

MONDAY and MORE POSSUMBILITIES - keep an eye on the notice board

Morning Bird watching – See above, check chalk board, depends on demand, with *Euan and Jenny*

Organic farm tour #2– for those who missed it on Friday, with *Jill Redwood*

Short local walk – A local excursion into one of the warm temperate rainforests around Goongerah with *David Cameron*.

Please note - activities subject to change - depending on weather, recent logging, fire and road closures.

Watch the chalk board outside the information tent, and come along to our morning briefings for more details and precise departure times. The cow bell will announce meeting times and meal times.

FORESTS FOREVER CAMP - ACTIVITIES LIST 2015

GUIDED TOURS AND DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY afternoon

Caught on Camera – The Victorian National Parks Association's popular Caught on Camera project uses motion-sensing cameras to monitor wildlife. Come to a short demonstration, then help set up cameras at various locations close to camp 1 hour with *Christine Connelly, VNPA Naturewatch coordinator*

Organic Farm Tour – Half the Forests Forever camp is held on the back paddock of Jill Redwood's organic farm. Come and see the alpacas, goats, chooks, horses, waterwheel, gardens, orchard and alternative energy system on this idyllic picture-book farm. 1 hour with *Earth Garden cover-girl Jill Redwood*.

Forest Photography and short walk – Join a small group to learn basic digital photography tricks and take an easy local walk. 1-2 hours with *Jude Deland*

Valley View walk – Let's stretch our car-cramped legs with a walk to the top of the nearest hill behind the camp to see the forest change as we ascend. Follow the red paint dots from the bridge. Guide sheet at toilets or info tent (please replace as they are in short supply) 1 ½ hour wander with *info leaflet*

FRIDAY night: Get to know your fellow tree-huggers, come to the big tarp!

Welcome – with *Jill (EEG) and Russell (VNPA)*

Bushfires – reviewing the myths around planned burns – Analysis and discussion of the effects of burning. Are burns effective or just a political placebo? Is our fear of forest ground layer justified? Did indigenous Australians burn the bush? Be prepared for some major brain shifts, with *naturalist Bob McDonald*

SATURDAY

Early morning Bird watching – Get to know the birds of the forest on a short Bird watching group walk, close to camp. Includes tips on bird identification and how to get the best out of your binoculars. Bring binoculars if you have them, each morning, depending on demand. 1 hour with *Euan Moore and Jenny Rolland*.

9am sharp! Briefing for the day's activities

The Circuit – Full-day tour, about 60km of driving and easy walking. This tour is *the* essential over-view of forest issues illustrated by real life examples. Notorious forest campaigner *Jill Redwood* and ecologist/botanist *David Cameron* will take you to beautiful old growth forest then show you clearfelling and its effects on biodiversity, soil and water. Learn the history of the forest campaign from living illustrations, including the Brown Mountain area. See old growth, alpine wetlands, rainforest, and overlook the Brodbribb Wilderness from Woolly Butt Hill. Full day activity. Bring lunch and a drink.

Grubbing for bugs with Bob – After learning all about nature's 'fuel reducers' last night, Bob will be going hunting for these wee beasties in both burnt and unburnt areas to see how they fared.

SATURDAY night – Come to the big tarp

Soup and dessert – **BYO bowl and/or mug** Just like city cafes, only not at all like them, really. Hearty vegan gluten free soups and bread rolls - \$5, deliciously decadent desserts - \$4 **Don't forget your bowl!**

Spotlighting Explore the forest by night. A short walk through the forest on easy tracks where we hope to see some of the gliding possums and other inhabitants of the forest. Bring a torch. *Approx. 1hr with Euan and Jenny*

David Cameron's picture show - The renowned natural science communicator will take you into the plant world, carried by human curiosity towards discovery, connection and question. Then he'll move on to the second illustration. Maybe. It's sure to be informative, thought provoking, enchanting and amusing. Bring chair, blanket and woolies and settle in for a long night! *With night-owl David Cameron*

Nothing – *during David's talk, Bob will be attracting moths to a light to show us some fascinating natural fuel reducers.*

End of Daylight Saving – put your clocks back 1 hr before going to bed.

SUNDAY

Morning Bird watching – See above, check chalk board, depends on demand, *with Euan and Jenny*

Morning Easter Egg Hunt – the local marsupials hide Easter Eggs. Come and look.

Briefing for day's activities 9.30 AM

Brown Mountain – photo op - A short 20 minute drive then a whole day activity walking into the depths of an old growth forest along a rough track. Giant 600 year old trees tower above and a sassafras rainforest hugs the creek. Our photographer will take your photo with one of our most beautiful giants. Images will be professionally presented as a memento to share. Wear red for more effect. Bring lunch and a drink, *with Jill Redwood*

Martins Creek – David will lead you on an expedition down into some beautiful forest and rainforest. We will see what has been burnt, how burnt and what might come back. Depending on what we find, it's a whole day activity, including some off-track walking. Includes about 20 mins driving there and back,. Bring lunch and a drink, *with David Cameron*

Caught on Camera - review of data – Take down spy-cameras this afternoon and review data collected. *1 hour with VNPA's Christine Connelly*

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Caught on Camera – see the results! – A short talk this evening about the Caught on Camera project (see above) including photos of wildlife detected around the camp and photos from other sites, *30 mins with VNPA's Christine Connelly*

Forest campaign history and current strategies – A history of forest campaigns and achievements and why we are moving to corporate and legal campaigns

Past and current EEG legal actions to protect forests. Discussion and information.

Current VNPA campaigns An overview of current VNPA campaigns and directions and changes in priorities as a result of the change of government

What can I do? Are you all inspired? Raring to go change the world? Talk about what we can each do to help save East Gippsland's forests – *with Jill Redwood*