

# Big Bend - July 1st 2005 until July 4th 2005.

**Big Bend camping area is located approximately 137 kilometres from Adelaide via Swan Reach. The area is on the Eastern side of the River Murray offering water side camping.**

**FRI 1st July 2005:** We were unable to leave until 6.30pm due to work commitments, so we decided to stop at the Tenbury-Hunter Reserve by Swan Reach for the night and go onto Big Bend the following morning in daylight as we had never had the caravan in there before. It was 8.15pm when we arrived at Swan Reach and settled down for the night.



We were the only campers at Swan Reach on the Friday night.

**SAT 2nd July 2005:** It was only a very short 15 minute drive from Swan Reach to Big Bend where we set up our camp spot for the weekend. The sky was partly cloudy with the sun shining through as much during the day as it was hidden. There was a cold breeze blowing every now and then but sitting by our open fire soon warmed us up.



Our camp site for the weekend.



Some of the big mushrooms that we found growing along the waters edge. We thought that we had a good find at the time, although unfortunately they did not cook up very well.

With the cloud hanging around, we had a beautiful sunset



**SUN 3rd July 2005:** The forecast leading up to the weekend had indicated that the Sunday was going to be the better day of the two days over the weekend. The wind had eased off, but the cloud cover had increased, although we knew that there wasn't going to be any rain to spoil our day.



There was another group camped further up the River from us last night and as soon as we were out of bed, it was up to check out their left over wood as they had now gone. We saw them bring in this huge piece of timber on a trailer and had a fair idea that some of it would have been still there not burnt. We had to unhook the Patrol from the caravan and using rope, we towed the log back to our fire. It managed to keep us warm for a good five hours or more.



Nothing like a good breakfast to get the day going.

It was a different kind of feeling when you go away for a weekend where you are in a location that doesn't offer pubs for evening meals, shops to peruse let alone any other tourist things that one feels worthy of a look. This was a weekend of doing nothing knowing that the only thing that must be done during the day was to eat, breathe and sleep.

**MON 4th July 2005:** After such a good weekend by the river, it was spoilt by the thought of heading home and going back to work. With such a good weekend away, it will make going to work that bit easier, well so we tell ourselves.



The day that greeted us as we were getting ready to leave.



We had a good trip back home with no wind, lots of sunshine and finally some green grass to look at out in the paddocks. We arrived home by 11.00am.