

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 with pics and cartoons *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: thick soups and bread rolls \$5

Saturday at dusk:

Spotlighting - Look for possums, gliders and owls, either around the camp or a special piece of forest on the Plateau, where there are Greater Gliders *with field ecologist Rena. Bring a torch.*

Saturday night:

Bushfires – looking at the wider risks (and myths) *Dr Chris Taylor* will present his forensic analysis of the last decade of Victorian bush fires. Why were the hot fires hot? Why did others stop? Is our fear of forest ground layer justified?

David Cameron's picture show: The renowned natural science communicator will take you into the plant world, carried by curiosity towards discovery, connection and question. Then he'll move on to the second slide. Maybe. Bring chair, blanket and woolies and settle in for a fascinating night! *With David Cameron*

Sunday at dusk:

Forest campaign history and current strategies – A history of forest campaigns and achievements and why we are moving to corporate and legal campaigns - *with Amelia Young from The Wilderness Society after dinner.*

What can I do? Are you all inspired? Raring to go change the world? Talk about what we can each do to help save East Gippsland's forests – *with Jill Redwood and Amelia Young*

FORESTS FOREVER CAMP - ACTIVITIES LIST 2013

GUIDED TOURS AND DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY afternoon

Valley View walk –Let's stretch our car-cramped legs with a walk to the top of the nearest hill behind the camp to see the forest change as we ascend. *1 hour wander with info leaflet*

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/botanist *David Cameron* 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 Supreme Court challenge areas of Brown Mountain),and the Cobb Hill rainforest. See old growth, alpine wetlands, rainforest, and overlook the Brodbribb Wilderness from Woolly Butt Hill. *Full day activity. Bring lunch and a drink.*

SUNDAY

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

Water Bug Fun – come and see what creatures live in a droplet of water, how they get around and what they do for fun – you will not believe your eyes! (Or theirs - some of them have more than two.)
With naturalist Don Butcher, in the camp ground.

Forest and rainforest ecology - The legendary *David Cameron* will lead you on an expedition down into some beautiful forest, and rainforest. Listen to the quiet words of this extraordinary ecologist as you sit on a cushion of moss in a deep, verdant gully. Watch the board for details of where we are going. *Whole day activity, including some off-track walking in dense forest. Bring water and lunch.*

Spying on animals – Native animals generally keep a low profile, so local environmentalists use a range of survey techniques to find them and save the forest. Learn how to identify animal diggings, burrows, markings on trees, and even scats (that's 'poo' to you). 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. *2-3 hours in the campground, with field ecologist Rena Gaborov.*

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

Sunday: Survey Road – does forest grow back after logging? Compare a natural forest in the National Park with the tree farm that grows back after logging - *with Jill Redwood – 40 mins each way drive*

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.