

Mannum - May 13th until May 16th 2005.

Mannum Caravan Park is located on the banks of the Murray River 84kms East of Adelaide.

FRI 13th MAY 2005: As Sally had a student free day and I had finished work at midday, we were soon on our way heading for Mannum by 1:00pm. It was an easy one and a half hours drive and we were soon there. With some rain forecasted for the weekend, it was unsure what the weather was going to do for us. We decided to get to the hotel on the Friday night for a meal instead of the usual Saturday night just to be different.



Photo taken from the Mannum Lookout showing the Caravan Park on the banks of the River Murray.



Taken inside of the Mannum Caravan Park.



SAT 14th MAY 2005: As the rain had not arrived yet, we decide that today was going to be the day that we headed along the Murray River looking for weekend camp spots. Our intension was to be back at Mannum for a late lunch. It was about 10 kilometres Mannum side of Swan Reach where we turned towards the river to have a look at Big Bend and the camp spots that it had on offer. This was going to be one location that we are going to come to for a weekend with plenty of room near the waters edge for caravans. All good plans are made to be thrown out of the window as it was lunch time when we were still at Swan Reach so we tried our lunch with a counter lunch in the local Hotel overlooking the river. After an enjoyable lunch, it was on to Morgan and a look at the Hogwash Bend camp areas. Again another good camping area for us to visit.



Big Bend looking from the Big Bend lookout.

Looking down on shacks from the scenic drive between Mannum and Bow Hill



It was around four thirty by the time we eventually returned back to Mannum after spending more time away today that we had originally planned. The note books are now full of places that we would like to visit over a spare weekend or two.

SUN 14th MAY 2005: After the driving that we had done yesterday, today was put aside for walking. Mannum has several craft shops and plenty to see in it's main street for the tourist to look at which kept us busy for part of the day. We crossed the ferry and walked along the eastern side of the

Murray heading south Murray Bridge from the ferry. Not far down this road is a dedicated free camping area with male and female toilets. The camp area was nearly full to capacity with campers and the like taking advantage of another fine weather weekend.



We had great sunrises on most days over the weekend.



Looking upstream along the Murray as viewed from the Mannum Lookout.

MON 16th MAY 2005: Exist time from the Caravan Park was 10:00pm unless a late departure time was arranged so we were on the road heading for home by 9:30am. With no wind and mostly sunshine to travel in, we were soon home at 11:00am wondering where the weekend had gone. Next trip, Melrose in the southern Flinders Ranges in four weeks time.