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The Association for Gaff-Rig
and Traditional Sailing

Wellington Dam Rally

Cruise in Company

22 & 23 October 2022

Where: Wellington Dam, Potters Gorge camp ground

When: **Saturday: 10:00 to 10:30 start**
Sunday: 09:00 for a 15:00 finish

We look forward to seeing you at Wellington Dam for two days of exploring and sailing! The water level is around 83%, slightly less than last year, but more than sufficient to explore this large piece of water. The Peel Harvey event will be put on hold this year. The plan is to stay at the Potters Gorge campsite and use the adjacent boat ramp. If camping is not your preference there are plenty of alternatives nearby and in Collie.

I would strongly recommend that if you are interested in taking part that you visit the web site below and book a campsite. I am aware that the following sites have already been booked by OGA members. 26, 28, 34, 36 in the Dowan Loop. At the time of writing there are adjacent sites available.

[Potters Gorge | Explore Parks WA | Parks and Wildlife Service \(dpaw.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

If, however there is a shortage of individual camp sites, we should be able to share as several sites are suitable for a couple of tents. Please advise myself or Jim Black if you do have problems booking. From Mosman Park, driving carefully it took me 2 hours 30 minutes to reach Potters Gorge. Some members have indicated that they will drive down on Friday. **IMPORTANT:** the road and footpath under the dam wall is closed, so anyone driving from the south to Potters Gorge will have to take an alternative route.

Please contact James Bennett if you intend taking part providing the following details:

Boat name	Sail number	DoT registration	Skipper's & crew names	RST	Radio type and call sign	Insurance confirmation	Emergency contact for all on board
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All participants are to complete the C-Fleet self-assessment form and submit this to Jim Black prior to the event. Participating boats must have liability insurance cover for up to \$10 million.

The Potters Gorge camp ground is a well laid out site with toilets and camp kitchens in a Jarrah and Marri Forest. See map overleaf. There is no potable drinking water on site so please bring your own. Likewise, there are no shower facilities or power. Each camp site has its own fire pit, so consider bringing some wood with you, last year we gathered around one fire pit during the evening socialising.

A review of the weather conditions will take place during the week prior to the event and at 5pm on Friday 26 November. If any last minute communications are necessary these will be via SMS/phone. The program is broadly as follows but may be altered to suit the prevailing weather conditions on each day.



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Saturday 22 October

- Depending how many participants are camping on Friday night, we will aim to set sail around 10.30am
- We will hold a safety briefing and review of the day before we depart the foreshore
- Bring a packed lunch and plenty of water as the plan will be to sail all day, anchoring or landing on a beach for lunch
- Saturday night will be social around a camp fire, so please bring pre-dinner nibbles, musical instruments and a good story to share!
- Any embarrassing launching/sailing/camping stunts will have been noted and will be discussed during the evening meal!
- Bring any new boating, camping tech, bikes and other equipment along for a show and tell

Sunday 23 October

- Note that Potters Gorge campsites are to be vacated by 10am unless you are staying on Sunday night. Cars and trailers can be reparked near the boat ramp if you are not staying on Sunday night
- We will aim to get sailing by 9.30-10am
- After lunch on the lake, sail back to Potters Gorge and arrive by 15:00
- Wrap up and farewell at 15:30 -16:00

Monday 24 October

- If anyone is staying over then a morning sail, walk or mountain bike ride is on the cards. The café is closed on Mondays

Safety

- All participants are responsible for their own boat and the safety of their crew. Skippers are to ensure that their boat is well prepared for this event. A safety briefing will be held on each day. Study the attached Boating Guide
- The organisers have the right to cancel the sail if the weather conditions are adverse, however it is the Skipper's responsibility to decide whether to start or withdraw
- **Note;** Outboard engines equal to and less than 6hp are now permitted. See the attached Boating guide.
- All participants must be confident that they can recover their boats from a capsize without outside assistance, and the ability/equipment to retrieve crew or others from the water after a man-overboard incident.
- In preparing your boats for the weekend we require as a minimum that the following equipment is carried in addition to the equipment listed in the C-Fleet self-assessment form.
 - Lifejackets/PFDs for all crew
 - 2 x orange smoke flares
 - A VHF marine radio (waterproof or in a sealed bag) we will use **channel 72 VHF**
 - Good anchoring gear (boats can be hauled up the beach, but we would recommend anchoring off the beach, with a stern line tied to a tree or second anchor)
 - A robust torch
 - Water proof clothing
 - First aid kit & suncream
 - Spare rope (towing, additional mooring lines, and to cover breakages)
 - Dry bags for spare clothes and camping gear

