



# Rat Tales

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## HANS "TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE" OUTING SEPTEMBER, 2006

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- Who:** Hans *The Leader Of The Pack*, Bruce, Jean, Yoshi and Self
- When:** *One Perfect Day Saturday* morning, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30.
- I'm Sitting at the Railway Station, Jump In My Car*, says Hans and we *Hit The Road*, Jack.
- Where:** Werribee Gorge State Park, via Ironbark Road (not *Copperhead Road*)
- Why:** To explore the *West End (Girls)* of the Park
- How:** We ambled down towards (*Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons* Lookout. Had morning tea at base while admiring the *So Beautiful* views across the park, then *Slip, Sliding Away* to the Werribee River below. Had *Many Rivers To Cross*, lunching at a *Catch The Wind* river bend. Onwards to reach *Petticoat Junction* Pool where the Werribee & Myrning Creek conjunct! *One More Mountain To Climb* (seemed more like 3 and *Hanging By A Moment*, all without the aid of ropes!) to arrive back up north of the Lookout where Hans reminisced of a long ago campsite. *Step By Step* back up to the cars to well-earned refreshments at nearby Bacchus Marsh before we were *Homeward Bound* down a *Country Road*.
- What:** We saw ruins and relics. Magnificent views. Swamp Wallabies, *On The Wings Of An (Wedge-tailed) Eagle*, also (*Broken Wings*) the remains of one, and, *Blowin' In The Wind* a Koala and babe. Flowering Hop, Mint, Wattle, Bush peas and more.
- Down by The River*, feral flora included a white Bearded Iris in full bloom, and Stinging Nettles (*Itchycoo Park*). We gained a sense of achievement and also now have one leg longer than the other!!!
- If:** If only I had remembered to take my camera.....
- If Hans had told the story of the long ago campsite before the walk.....
- If we'd known what lay ahead.....
- But:** As often happens, the unknown areas of the land, and ourselves, are often the most exhilarating areas to explore and so Thank U Hans for leaving us Feeling Good and appreciating *What A Wonderful World* we have in our own backyard.
- Kerrin