

Bruce's Trip Report for Numinbah State Forest

Trip: **Glow-Worm Viewing and Night Drive**
Date: **12th April 2014**
Location: **Numinbah State Forest**
Trip Leader: **Shane and Tracey Ross**
Tail End: **Allan Browning**



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I guess a trip report as different value for different people. In my case I hope to encourage either the current trip leader or future ones to continue to run this fantastic trip to an area I imagine many of us have driven past without giving it a second thought. I also would like to encourage everyone to attend this style of trip as driving at night provides quite a different perspective to driving in the bush.

Muchow Park near the entrance to the Natural Bridge in the Springbrook National Park provided a fantastic meeting point, lunch stop and the perfect place for all of us 'newbies' to meet and greet.

The park (for those running other trips in the area) provided a refreshing water hole for swimming, amenities and BBQs with power. A great spot for everyone.

Glow-Worms (or *Arachnocampa flava* - I think) are worth the effort and some on the trip had visited a number of times in the past.

The night arrived and after visiting the glow-worms we started our evening drive through the local state forest. As mentioned the night brings on a different perspective and soon easy tracks become more challenging and a few minor well considered detours were also on our agenda. Shadows morph into rocks and rocks disappear in your headlights. Any drive at night can be a challenge but on unfamiliar tracks and in the bush the challenge becomes just that little more intense.

I for one had a great time and appreciate the effort put in by everyone involved in planning and running the trip and hope to see it on future trip lists as it is a fantastic way to be introduced to the local fauna, the bush, camaraderie and four-wheel driving.

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(Yours in Fun and Safe 4Wding)