



Navigation day trip Gembrook State Forest

4WD CLUB

Dates	3 rd June 2007
Event Organiser	Daryl Owen

Attendances	Daryl, Veronica & Rachel Owen Mike & Catherine Hurley Matt Ahern Paul Burke Clayton Bryant
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Meeting at Gembrook at 0930, we had a brief session on map reading and a talk about GPS receivers. Daryl passed out a sheet which had various map grid co-ordinates for the days drive. Departing as a group and changing lead vehicles at each waypoint, Clayton took the first section.

Following Hunters road and then onto Blue Range Track where the track surface was very slippery.

Although the weather was fine and sunny, the rain from the preceding days made for an interesting drive. Missing the turn off for Andersons Track, and Blue Range track getting slippery, we turned around. From this point the days activities altered from Navigation.



Mike, as the lead vehicle, found himself sliding very close to the downhill embankment.



“ what have I done ? ”



After some digging and pushing, it was decided that the only way out was to pull the vehicle sideways.

With the use of Mike's hand winch on the front and Daryl's electric winch on the back (redirected off a tree), the vehicle was safely pulled back onto the track.

This provided some great skills maintenance on the use of winch's (and hand winch's)



Just when we thought it was all over. As Mike reversed a short distance to get traction (to avoid the section he had just been pulled out of), and with the track being so slippery. A washout had pushed him off the track again.



With the use of a snatch strap, he was quickly back on the track.

Finishing with lunch beside a dam at about 1430hrs. Whilst not completing what we had set out for, a great fun day was had by all.

Report by Daryl Owen