

Charleston By Sam

A special place for my family is a river near Charleston where there is a secret driveway where we go every month or so and we stay the night in a little bach that is about 30m² and is quite cozy for such a small place. It is hidden up in the Charleston mountains and it used to be a deer/cattle farm and there is a lot still in there. It is a special place for my family because me and my Dad started going there with an old friend and then we started taking Mum and my little brother. It is very fun to spotlight at night and we do all sorts of activities there. It is always really fun in summer because there are a ton of rivers and eels to feed. Every few months dad has to shoot one of the deer because it is either sick or not impressive enough for the Chinese tourists who visit.

We have some friends up there and their names are: Brayden, Emma, Jessica, Curtis and Uncle John. Uncle John is not really my Uncle but everyone calls him that so he is called that. He occasionally tells us off for scaring away the deer but that is not often. The tourists are very annoying because they drive an old army truck around and scare everything away. There is a cave there and you need to walk a long way to get there but it is worth it when you get there. There are two ways to reach the cave one is by swimming down the river and the other is by walking up goat gully and then down the other side, this way takes longer but at least you stay dry!

You can get limestone to make fire holes all up goat gully because it is full of the flat, dry, white rocks that can be stacked up to make the walls of a fire pit. My brother really doesn't like heights so when we are leaving he shuts his eyes to stop him seeing the really high cliff that we drive across. Sometimes when the bach is full we have to bring up our caravan for Mum and Dad to sleep in and sometimes one of the kids sleeps in there too but not me because I like sleeping in the bach. There is a lot of fuss at night especially in the Roar season because there is no inside toilet it is outside and the stags are constantly roaring keeping us awake all night.