Camping

- All food and drinks are BYO (however good coffee is to be shared!)
- The camping ground is basic and has no power, potable water or shower facilities, so please bring your own water for drinking and cooking, and perhaps a solar shower.
- There are toilet blocks and covered camp kitchens (no sinks) throughout the camping area,
- Open fires are permitted, unless DpAW alters the restricted fire dates. James will bring some fire wood, but if others have access to wood this would be appreciated
- Mosquitoes and bush flies may be an issue so please bring repellent, long sleeved shirts and trousers

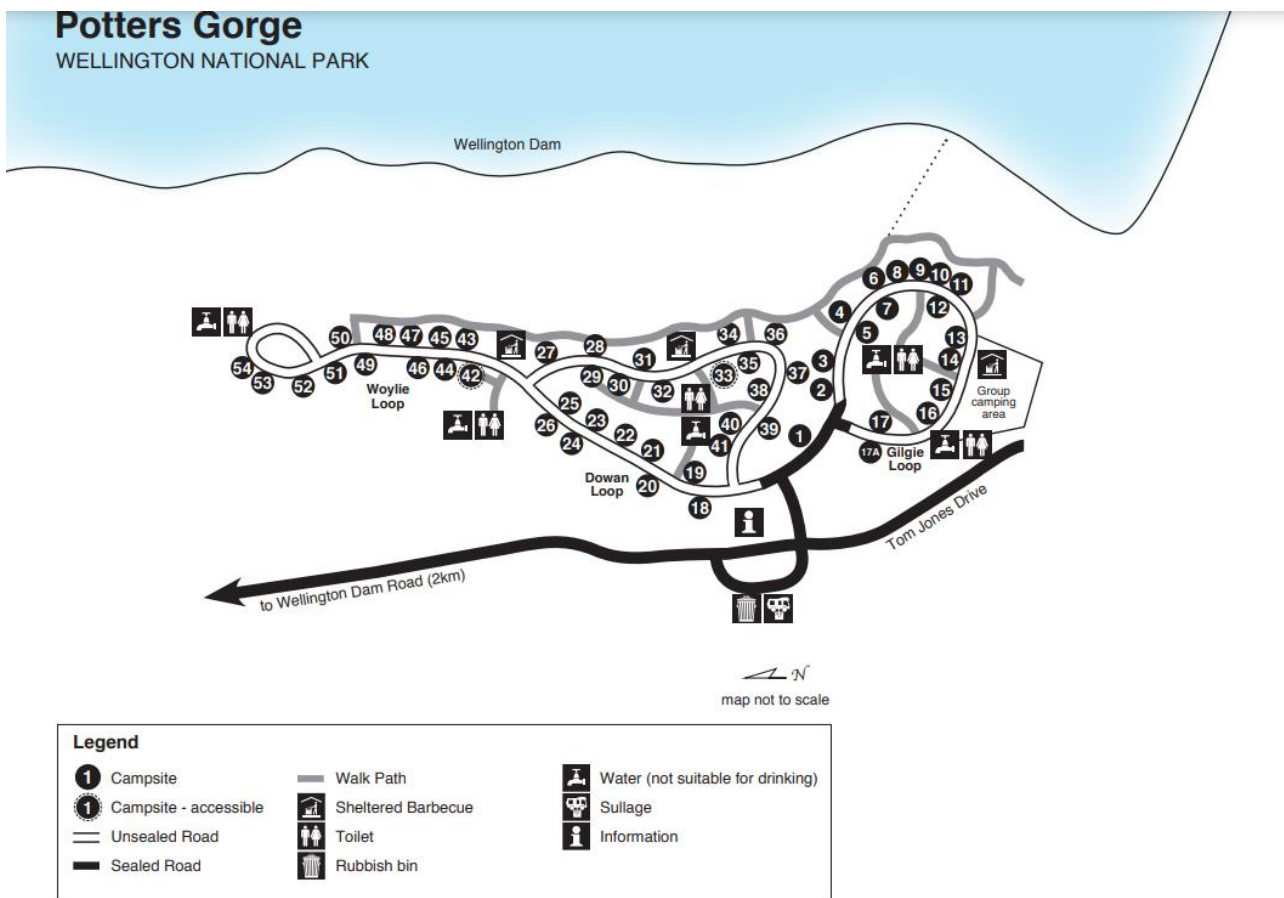


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- Bring warm clothes and a good tent
- Strongly suggest that food and rubbish is kept in plastic containers, as the local parrots are expert thieves!
- A sense of humour, stories and a musical instrument
- The kiosk/café near the dam has been improved and serves a reasonable coffee and snacks. Its current advertised hours are 9am to 3pm, Thursday to Sunday only. [Kiosk At The Dam Menu - Wellington Dam Kiosk](#)



The boat ramp is 200m to right (south) along the Tom Jones Dr as shown on the above map

Any further questions - please ask!

