

TCSA – Boomslang Cave, 27 August 2011

Leader: Geoff Tinker

Members: Lynette, Julie, Lee, Lynn and 11 visitors



Julie and Lynette

This is the first hike that I have led with many more visitors than members. I had several phone calls in the week and it seems that the attraction of this hike was Boomslang Cave. The visitors were a friendly and impressive lot, eager and out to enjoy the experience. They ranged in age from the 30's to late 50's all of whom would add value to our membership. One woman was very unfit and returned before we had reached Weary Willies. The rest did not break a sweat.

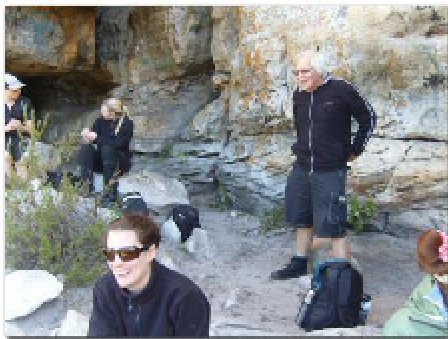
We started from Boyes Drive and hiked past Weary Willies up Echo Valley and branched off to the left to access Cave Peak. Despite having

receded the hike I took a wrong left turn and we had to back track to the path near the top. Julie was our backup pathfinder. The path passes through a lovely forest on the South side of Cave Peak which was damp and green. The cave entrance is behind some rock scree and is not easily found. It took a while to get 15 hikers into the cave and there was a fair amount of hilarity doing this. This cave is impressive with its twists, turns and large chambers. The Cathedral Hall is 30m long. There was a shiny, silvery, crystalline substance lining the roof of some of the branch



Inside Cave

tunnels. There is a very large chamber near the end where the roof is about 30m high.



Back in the sun

The sight of 15 hikers with torches and headlights in this chamber was a treat to behold. To exit the cave required us to proceed on all fours as the 30m passage has a low roof and one section was narrow as well. Large people might have a problem here. There is a bend near the end where the sunlight shows the exit. The exit is on the North side of Cave Peak. This cave is not for those who suffer from claustrophobia. It was fun watching the faces as the hikers exited on their stomachs. We had tea at the exit and returned to Boyes Drive.

The visitors said that they had enjoyed hiking with us and it was a pleasure having them with us. With a bit of luck we could have a couple of new members

Geoff Tinker