

## Journal of Trip in a Houseboat on the Murray River, October 2016

This was a 3-day trip in a houseboat, with Ian, Nikki, Erica & Louisa, starting on Tuesday, 4-Oct-16 and ending on Friday, 7-Oct-16. A round trip from Murray Bridge.

We moored in Murray Bridge overnight on 4-Oct (near "The Bunyip" at the 110km mark, about 1km from the Bridge), and set out upstream the next morning.

We stopped for lunch at Wood Lane Reserve. Mooring that night at about the 136/137km mark, near Ponde.

The next morning (Thursday) we went further upstream, and stopped opposite Caloote, at the 144km mark. We all had turns canoeing nearby, culminating in Erica & Louisa together. The wind was very strong and threatened to blow them well past the houseboat; I reached out to grab them as they past, and fell into the Murray, complete with watch, wallet, mobile phone. Only the mobile suffered irreparable damage, though I did manage to get it working, except for sound (so not much use as a phone!).

We set off again downstream (returning), and moored that night between Avoca Dell and Thieles Landing, at the 115km mark. As we tied up (using vegetation growing on the riverbank), I saw a black snake, but kept well out of its way!

The next morning (Friday) we returned the houseboat (at about 10am), and then drove home via Lake Breeze winery at Langhorne Creek, where we stopped for lunch.



