

## Duke of Edinburgh Hike, Lauren

Day: Wednesday

Date: 16-5-07

Weather: pleasant

Days Outline: Lunch/ Res, water food.

We went to McDonalds for Breakfast, got on bus, drove to Blue Mountains, had lunch when getting to campsite, took water and snack when going to Dadder cave, had dinner when arriving back after journey to Dadder cave. Got water from creek to drink and use to boil in with billy to make dinner.

Landmarks, Vegetation, Animals: Pisgah Rock (elevation 260m, Distance 0.6km) Erskine Creek camp (elevation 60m, Distance 2.1km), Dadder Cave (Elevation 90m, Distance 2.1km).

Relationship to Pre-log and comments time elevation lost?

We did exactly what we were suppose to do that day and timing was great.

### Personal Diary

Day: 1

Today was: Good

The day was good, but it was hard and tiring. I fell, I ran, I skipped and I sang. When getting to Dada cave it was great to see the log book of all the people who had once come to that same cave, its pages full of history was so fascinating. All the memories of happy troopers were so interesting to read. I wrote in the logbook "Every step to get here meant another step to get back home".

People fell into the creek when coming across it. I was so frightened when attempting to cross I feared I may become one of those people. When returning to camp I collapsed into my tent exhausted from the day's journey but it was not yet over. We were all pulled out of our tents and made to collect wood to make a fire. Oh my, as soon as I found some decent wood I never though I would look at wood as if it were gold lol. As soon as the fire had started, Brooke and I placed owe billy upon the fire. I had finally understood why someone actually had time to write a song like "Waltzing Matilda". When finally getting to bed I for once in my life did not find it hard to get to sleep, all the energy was drained out of me....

Duke of Edinburgh Hike, Illawarra Sports High School, Lauren Leonard

Day: Thursday

Date: 17-5-07

Weather: Sunny

Days Outline: Lunch/ Recess, water food.

We had breakfast in the morning, stopped at Attic Cave for morning tea.

Landmarks, Vegetation, Animals:

Erskine Creek camp (Elevation 60m, Distance 0.2km), Monkey Ropes Creek (Elevation 65m, Distance 0.7km), Ridge (Elevation 150m, Distance 0.3km), Attic Cave (Elevation 250m, 0.15km), Pisgah Rock (Elevation 260m, Distance 0.6km).

Relationship to Pre-log and comments time elevation lost?

We were great for time and saw everything we had to or were meant to see.

Personal Diary

Day: 2

Today was: Good

I had the weirdest dream, Johnny Depp was staying at my house and no one believed me, and the reason he was staying at my house was because he did not want anyone to see him, and he did not want anyone to see him was because he got braces!

I woke up and my shoulders were killing me from sleeping on them, I woke up and told Brooke straight away about my dream and she found it very amusing lol.

The hike back was tiring as soon as we had the opportunity to write in our log sheet thing I wrote this:

“Everything Hurts, Everything is sore, my legs hurt and my shoulders are killing me. Each step felt like a mile. I am beaten and bashed from the bush. Hands came and helped me up the hard cliffs and when there were no hands I felt like I was going to kneel over and never get up. I slipped and fell and I am covered in mud but it was all worth it”