

**Glow Worm hike** 34¼ July to 32 July  
Actual dates: 27-29 July

**2 Day, 2 Night Introduction Bushwalk & Camp Easy Grade (25 To 30 Km)**

Organised by Neville Austin (Nifty), Kevin Worthington (Gibb): Hume Region (Bushwalking Team)

**Fri 27 July.**

Plan: Travel by private transport to southern end Glow-worm Tunnel carpark approx GR:410 175.  
O/nite camp at camp about 1 km south of car-park.

Actual: Departed scout hall at 8:30pm in 2 cars(Bruce and Brett's cars). Met at Lithgow (Oval in Inch Street); Headed east and turn left (North) at Atkinson Street to go to Glow Worm Road. Travel about 30 minutes to car campsite. Arrived at 11:30pm



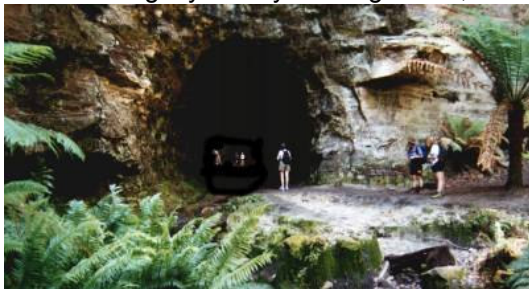
Group photo (L to R): Ben, Brett, Nifty, Conrad, Doug, Alex, Bruce, Lachlan, Mark

**Sat 28th July.**

Plan: Depart carpark by 9.30am. Follow old rail formation through glow worm tunnel. Track junction GR: 417 206 track narrows, continue to Newnes GR: 425 258 by 3.30pm and over nite camp. Visit Shale works ruins GR: 485 257

Actual: 7am campfire & breakfast - bacon & eggs by scouts for scouts, Bark had cereal. 9am Nifty and Gibb arrived. Hike briefing by Nifty: hike rules & advice, etc. Bags weighed to ensure each bag under 15kg. Departed about 10:15am. Arrived at glow worm tunnel entrance at 10:45am. Small flow of water through the tunnel. Arrived at Zolgans Gully campsite at 3:30pm.

Weather: slightly cloudy with high wind, not cold, near full moon so plenty of light.



Exit from the tunnel



Donkey Mountain: used for map & compass exercise

12:00 stop for map & compass exercise using Donkey Mountain for bearings: "Triangulation" now called Resection, importance of 90 degree bearings, GPS & map datum settings.



Saturday night campfire



Emergency braces surgery

Doug's new braces presented a problem when one of the wires came loose. 007 applied emergency brace's first aid with 'leatherman' pliers – sorted at least until Monday.

Brett and Bruce educated us regarding nettle stew. Dinner about 5:30pm; Bark had home made stew, Axle and CP30 had braised steak ad meat balls, Lachlan had pasta and cream sauce, Doug and Bruce: had baked meat and spuds, Brett and Ben had cold tuna, corn and cheese: A significant improvement on the standard campfire snags.

### **Sunday 29 July.**

Plan: Retrace route back to Glow-worm Tunnel carpark approx GR:410 175 by 3.30pm.

Actual: Quick hike to Newnes



Bee hive ovens at Newnes

and return by 10:30am. Camp site pickup; Departed by 11am.

At cross roads for lunch and then we split into 2 groups: Nifty, Gib, venturers went on the high road track (Pagoda Track and Old Coach Road ) while Ben, Brett and Bark travelled along the glow worm path. Julie, Toby, Henry, Charlie, James, Kevin and Joanne Ainsworth did the circuit via glow worm tunnel and Pagoda track and meet the venturers group.

Arrived at car park by 2:45pm. Departed at 3pm and arrived in Concord by 5:30pm