

SOUTHPORT CAMP – Broadwater Caravan Park.

16th – 23rd April 2016.

25 people attended – at various times.

Day 1

Sunday morning, woke up to Sunny Blue sky, with virtually no wind.

Decided to paddle the Nerang River, towards Jupiters. Ron volunteered to be Leader, as he knows that area quite well!

Stopped for morning tea at one of the sandy beaches along the way.

The return trip went passed Fisherman's Wharf & Seaworld, watching out for the numerous Helicopters taking off & landing!

Day 2

Weather still the same, not so good for sailing.

Started from the beach out the front of the Park, across the sandbars, where some of us got stuck! From there, passed Wave Break Island, on our way towards Couran Cove. We paddled alongside Sth Stradbroke Island, came to Currigee Camping Ground & decided to stop for a swim & morning tea. As it was a beautiful area, we stayed a bit longer, so that was the end of going further to Couran Cove!! We decided to paddle around a couple of Islands, in the Broadwater. It was then, that "someone" kept losing his paddle- not once but twice!! Lucky he had friends around, to retrieve it for him!!! We paddled to the "Famous" Fish & Chip Shop, where we had arranged to meet the "Non Paddlers" for lunch.

After lunch, returned to the Camping Ground.

Day 3 "Ladies Day"

With Di (Hoopert) as Leader, Fay Coordinator, Vivien Tail-end...what a team!!!

A couple of Male Paddlers, were concerned, .. no way would the Ladies be able to work out wind & tides!! How wrong they were!!

Paddled to Hope Island, then between Hope & Sovereign Island & back down the middle of the Broadwater, past Wave Break Island back to camp.

Day 4 "Free Day"

Three people went & paddled on the Hinze Dam

Five people cycled to Tweed Heads & return

We had agreed to go to Jupiter's Casino for our Club dinner, so at 5pm, we had 2 Maxi Taxis, 10 people in each one.

(Rusty had promised a Limousine for our return trip...iff he "hit the jackpot", needless to say, it was the Maxis for our return trip too!!) A most enjoyable night was had by all!!!

Day 5

After our “late night” out (8.30pm!!!) we decided to go towards Sanctuary Cove. At last, finally, had a “little” wind for a sail!! We reached the Coomera River & had morning tea at Paradise Point. Decided not to continue to Sanctuary Cove ... as a few of us were feeling the effect of our “late” night. Went back down the Broadwater, just as well, as the wind had increased & so made it a little harder on the return trip back to camp!

Day 6 Last Paddle

Weather had settled back to a day without any wind!

We started from the beach, turned left, past the Coast Guard, up the creek. Went for about 30 minutes, under 3 bridges & then decided to return to the Broadwater. Once there, paddled in crystal clear water, to the Northern side of Wave Break Island, where we stopped for a swim & morning tea & another swim as the water was beautiful. Continued around Wave Break, past the Seaway, crossed over to the SeaWorld side (had to wait, another Helicopter was taking off!!) Came to the Prawn Trawlers, where “someone” had to stop! From there, crossed over to the other side for our way back to camp!

All & all, an enjoyable camp, with the people attending, the “Happy Hours” etc etc.

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