

Sundown National Park Information – Prepared by Trevor Jack, Excursion Leader

Easter 2025 Excursion to The Broadwater Camp Ground, Sundown National Park (Trevor Jack: jacktrevorj@hotmail.com). Trevor's mobile number will be provided after registration via the web.

Duration: 5 nights, Dates: Arrive Thursday, 17 April, depart Tuesday, 22 April.

The campground is located near Lat 28.916311 S, Long 151.585645 E, along the northern bank of a reach in the Severn River. QTopo map 9240-331 is included as Appendix 2.

It is about 83 km from Stanthorpe, a little over an hour. The road is suitable for 2WD vehicles. The last few kilometers are gravel, but good quality road. See Appendix 1 for directions.

Facilities: Sites 9, 15 and 16 have been booked by the leader for QNC and should be sufficient for our club members. Leader Trevor will allocate you a place. If you wish to camp elsewhere, book separately through QPWS. Some other sites have already been booked by the public.

Cost for all campers is \$7.25 per person per night plus \$2 per person (Adult club members) per night for QNC fees, to be paid to QNC. Children of club members are not charged club fees.

There are 16 numbered campsites, all of which are relatively flat. Sites 14, 15, 16 are large sites and can accommodate multiple caravans. Sites 1 to 12 are not suitable for caravans but each site could comfortably hold 2 vehicles. Each site has a fireplace (BYO firewood). Sites 13 to 16 have picnic tables.

There are 2 long-drop toilets. There are 2 shower cubicles with rope, pulleys, and bucket. There is a wood-fired water heater ('donkey') for the shower, but you could use your own solar shower.

Sites 1 to 12 are within easy walking distance of the showers and toilets. Sites 13 to 16 are much farther away. On the road in (near the Ranger's Hut) there is a water point with potable water. It is about 1 km from the campground.

At the campground (near the showers) phone reception was excellent (I am with Exetel that piggy-backs off Telstra). Away from the campground reception was patchy to non-existent. I am unsure of reception through the other networks.

I was assured by a couple who visit the site often that after rain, the Severn River is good for swimming near the campsites.

Proposed activities:

- Friday: Walk up the Severn River to where Ooline Creek joins. Walk up Ooline Creek for approx.1.5 km. Return the same way. There is no marked track, and the going will be a little rough. Long pants, long sleeve shirt and suitable walking boots are advised.
- Saturday: There is a well marked track called 'Western Circuit' (4.1km). This is easy going if taken slowly and offers a very good view from a ridge.
- Sunday: Cross the Severn River and head north to the permanent waterhole (about 1 km) and then continue along the riverbank for about 2 km. There is no marked track.
- Monday: Explore McAllisters Creek (a tributary of the Severn River). There is no marked track. We should aim for a walk of about 3-4 hours.

Registration: Please register through the QNC website under Excursions & Meetings, Sundown National Park - Easter. In the Comments section state:

- Camping in caravan/campervan/car or tent
- Which nights you are camping
- Your preferred campsite on 9, 15, or 16 through or another site you have booked.
- Vehicle registration, make, model 4WD or 2WD, motorcycle
- Guests must become members of QNC to accompany you
- Children are free and under their parents' supervision but must be named.

Once at the camp, ensure you sign on to the attendance sheet held by the leader.

Species List: A species list for Sundown National Park is available via the excursion listing on the website.

Risks involved: This is tick country. I have Lyclear (for small ticks) and a pair of specialist tick-removal forceps for larger ones. There are snakes in the area. The First Aid kit will be brought on camp. I shall check to see that there are compression bandages in it.

Flies and mosquitoes were not of concern in November, but best come prepared, anyway.

If someone has to be evacuated through illness or trauma, the nearest major centres are Texas (53 km, abt. 1 hour) and Stanthorpe (83 km, abt. 1 hr 15 min).

APPENDIX 1: Map showing location

- From Stanthorpe, take the Stanthorpe-Texas Road (State Route 89)
- After abt. 63 km turn left into Glenlyon Dam Rd
- After a further 14 km turn left into Permanents Rd

The way into Sundown National Park/The Broadwater Camping Area is well signposted.



APPENDIX 2: TOPO Map

