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Hogwash Bend South Australia - September 2nd 2005 until September 6th 2005.

Large camping area along the River Murray situated 196kms from Adelaide between Morgan and Waikerie.

FRI 2nd SEPT 2005: As I had finished night shift at 6.00am, I had all day to do the final packing and we were soon on the road when Sally arrived home from her work at around 6.30pm.



Our destination for the night was a camping area under the two bridges at Blanchetown.



SAT 3rd SEPT 2005: We were heading for Hogwash Bend by 9.30am driving in light steady rain all of the way. Once we had selected our camp site for the weekend, the rain did stop on and off to allow us to set up without getting too wet.



There is about two kilometres of well maintained gravel road between the main road and the camping area. Once you reach the sandy area of the river, you then have to watch the trees above for low hanging branches when towing full height caravans. As seen here with the photo to the right hand side, the road then deteriorates into a single lane road which can be slippery when wet, although if you are careful this will not cause any problems.



Once we were all set up, it was a matter of sitting back and watching the rain fall for the remainder of the afternoon. By early evening the rain had gone allowing us to light our fire and to start to enjoy our weekend.



All we could do was to sit the rain out which had lasted for most of the day. The remainder of the weekend soon made up for this small inconvenience.

SUN 4th SEPT 2005: After receiving 10mm of rain the day before, we woke to thick fog which when cleared, made for a perfect day.



Although it was thick, the fog didn't spoil the start to our day.



We have seen this camp area packed during the warmer parts of the year. We were lucky



that the campers that were here for the weekend were few and scattered well apart.

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day weather wise.



After it had finished raining on the Saturday, the weather was very kind to us for the remainder of the weekend. We had some cloud cover, but not very much and the wind picked up a little at times but was always kind to us. This was our first weekend away with our new wind break which proved to do it's job very well for us.



The river offered some great photo opportunities from middle of the day seen to the left and to just before sunset with the centre and right photos.



Another one of our weekend campsite.

MON 5th SEPT 2005: Today was the day that Bruce and Maree had to head for home, but Sally and I still had one more day to enjoy. After packing their stuff away, Bruce and Maree left us around 10.30am and headed back to Adelaide. For Sally and I, it was another day of rest and relaxation before watching a bit of television during the evening and then going to bed knowing that we too had to head for home the following morning.

TUES 6th SEPT 2005: Up, showered and ready for home by 8.15am. The wind started to pick up just as we arrived home at 10.30am allowing us to have an easy drive for the morning. Next trip, Wilpena Pound in four weeks time.



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