



Kayak adventure:

WEEKEND IN KANGAROO VALLEY

Friday night February 4 to Sunday February 6, 2022

We get more requests for Kangaroo Valley trips than any other weekend destination. Easy to see why it's so popular, when you discover the simple pleasures of a weekend on the water here with friends. Two easy-paced day paddles on the tranquil waters of Morton National Park above Tallowa Dam, near the quaint settlement of Kangaroo Valley. On Day One we'll launch adjacent to



the picnic area at Tallowa Dam and paddle up the sun-dappled waters of the Shoalhaven River. Along our route, you'll have the chance to marvel at the grandeur of the sheer sandstone cliffs of the Shoalhaven Gorge that rise high above a heavily wooded shoreline chock full of birdlife. How far upstream we get will be flexible – maybe we'll reach the navigable limit of our craft at Fossickers Flat, which will mean a 30km round trip.

There will be plenty of opportunities for shore breaks – including lunch – on the grassy verges which can be found along our way. Our return to Tallowa Dam will give us the opportunity to gain another perspective of the gorge when viewed in the afternoon light.

Launching again from Tallowa Dam, Day Two's paddle will have us kayaking on Lake Yarrunga into which the Kangaroo River flows. Before launching we'll take a short walk to the dam's viewing platform where we'll be able to see if the water is flowing over the spillway and into the Shoalhaven River below. We may even see the fish elevator in action. The character of this day's paddle will be quite different. The slopes will rise more gently and the lake's waters will be more expansive. We'll take a side trip up to the navigable limits of Bundanoon Creek to enjoy a lunch break in shady surrounds. Our route will take through an eerie forest of drowned trees with large colonies of cormorants perching on leafless limbs. As the creek narrows and becomes more intimate, we'll keep a lookout for the lustrous sheens of the occasional Azure Kingfisher as it darts from limb to limb in front of us. After

lunch, we'll paddle a direct route to Tallowa Dam; the round trip for the day will be in the vicinity of 18kms. Expect encounters with birds and other wildlife over the 2 days. Eastern water dragons are likely to be sunning themselves on overhanging boughs or on the sun-drenched rocks along our route. We might also spot the occasional roo or wombat grazing on some of the grasslands that verge the shoreline. Pace throughout set by the group. On Saturday night, a group barbecue will be held. Because of Covid, no food or alcohol will be provided by us, so you should bring everything with you.

Led by Cathy Miller ...

The trip will be led by Freedom Outdoors Cathy Miller, who heads our women's program, takes care of our training sessions and has conducted many tours for us. You are in good hands.

Participation fee of \$265 per person includes kayak hire, guiding, necessary licenses and permits and all the fun you can handle (no refunds in the month leading up to the weekend).



Kangaroo Valley Holiday Park - discounted villa accommodation from \$144 per person for the weekend.

Freedom Outdoors paddlers receive a 10% discount on standard rates. Phone the Park on 1300 559 977 to book or email kvalley@holidayhaven.com.au. If you are happy to share with others, tell the Park when you call and they'll do their best to match you up. All main beds will be made up with towels provided and additional linen packs for other beds can be provided on request. Check in is from 2pm on Friday. An amount equivalent to one night's stay is required as deposit. Be sure to mention Freedom Outdoors to get your discount. If you will be arriving after 6pm, tell the park and they will leave a late check in pack outside reception. For detailed descriptions and photos of the different villas, go to www.kangaroovalley.holidayhaven.com.au. Below is the accommodation the Park has put aside for us. All villas are beautifully appointed, have expansive decks, air con, fans and TV/DVDs. They will be allocated on a first in first served basis. Detailed below are the discounted rates. To calculate the per person cost, divide by the number in your party. This weekend is for people who are double vaccinated.

Carrington – Double bed, bathroom, kitchen. \$144 per night, \$288 weekend.

Carrington Deluxe – Queen bed, bathroom, kitchen. \$153 per night, \$306 for weekend.

Shoalhaven – Double bed, 3 bunks, bathroom, kitchen. \$180 per night, \$360 for weekend.

Shoalhaven Deluxe – 2 bedrooms – double bed, 3 bunks, bathroom, kitchen. \$190 per night, \$380 for weekend.

Cambewarra Deluxe – Queen/3 bunks in separate rooms, bathroom, kitchen. \$210 per night, \$420 for weekend.

Camping sites – powered \$20 per night, \$40 weekend per person. Unpowered \$15 per night, \$30 weekend per person.

These arrangements are strictly between you and the Park. We take no commission, so you get the best discounted rates. Register and pay \$265pp to Freedom Outdoors by bank transfer: BSB 032 123 Account 22 32 86 with your name in the message field. By credit card: www.freedomoutdoors.com.au