

## NIGHT - LIFE

**Friday Night:** Get to know your fellow tree-huggers. *In the big tarp.*

**Overview of the East Gippy Forest campaign:** We've campaigned flat out for a couple of decades and we've tried every peaceful tactic under the sun. Watch Jill try and summarise that in, say, 30 minutes. *Degree of difficulty 9.5. With Jill Redwood*

**Saturday and Sunday evening meals:**

Hearty warm food under Big Tarp. Just like city cafes, only not at all like them, really. Both nights: soup and bread rolls \$4\*\*, fruity dessert \$3\*\* (On Saturday maybe also veggie stir-fry \$TBA) \*\*

**Saturday at dusk:**

Fancy a good Frogging? There are seven or eight species of frogs near the camp ground. Listen and look, *with Damien Cook*

**Saturday night:**

**Central Highlands forests** – An overview of the forest and critters the plucky MyEnvironment group tried to save in the recent Sylvia Creek court challenge. And what's next for our campaigning cousins? *With Don Butcher, after dinner.*

**Sunday at dusk:**

**Spotlighting:** find the furry and feathered fellows that own the campground. Or maybe drive somewhere else – it's your choice!

**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*

## FORESTS FOREVER CAMP - ACTIVITIES LIST 2012

### GUIDED TOURS AND DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

**FRIDAY afternoon**

**Valley View walk** – Sadly, a group of space aliens stole Mt Jersey, so our traditional Friday afternoon activity and that uninsurable ute-ride are but a memory. Let's stretch our car-cramped legs instead with a walk to the top of the nearest hill behind the camp to see the forest change as we ascend. *2 hour slow walk, with Liz.*

**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. *With Earth Garden cover-girl Jill Redwood.*

**SATURDAY**

**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 *Damien Cook* 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 famous Brown Mountain forest and the subject of our current Supreme Court challenge, the Cobb Hill rainforest. See old growth, rainforest and alpine wetlands; walk through an Alpine Ash forest to overlook the Brodbribb Wilderness. *Full day activity. Bring lunch and a drink.*

**Result Creek "Darejo Tree":** See East Gippsland's largest tree on a delightful track amongst spectacular forest. With logging a whisker away, local volunteers identified the tree, and now the state government has put a tourist walk around it! *Guide TBA. 30 mins drive, easy 2 hr walk.*

## **SUNDAY**

**Easter Egg Hunt** (morning) – the local marsupials hide Easter Eggs. Come and look!

**Flora of Goongerah: campground edition** Every year we drive out to look at some forest, but what are we leaving behind? Hundreds of native plants are surviving, flourishing and fulfilling their evolutionary potential in and around the campground. What are they? How did they get here? And why? A bearded biological insight mechanism on two legs, *David Cameron* will lead you on an expedition to catalogue the Flora of Goongerah. Keep your eyes peeled and you might just make a new discovery. *Whole day activity, easy walking.*

**Flora of Goongerah: rainforest edition** Visit a delightful little pocket of rainforest on a nearby creek and discover what grows there *Short drive, easy off-track walking. Half-day activity. Bring water and a snack. With Damien Cook and John Hermans.*

**Spying on animals** – The Brown Mountain court win was made possible by local forest volunteers who used infra-red spy cameras to snoop on hapless Potoroos, documenting the rare creatures without harming them. Visit an old growth area the government wants to log. Hide some cameras in trees. We'll let you know the results in a few weeks. Visit another spot where it looks exactly like a rainforest has been illegally logged. Get cranky about that, then maybe calm down with a beautiful walk in a lovely rainforest reserve. *50 mins drive each way. Off-track walking. Full day activity. With local field ecologists Tim and Joe*

## **MONDAY**

**Organic farm tour** for those who missed it on Friday.

**Another walk somewhere (maybe)** with David Cameron.

### *POSSUMBILITIES – things we might do, so watch the board*

- *Brown Mountain old growth forests – Sunday if enough people want to do it.*

### *SELF-GUIDED WALKS*

- **Valley View** – Short walk from campground up Ellery Creek Track. *15-20 mins. Follow the red dots from the camp ground bridge. Guide sheet at toilets or info tent (please replace as they are in short supply).*
- *Take yourself to hug the buttresses of the Darejo Tree anytime. See Jill for instructions on how to get there.*

*Note - activities could change from day to day, depending on weather, recent logging and road closures. Watch the chalk-board outside the information tent and attend the morning briefings for details and departure times.*

*Car pooling will be arranged for all driving activities. Passengers - please offer petrol money to the driver.*

*Kids should be properly supervised at all times, especially when guides are talking. Check suitability of activities for your age and fitness level.*