

Boree Log Sem I 2008

March 15-16

General Info:

Boree Log is the traditional weekend away run by the UNSW Outdoors Club every semester. We try to get out and have fun somewhere outside Sydney within easy driving distance. Depending upon the venue, we run different trips on these days. We usually run Rock Climbing, Bush Walking, Canyoning and Kayaking on these trips. But the trips are not limited to the above, it's up to the members to decide what they want to do and organize trips (even on the spot). It's a great chance to meet the rest of the club members and have fun with them.

Mt. Wilson:

Boree Log for this semester will be held on the weekend of 15-16 March, 2008 in the very scenic part of Blue Mountains, Mt. Wilson. It is about two hours' drive from Sydney and a short distance from Blackheath. We will be camping in the *Cathedral reserve campgrounds* in Mt Wilson. The campsite is a large grassy ground and has basic amenities.* The campground is known for its dark sky at night allowing you the chance to appreciate the grand magnificence of the cosmos at night, easily missed from Sydney.



Trips:

Because of its close proximity to excellent climbing grounds around the Blue Mountains, there will be both beginners and more advanced climbing trips to different parts of the Blueys.



Sunday.

Mt. Wilson offers excellent canyoning in its proximity, at different parts of the mountains. There will be trips to go canyon. Make sure you reserve your spot in advance to avoid disappointment. Inquire with the leader beforehand regarding the required experience.

As the Blue Mountain area is one of the most scenic spots around, bush walking is something you can't afford to miss. So, make sure you tag along or if you want to explore new places run your own trip! There will be trips on both Saturday and

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If your style is more relaxed, do not overlook the chance to laze about, socialize with the others and there is nothing wrong with considering liloing as the most strenuous event for yourselves.

You are welcome to think of things to do on the spot and run trips.

Gear:

As we will be camping for one to two nights, you should bring your own basic gear. These include:

- i) Sleeping bag, mat and tent (or organize tent space)
- ii) Plate/Bowl, mug
- iii) Food for breakfasts and lunches
- iv) Gear for the activities you'll be involved in
- v) A chair to sit on
- vi) Rain/Warm gear according to the weather + your swimming gear

The club will bring most of its gear down and will be free to borrow for the weekend. However, it's a good idea to organize what you want to borrow with the gear guys before hand to avoid confusion. The stuff the club will bring down are:

- i) Tents (including the orgy tent that sleeps 13-15)
- ii) Stoves (however organize your own stove for personal use)
- iii) Technical gear for activities (eg. climbing gear)

We'll take the gear down to the campsite on Friday night or early Saturday morning. If you intend to go directly to the start of the trip, make sure you borrow the gear before hand. Otherwise, the gear guys will be happy to lend you the gear just before the trips on Saturday or Sunday. Please ensure you return the gear after each trip for others to use.

The club doesn't have enough sleeping bags and mats for everyone, so please organize this before hand if you do not have your own.

Food and Drinks:

The OC will provide **FREE** dinner on Saturday night and limited water. Please bring food for breakfast and lunches and any other snack you may need. Bring your own grog but you're free to share with others ☺. The club will not be able to provide enough water for drinking so make sure you provide your own. If you are driving, it's a good idea to get a 15-20 litre water container from woolies or coles. The closest shops are in Blackheath. So, make sure you get your food and drinks before getting to the campsite.

Saturday Night Festivities:

On Saturday night, we will have the club's traditional dinner. It's traditionally been a formal event so bring something "formal" along for Saturday night's formal party and enjoy Disco, our vice president's, excellent culinary skills. This probably is the most important part of the weekend so



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have fun there. Don't go overboard with your formal wear, just get something respectable eg. from a local second hand store or even the Vinies will do to minimize cost. Depending upon whether fire will be allowed, we will try to have a camp fire going, but no promises just yet. With or without camp fire, it will be a relaxed social event under the starry skies with lots of food and drinks. So come prepared to have fun.

Getting there:

Carpooling is the best way to and from the campsite. As there are no public transport to the campsite, make sure you have a car or a car space to get there and back. If you have a car and intend to drive down, **PLEASE** offer a lift to others though discussion email or discussion forum on the club website.

The best way to organize transport is on the discussion forum in the club's website. Please make sure you offer rides to those without one. Those getting a ride also share the cost of fuel and other incidentals. Be clear about when and from where you intend to leave and return to so people can decide.

The nearest train station is "**Bell**" station in the Blue Mtn's line. **You have to let the conductor know you intend to get off at Bell otherwise they won't stop at the station.** If you intend to take the train up, please organize a pick up and drop off from and to the station by letting the trip leader know.



It is best to get down there on Friday afternoon so you can get on trips on early Saturday morning. However, you can rock up anytime you want as long as you know what you want to do and where the trips are happening.

More Info:

More info on Boree Log may be found at:

<http://www.unswoc.org/activities/boreelog/>

and photos from past boree log at:

<http://www.unswoc.org/gallery2/v/boreelog/>

Any queries? Email me but read through the info sheet first. Also read the "directions" page for details on how to get there.

Cheers,

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