



An adventure  
for lovers of  
4WDing

variety  
**4WD  
TREK**



Treasure  
Island Trek  
13 - 25 May 2018

  
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the children's charity





## Get on track in 2018!

If you have always wanted to take your 4WD off road and travel to some of Australia's most beautiful and out-of-the-way places then join the **Variety 4WD Trek** and you won't go alone.

**There's nothing else like the Variety 4WD Trek!**

**This trip has it all -  
4WD challenges,  
beach, mountains  
and LOADS  
of FUN!**

**At 22 years young,  
the Variety 4WD Trek  
is Australia's  
most loved 4WD  
adventure!**

**What can I expect  
on the Variety 4WD Trek?  
Full on-road support, some  
of the country's best tracks and  
scenery, new friends, unique  
experiences, fun stops and games  
along the way and party-filled nights!  
2018 Theme - PIRATES!!**

### What is the Variety 4WD Trek?

The Variety 4WD Trek is an exciting adventure taking 4WDs off the bitumen and onto challenging and fun dirt roads and tracks. In 2018 we navigate the historical wonders of Tasmania- soaking in the scenery, meeting the locals and having plenty of fun!

Suited to anyone with an adventurous spirit who takes pleasure in the great outdoors, the Trek caters for both experienced and in-experienced 4WDers alike. The event is supported by an experienced team of staff and officials, boasting over 70 years' experience on the Variety 4WD Trek. Radio communications, mechanical assistance and a scout to check the tracks are all there to ensure that you are safe. But most importantly they are there to make sure you have fun!

If you think you would enjoy 12 days of adventure, exploring Australia's great outdoors with other like-minded people, then this is the trek for you!

### How do I take part?

It's easy to enter the Variety 4WD Trek! The entry fee for the 2018 Variety 4WD Trek is \$660 (incl. GST) plus a fundraising target of \$3000. Variety offers a number of fundraising opportunities for entrants to assist them in their fundraising. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime! Get in touch with the team today on 03 8698 3900 or [motoringevents@varietyvic.org.au](mailto:motoringevents@varietyvic.org.au)



## The Trek... The Experience Our 2018 Journey

### Day 0 – Sunday 13 May Eildon

The 2018 4WD Trek 'Welcome Dinner' finds us up at Lake Eildon aka 'Lake Variety' as we celebrate our adventure ahead and say thank you to our mums.

### Day 1 – Monday 14 May Spirit of Tasmania

This morning we head off on our official start and see our fundraising dollars at work with a very special grant presentation. Buoyed, we will take a quick run through our glorious high country before heading towards Melbourne and boarding the Spirit. Tassie .... here we come!

### Day 2 – Tuesday 15 May Stanley

Arriving early in Devonport, our numbers grow – welcome to our Tassie Trekkers. After catching up with our new arrivals over breakfast it is time to head off on our Tasmanian Adventure.

### Day 3 – Wednesday 16 May Arthur River

This morning allows free time to take in the sights, don't forget to get your food requirements for dinner tonight and breakfast and lunch tomorrow. Experience the beauty of Tasmania's north-west coast, a region aptly named the 'Edge of the World'.

### Day 4 – Thursday 17 May Corinna

Today has a bit of everything. Sand, water, mud and lots of history. Enjoy some of the best that the West Coast of Tasmania has to offer. Tonight, we bed down in Corinna - a historic mining town, set in pristine rainforest on the banks of the majestic Pieman River.

### Day 5 – Friday 18 May Strahan

The only way across the Arthur-Pieman River is on the Fatman Barge. Once across our adventure along the West Coast continues, in 4WD again, of course. The tracks take us to Strahan, a harbour-side village with a dark and fascinating convict past set on the edge of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

### Day 6 – Saturday 19 May New Norfolk

Today we start with a quick run on sand, and then it is onto the black top for most of the day as we head west to east. But don't get dark about all that tar! In true Trekker form, we have some memorable stops arranged for you along the way.

### Day 7 – Sunday 20 May Dover

Time to lock in 4WD again. Not a great distance to be travelled today, but it will take time and challenges are to be had. This is what it's all about! Tonight's stop finds us in the southern most town of significance in Australia - Dover.

### Day 8 – Monday 21 May Port Arthur

Black-top cannot be avoided, but it's not all bitumen. Today we travel to Tassies' heights and dark depths of history and spend the night with a Devils and Demons themed dinner.

### Day 9 – Tuesday 22 May Port Arthur (Lay Day)

A day free to explore and experience the history of Port Arthur, from timber camp, to a prison at the forefront of criminal reform methods.

### Day 10 – Wednesday 23 May Coles Bay

Travelling from history, on through military and ending the day with beauty. Definitely a day of extremes and of course ... 4WD challenges. Tonight we stay in the seaside holiday village of Coles Bay beneath stunning, sheer pink granite mountains overlooking the calm, crystal clear water of Oyster Bay.

### Day 11 – Thursday 24 May Bridport

Forest tracks and roads take us to an unusual lunch setting – in a paddock! Then onto the beachside township for our overnight stop at Bridport, famous for its white sandy beaches, coastal parks and bushland reserves, and Barnboughle Dunes.

### Day 12 – Friday 25 May Grindelwald

We start our day with beaches and dunes as we travel west across the northern edge of this magnificent Island. Our lunch stop finds us being catered to by our longest reigning Trekkers. A short drive south from lunch and we enter into a unique Swiss Village. Then it's time to get clean, get dressed, and get ready for our Final Night convict themed festivities at our Ball & Chain.

## A snapshot of our journey ahead...



L to R  
Arthur River Day 3,  
Bridport Day 9,  
The road to Dover Day 7,  
Balfour Track Day 4.

## The Trek that changes lives...

There's something that makes this 4WD adventure so special - by taking part you are directly changing the lives of children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs - and YOU get to see where your fundraising dollars go. In 2017 the Variety 4WD Trek passed through Heywood where we presented the local community with an all abilities carousel - changing the lives of local children who are now able to play with their peers for the first time. In 2018 we will make another special presentation en-route - we can't wait for you to meet the children you are assisting.



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### Get in touch!

Our motoring events team are ready to help you get on the road for the 2018 Variety 4WD Trek!  
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