

STOCK YARD GULLY CAVES

Discover an ancient underground river system ,Enjoy peaceful bushlands
See feral beehives clinging to the rock face and plants thousands of years old

4 wheel drive vehicles only

Wear sensible footwear- take 2 torches

Caves are subject to flooding after heavy rain

To get there, From Indian Ocean Drive near GreenHead drive east along Coorow-Greenhead Road, towards the Brand highway about 15 km and turn left into Cockleshell Gully road (first road you come to). Drive north along this gravel road about 10 km till you come to a 4 way road/track junction with Woolmulla road on your right. For your route to **Stockyard Gully Caves** drive straight ahead.

ZERO TRIP METRE at the road junction (past No Through Road sign)

0.0 Straight ahead along gravel road.

0.8 klm Pass farmhouse on left, just past this is a CALM sign stating **4WD** only as road turns to sand tracks. On either side are paddocks.

1.5 klm Past small trees.

2.0 klm Note there are now dual tracks. Stick to the left. Ensure 4WD hubs are in.

2.5 klm Track bends to the right.

3.5 klm The sand is easy to drive over when damp. Hard going when dry. Winter and spring are ideal times for this area particularly with the wildflowers in the spring.

3.8 Klm Sign for **Stockyard Gully National Park**, go straight on into the park. Paddock on right, trees on left. Do not pick the wildflowers

4.3 klm Track begins to climb, On your right, over the paddock fence are Banksias and Ghost Gums. The Ghost Gums mark the creek bed.

5.3 klm There is a car park , toilets and information booth here, marked by Pine Logs You can get out and start touring the caves from here by descending into the gully and turn left, and follow creek bed to the cave. The cave runs under the road from the gully. This is the easiest walk.

If you continue driving straight ahead you go over a crest and start descent. After about 7 kilometers you come to the **Eneabba / Coast** road. Turn left on this sealed road to get back to **Indian Ocean Drive**. 10 kilometers north of Leeman.

5.4 klm To get to the other car park drive to more Pine log bollards on right, note gully - **BE CAREFULL OF CLIFF**. By taking track off to your left you can drive your vehicle to the other parking /picnic area in the gully at other end of cave. Drive down this track **Take the rocks at walking pace** for the sake of your vehicle and passengers. Or you can take the foot track following the signs.

5.6 klm Track veers left. Park under trees, picnic tables on right, **Stockyard Gully Caves** can be found by following the signs, or walk up the gully floor to your left about 200 meters. Please take your rubbish with you at the end of your visit.

The cave about 300meters long was created by a river system, which ran below ground level, at certain points the cave ceiling collapsed forming the gully. In the droving days cattle and sheep were held in the gully, which was then blocked to form a natural stock yard. It's a special peaceful spot, which is best around spring when the water is running and it's green. There's Chocolate bats in the cave and abundant bird life living in the protected micro-environment of this hidden valley. The feral bees are European bees which have "escaped" (swarmed) from apiarists who have many hives in the area.

Please treat the area with respect ,take your rubbish with you.

Be care full of bees and remember to take at least 2 torchs (flashlights).

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