

CHRISTMAS BIRD CAMP.

The New South Wales Bird Atlassers' Christmas 2007 camp will be held at Wombeyan Caves, from 26th December 2007 to 1st January 2008 and bird enthusiasts are very welcome to attend for just one day or the whole camp.

Wombeyan Caves is situated approximately 88km north of Goulburn and 65 km west of Mittagong. There is a caravan park and camping ground at the caves. The caravan park has a self-contained cottage for eight (8), cabin units, cabin vans (bookings necessary for all these - phone 02 4843 5976). The camping ground has cooking, refrigeration and covered eating facilities for campers. Camping fees are payable.

Very little data on birds has been gathered from the Wombeyan Caves area so we are keen to get out and about and observe as many birds - species and numbers - as possible in the time available. For those who don't wish to atlas 24/7, there are various guided cave tours available.

Road access can be gained via Bathurst, Goulburn or Mittagong. Directions are as follows:

Bathurst

From Kelso, take the road south to Goulburn via Oberon for 149km (70 km unsealed). Turn left at Richlands. Wombeyan Caves is 26 km along a dirt road.

Goulburn

From Goulburn take the road north to Taralga/Oberon for 62km (sealed road to Taralga), turn right at Richlands. Wombeyan Caves is 26km along a dirt road.

Mittagong

From Mittagong take the old Hume Highway south out of town for 4.5km. Turn right into Wombeyan Caves Road. Wombeyan Caves is 65 km along a dirt road which is winding and narrow, and there is a narrow one-lane tunnel about half way along. Watch for oncoming traffic.

WARNINGS

The road from Mittagong to Wombeyan Caves is not suitable for very long and/or high vehicles.

There is NO fuel available at Wombeyan Caves. Nearest fuel supplies are at Goulburn or Mittagong. There may be fuel at Taralga, but this can sometimes be unreliable.

Look for the NSWBA logo at the campground.

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