

UPPER HUNTER RECREATIONAL 4WD CLUB INC

TRIP REPORT

Barrington Tops



<u>Date/s of Trip</u>	16th May 2010	
<u>Trip Leaders</u>	John Folpp	
<u>Trip Participants</u>	John Folpp Phillip & Dianne Johnston Ian Payne & son John	Landcruiser 100 Series Toyota 79 Series Ute Ford Courier Ute
<u>Visitors</u>	Neil & Margaret Loadman	Toyota Landcruiser 80 Series

Trip Details

Once again our small group met at the Vietnam Memorial in Muswellbrook from where we left for Barrington Tops via Gundy and Moonan Flat.

Our first stop was at The Firs Picnic Area for morning tea. Tyre pressures were then lowered and we took Bull Gully Road with the aim being to meet up with Bungaree Trail at the bottom. Our plans were thrown into disarray by the evidence of very recent hazard reduction burning. Smouldering trees and logs lined the southern side of the track and we were eventually halted by a large fallen tree. We turned around and retraced our steps to the intersection with Bull Ridge Road which we followed to the main road then crossing onto Polblue Ridge Road. We then turned right onto Butchers Swamp Trail and onto a very rutted Green Gap Trail. We followed Barrington Trail for a short distance before turning onto Bullock Brush Road for the run down to Gummi Falls. Lunch was taken at this very picturesque spot and some trout were even spotted in the creek.

As the autumn weather was perfect by now, we headed off to find the "Footy Fields" (Boggy Swamp). This area is located down a rutted track off Pheasant Creek Road and was an excellent spot to stretch the legs with a walk to the Upper Manning River and have a late snack.

We again retraced our steps and followed Pheasant Creek road and Tomalla Road for the trip home.

Perfect weather and good company resulted in another very successful trip.

Signed *Phill Johnston*