip Leader. Drivers must be very experienced or well trained.
* Adapted from Melbourne Jeep Owners Club, with permission.		

STANDARD MINIMUM* VEHICLE EQUIPMENT		
EACH VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO CARRY THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL CLUB TRIPS	Recommended	Mandatory
UHF Radio		X
Rated front and rear Recovery Points		X
Snatch Strap		X
Load-sharing Bridle (if appropriate)	X	
Rated Shackles (unless hooks front and rear)		X
Spare Tyre		X
First Aid Kit		X
Fire Extinguisher		X

* Note: Additional Equipment may be specified by the Trip Leader.