

## Robyn Falls to Anniversary Creek - 19 January 2014

Report from Verena Tinning

The group of 7 was led by Andy Peart. Participants were Paul, Pauline, Wendy, Peter, Dean and I. Four of these are new members and it's always great to see new faces in the club; welcome to the Club.

After our 'briefing' at Adelaide River we set off and started our walk at Robyn Falls car park. We expected it to be wet, it had rained and rained the whole week and the weather forecast said more was to come. The short walk up to the falls was a little slippery but no serious 'trips' were experienced.

Above the falls, we headed up the creek into some dense rainforest. It would have been very nice if it wasn't for the leeches. Some of us had forgotten all about this possibility and were unpleasantly surprised to have to keep a keen eye out for the little suckers. Thankfully Wendy was prepared and happy to share the salt to get them off. How they get to your armpit is a mystery to me...

Further on, the views along the ridge got better and better. We opted to have some lunch on top of an outcrop. We didn't even mind the drizzle while we enjoyed the break.

Just as we got going again after lunch, someone heard this persistent hissing inside their bag and it was understandably worrying. Thankfully it turned out not to be a snake; the lid of the aerogard can came off and with the movement in the bag, caused the said noise on and off. Another problem solved and we won't mention names but (despite what some readers might think) it wasn't me.



Besides leading the walk, Andy shared a lot about the fauna and background of the area which was interesting. He let some of us have a go at navigating too, which went quite well, we didn't get lost anyway.

We did end up getting a bit wet with an occasional shower but not as much as we expected. Nevertheless, towards the end of the day, everyone's shoes were thoroughly soaked inside out and it wasn't worth fussing to find a narrow place to cross water. It was much easier to walk right through. Dean didn't even think taking his shoes off was necessary when we had our one and only swim.

Back at the car, everyone was somewhat relieved that we had a dry set of clothes to put on for the way home. A last stop at Adelaide River for an ice cream and the drive back to Darwin was through heavy rain nearly all the way. All in all, an enjoyable wet season walk, cool temperatures and something different to do.