

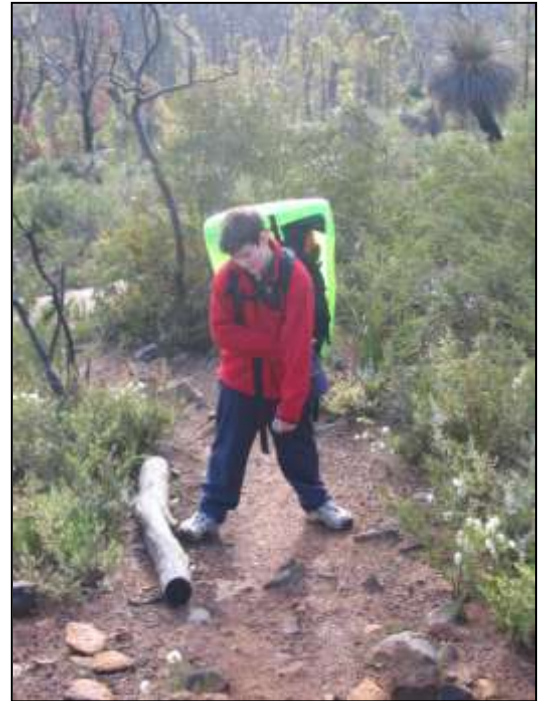
Green Cord Hike (21 - 23 September 2007)

We started from Sullivan Rock car park at 7:00pm on 21st September and followed the cairns across the Rock. As usual we missed the track exit from the Rock and had to 'bush bash' for 50m to reach the Bibbulmun Track.

Once on the track we made excellent progress by torchlight and moonlight to our first nights stop at the Mt Cooke Campsite at 9:30pm. There was no one else there so we spread out a bit.

We were all woken up at midnight by torrential rain – lucky we were in the shelter.

Next morning the rain had finished and we were up at 6:30am and away by 7:00am – to climb Mt Cooke before breakfast.



It was a hard pull up to the top but when we got there, at 8:15am, we had a spectacular view. Whilst having our breakfast we watched the 'ants' crawling along the Albany Highway beneath us.



After breakfast we split into two groups. One group - Eleanor, Bliss, Mitchell, Graham & Brendon – set off first and headed down the mountain. The second group – Gimlet, Kade and Jordon – followed 30 minutes behind. At all times the groups kept in contact by UHF radio and used GPS's and map for locating each other.

Both groups came down off the mountain and followed the cairns across the rock face. Both groups missed the track (what is there about following cairns and getting lost). Group 1 'bush bashed' across to the track – using their GPS. Group 2 skirted round the edge of the rock face until they reached the track. From there on it was a straight run to the next nights stop at the Nerang Campsite – slight problem there since the shelter had been burnt down a couple of years before and the GPS location was incorrect – but Gimlet knew where it was. We arrived at 3:00pm.



When we got to the shelter there was nobody there but shortly after another four hikers turned up – two were 'end-to-enders' who had hiked up from Albany.

That evening we had a 'wide game' using the radios and the GPS's. One pair went out and hid then radioed their location back to the others who entered that into their GPS and went to find the hiders.

Next day we started a bit later, 8:00am, and set off as a single group – but used the radios all day to 'practice' our radio procedure.

It was a long way!



We arrived at the Gringer Creek Campsite at 1:15pm and just had time to get our lunch before setting off to meet our transport at North Bannister Roadhouse. We got there at 2:10pm - 10 minutes late – but that wasn't too bad when you consider we'd just walked 39km!

The Hike – Statistics

We had 8 hikers:

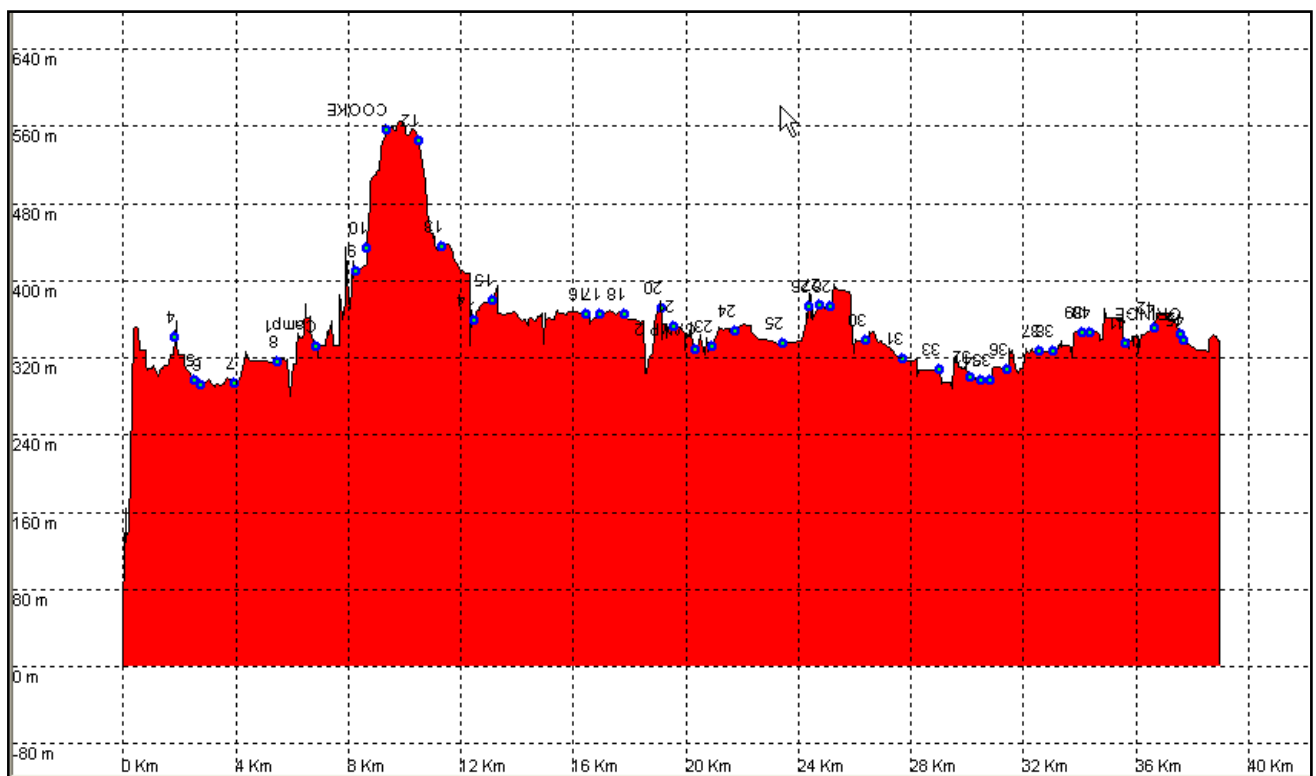
Gimlet	Eleanor Liddle
Blissy Waters	Jordon Radford
Graham O'Connor	Brenden Bayliss
Kade Meyer	Mitchell Budd

Day 1 (Friday 21st September) – we walked 7km from Sullivan Rock to Mt Cooke Campsite starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 9:30pm.

Day 2 (Saturday 22nd September) – we walked 13km from Mt Cooke Campsite to Nerang Campsite starting at 7:00am and finishing at 3:00pm. We climbed to the top of Mt Cooke and had our breakfast there.

Day 3 (Sunday 23rd September) – we walked 19km from Nerang Campsite to North Bannister Roadhouse starting at 8:00am and finishing at 2:00pm.

We carried everything we needed (and tents and medical kits that we didn't).



The Hike Profile (from one of our GPS's)