

A Nomadic Tale



DAY 1

My friends just dropped me off at the Simpson desert. I have in my bag: a small knife, a tent with a sleeping bag, this journal and a book of natural flora and fauna.

Update: for dinner I had a rabbit. I caught it in a small trap I made from weaved grass. It was kind of fast but I caught it just in time. I cooked it over a small group of firey coals. I eat and then set out to find some sort of drink. I found a small pond of mostly clear water so I had a drink of that.

DAY 2

I woke up to a beautiful sun rise this morning. This is what it looks like.



This morning for breakfast I had a bit of aloe vera mashed up with some honey ants I found on the ground.

DAY 3

Today I found an old drink bottle in the pond. I decided to rinse it out thoroughly then filled it up with water. I'm thinking day 5 is when I'll move some where else...? I think this will be my main water source.



For lunch I had a natural desert shrub called Desert Sweet. It is a shrub like bush that has little white flowers and it grows in the summer. I have had Desert Sweet before and have liked it but its not my favorite.

DAY 4

Today Im slowly packing for moving tommorow. I have managed to catch a few rabbits, a few birds and one desert fox.



DAY 5

I am moving to a different location today. I am hoping to have a bit of a wander and I will update if I find somewhere.

Update: I found a little clearing in the more green side of the desert. I am going to set up here. It has alot of shade so that is good.

Day 6

I successfully caught a desert fox, skined it, cooked it, then ate it. I garnished the fox with some Mesquite which I used the wood for smoking the fox.

For dessert I had prickley pear, with honey ants on top.

Day 7

Last night I was trying to catch a snake(that has lots of meat inside) and it turned around and bit me. I am very lucky that I have a first aid kit in my bag! 🐍



The nights are very cold in this environment, often dropping to near freezing temperatures. Thankfully my sleeping bag is very warm and my tent shelters me from the cold winds.

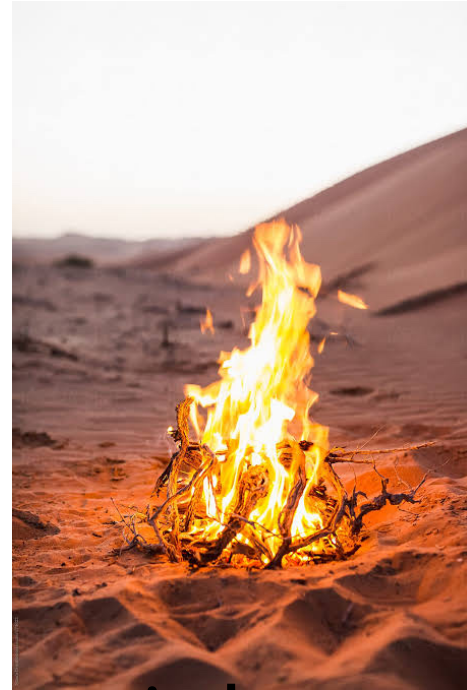
Day 8

Today I focused on getting supplies such as fire wood, after the recent chilly nights. I recently weaved a small basket out of some fiber that I found so hopefully I can find some berrys to put in there.



Day 9

I am going to set up some more traps today. I have used up all of my food now.



The temperature at night continues to be cold whilst the days are still very hot. I feel I am dehydrated a lot, and continue to return to the nearby pond for water. Without that pond, I surely would not have made it this far.

Day 10

I successfully caught a kangaroo rat. I think I caught it around 2 am. It woke me up but thats okay. I heard it rustling around in my tent and awoke to find it inside.



Day 11

Today my already sore snake bite got infected. Im going to take it easy. I found some aloe vera to put on the wound. It seems to continually burn and sting.



KINDA GROSS



If you have a weak stomach
then probably cover your
eyes!



Day 12

I was running out of food so i went to get some berries but on the way i got caught in a sand storm!! I breathed in some of the sand and dust and passed out. I dont remember what else happend accept for walking back to camp when i got back up.



Day 13

Today there was a bit of dust and stuff flying around. I went for a bit of a run today and explored the local area. I climbed up some mountains and rocks. I was very tired when I got back to camp. The nights remain cold, with firewood seemingly more scarce. It continues to be difficult to stay warm after the sun goes down.

Day 14

It rained for the very first time I was here! I was pretty grateful even though I didn't really need the water. I brought out some of my empty pots and cups that I had previously made out of some natural clay that I found. After about 10 minutes it started smelling really nice outside!



Day 15

I can't believe I've already spent 15 days in the desert! Last night there was a huge thunder storm and there were flashes of lightning as well. There was another dust storm today and luckily I got into my little tent fast enough! The air is dust everywhere!



Day 16

Today I found some chickens scratching around in the dirt. They seemed to recover some old seeds! I quickly gathered my pot of water and started planting them. We will see what they are in a few days?



Day 17

Today I tried to gather some of the chickens up and started to build them a pen. I had to go chop down some small trees and a bit of bamboo. I also had to go digging for some worms and bugs to feed the chickens.



Day 18

The seeds have started to grow even though there little sprouts. I think there some sort of potato or a vegetable? I started to build a little shelter for the plants so they dont burn up.

I have also added a bit of shade to the chicken pen. I hope they dont die from the heat or cold!

Day 19

Some more chickens came along and so I kept one and ate the other. I will probally breed some of them later on. I am going to go hunting today hopefully for a bigger animal, like a dingo or something?



Day 20

I am going to make a spear to go hunting. Last night I cooked the chicken after I killed it.

I found a big stone so I made this thing where there was a fire underneath the rock so I cooked the chicken on that.

Day 21

I made a duster/broom out of feathers from the chicken that I killed. I can finally get the dust out of this tent! I'm going to continue to water the plants I have growing and have fed the chickens.

There is going to be a big storm tonight, I can tell because of the clouds being such a dark grey colour.

Day 22

Today I'm trying to breed the chickens. I dont really know how to do this but oh well. You live and you learn!

Day 23

There was a goanna trying to eat my chickens eggs!! I was chasing it and chasing. It hissed and growled. I quickly grabbed my spear and threw it at the monster, I missed. It tried to run and it did too. I haven't seen it since and I have to keep a look out for them.

Day 24

Today was really sweaty and hot so I decided to pack up and go back to the pond which I mentioned in the beginning. I got back to the spot and went for a swim since it was so hot.



Day 25

I was just setting up my fire tonight and saw a caravan of camels! I quickly went over not too close, to admire their beauty. There was a baby camel and two adults.



Day 26

The goanna came back! He managed to steal one egg, which I was not happy about. I am going to start to head back to where I was dropped off. I have to try and remember where it is!



Day 27

I've used the rest of my rain water to water my crops. I think they will be ready tomorrow. This also meant that I had to walk back to the little pond to top up my water supply. I'm going to start to pack up to go back to the original spot.



Day 28.

Today I have set up my tent and fire. I speared a big goanna, not the egg stealer! I took it back to camp and skewered the goanna. I'm now cooking him over the fire. I am going to have goanna with eggs for dinner.



Day 29

Today is my second last day in the Simpson desert! I saw a massive wedged-tail eagle gliding on the air currents. I assume that he was looking for prey to eat, maybe mice or kangaroo rats? I watched it circle for about half an hour, it would be amazing to hover up in the sky like that.



DAY 30!!

I feel so grateful to see this beautiful place. My friends are going to be here soon. Right now I'm packing up my tent and putting out the fire. Goodbye Simpson Desert!