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or Jim Black on 0418 918 050 e-mail: jimblack.marine@inet.net.au



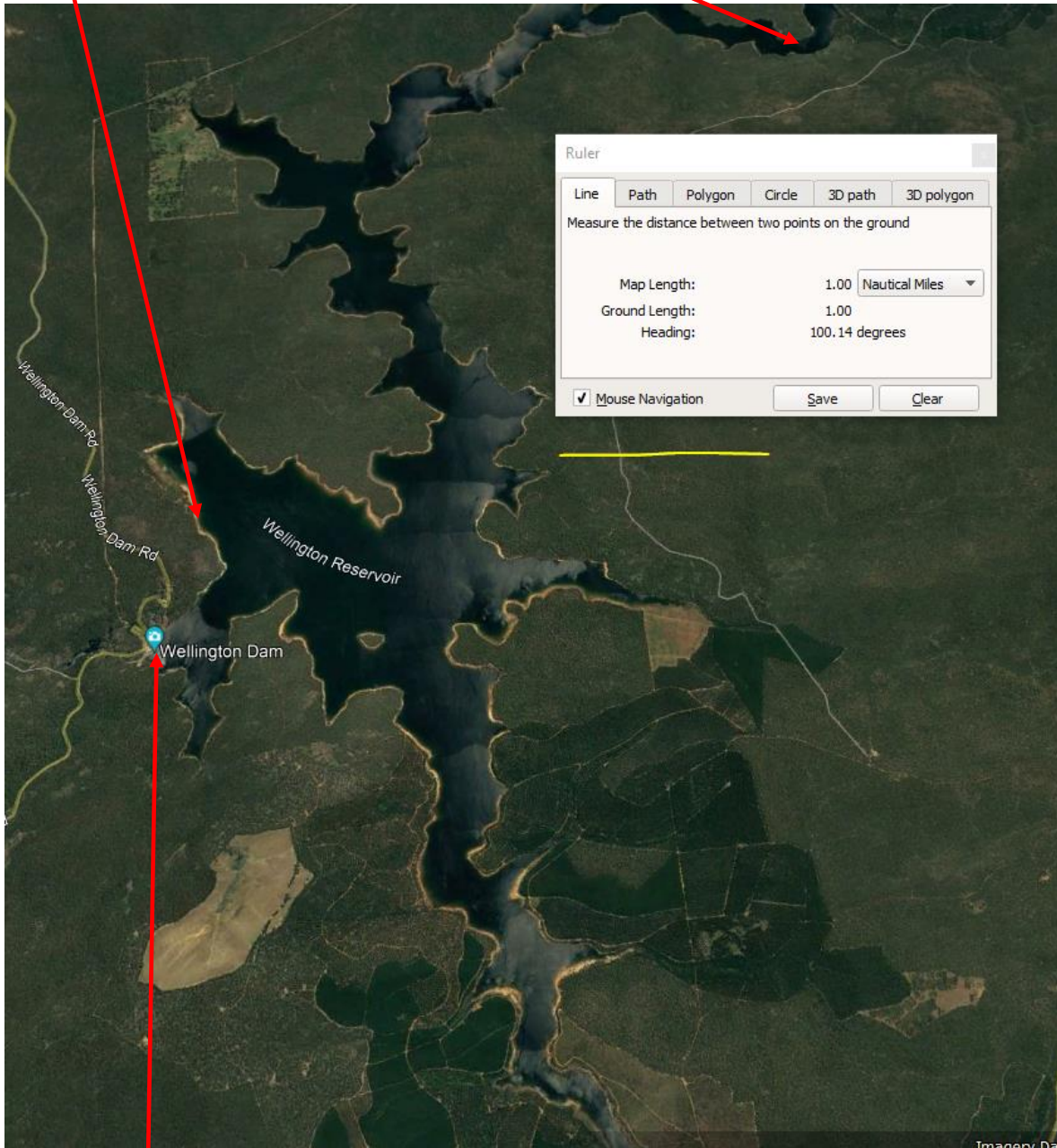
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campsite

To Collie



The café and dam wall

Yellow line indicates 1 nautical mile (approx)