



Avondale Trip

11 July 2022

Trip leader Frank Marzoli

Start The Lakes BP Roadhouse

Time 9.00AM

We all gathered there ahead of time For a briefing on the outlook of the day s run

Trip participants

Frank Marzoli, Damian & Karen Collins, Mike Leddin & Clare Jones, Les & Carol Crombie,

Alex Cokic & Maria Sannino, Andrew & Ertha Mitchell, Paul Hemming,

Troy & Marietta Smallacombe, Steve Baker & Thomas,

T.E.C. Steve king,

We all left the road house in convoy fashion to our first turn off at Talbot road west where we proceeded to our first turn off ,in the farming country and our first turn into the bushland tracks,

This was going to be fun, over some rain rutted pieces of track followed by some smooth sandy area this was going to be our standard fare for the morning, so far no puddles to talk about,

We stopped for a morning break by some outcrops of Granite boulder and after some time we had to leave as it was starting to springle with rain but this did not last long

And on to the next section of track here we took on a side track to follow a fence line, where we where visited by a big mob of sheep's that assumed we were there to feed them sorry to disappoint them Maria thought that they were very cute

And on we kept going this section of the track took us through a small valley with deviations on the Track to channel water away from the centre of the track here we had the choice of going over the speed humps or choosing the alternate side deviation and the only puddle of water for the day about 5 inches of water and along the boundary fence of the Farming district

Shortly after this we came out on to a perfectly graded gravel road This had taken us just over 3 hours of travel right on schedule to my reckoning

It was now time to take a scenic drive along the picturesque farming district towards the locality of West Dale this is a Lovely farming country with fresh planting of crops



And a sight to behold

We stopped for lunch at the Church of St Johns in the Wilderness in west dale, that is still in use today as it was back in the past.



From here we were meant to travel on to Avondale Research Station and have a look at the farming museum, but unfortunatly this is closed ,and therefore I decided to skip this section,

Here we headed up to the Greater Southern Highway and later detoured back to the hills section for another sight seeing tour of the farming district spectacular dotted with hills full of Granite outcrops of boulders once again they left us inspired at how majestic mother nature can be,

Then we headed up to the greater Southern Highway and towards Saint Ronans Well

This was an old watering spot in the days of old horse transport for good going to York.

Here we said our good byes and wished everybody a safe journey Home

Thank You to all that participated