

41st Top Half Folk Festival

Glen Helen; 10-13 June 2011



Where is it?

Glen Helen Resort, Namatijira Drive, just 130 kms along the bitumen, west of Alice Springs. The Homestead is set on the banks of the mighty Finke River, with spectacular views of the Western MacDonnell Ranges. The Gorge and waterhole are a few minutes walk along the river bed.

How do I get there?

Just head west out of town along Larapinta Drive, past Simpsons Gap and Stanley Chasm and keep going until turning right onto Namatijira Drive. You can't miss it, as there are large signs to Ormiston Gorge and Glen Helen.

Important Information

The bar is licensed until well into the wee small hours, with a roaring log fire to keep the vocal chords warm and lubricated. Shelagh and Colin, mine hosts at Glen Helen, are sponsors of our festival and we receive special bar prices for the weekend. We would encourage you to respect this and not to take any of your own alcohol. There are also designated smoking areas as required by law, and again we urge you to respect this.

Remember that this time of year in Alice is winter, so bring your jackets and thermals. The evening concerts will be outside in a marquee, which will be heated, but be prepared!

If you happen to be in town on the Thursday (9 June) before the festival, a gathering will be happening in Alice at a venue yet to be arranged. The next newsletter will advertise this or you can ring a committee member nearer the date.

Meal Deals.

Breakfast: 7-9:30am. Continental breakfast is included in the weekend ticket, if you sleep in you will have to make your own arrangements. A cooked breakfast is available at your own cost.

Lunch: 12:00-1:30pm. Order from the lunch menu at the special festival rate.

Dinner: 5:45-7:15pm at special festival rate. The Glen Helen A La Carte restaurant will only be open on the Friday night.

Concerts

As usual we will be hosting 2 afternoon concerts and 2 evening concerts, plus a number of workshop/presentations. There will be a poets breakfast each morning, and possibly some musical entertainment over lunch. After the nighttime concerts sessions will be happening in the bar area. Our special guest this year is Peter Bugden from Perth, and we have other guests from all around Australia. To see more just click on the link. [Timber and Steel](#) All performers whether from interstate or the NT play for free as well as paying for their own accommodation and weekend ticket. With that in mind we try to give everyone an equal opportunity to perform.

Accommodation Details

Glen Helen has different styles of accommodation available, however many of these will now have gone, and it is very important that if you need accommodation to ring Shelagh or Colin on 08 8956 7489

Staying on after the festival

If you are intending to stay on after the festival at Glen Helen with perhaps a look around the West Macs. Chris Aronston, their resident performer will be back on deck from Monday night.

Ticket Prices

Weekend Tickets:

Early Bird: \$80 (ends 15 May)
Weekend: \$90 (after 15 May)
Your contact for this is David Evans on 0418 519 211
Concession (pensioners with an OAP Card, unemployed, students): \$70
Youth (12-17): \$50
Under 12: free (if accompanied by an adult)

Day Tickets:

Full price: \$40
Concession: \$30
Youth: \$20

Workshop/Presentation:

Full price: \$15
Concession: \$10
Youth: \$5

Night Concerts:

Full price: \$20
Concession: \$15
Youth: \$5

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