

wide open spaces

Stories from St Johns Youth - April, 2013

“Something God really taught me on the trip was...”

- . . . how big the world really is.
- . . . the value of a team that works well together and gets on well.
- . . . that working with other people makes a task better, also that I love being a Christian.
- . . . people are so much smaller than He is.
- . . . the Earth is amazingly beautiful.
- . . . how He is always with us. How far a human can walk on their own steam.
- . . . how small I really was, in the city humans seem big, but the wilderness shows us otherwise.

“Something I learned about 'community' from this experience is...”

- . . . anyone can get along with anyone, they just have to trust each other. Sometimes the only way to achieve trust is through having no other option.
- . . . it is brilliant when it works and people get on (it did, and they did!)
- . . . that listening about people's life stories and experiences are extremely interesting.
- . . . everyone has different strengths and people respond well to encouragement.
- . . . when we work together a task becomes much more easy and exciting and do-able.
- . . . we really supported each other on this tramp, especially when Hannah sprained her ankle.
- . . . It's easier in a group than by one's self.

“I'll never forget...”

- . . . I'll never forget any of it, I loved it all.
- . . . we had our bonfire and card games.
- . . . we crossed rivers by swing bridges, we saw Lake Sumner appear, we saw dawn on the last morning.
- . . . we did the 'solo' and I nearly froze.
- . . . we started to walk and the sense of relief at the end.
- . . . we found a luxurious hut → and discovered that we couldn't sleep in it.
- . . . we saw an amazing rainbow.