

Karl Pilkington, an English television presenter/ comedian, once said, "You'll never achieve anything by planning!" Whilst that is one of my favourite quotes, I think what Karl is getting at is the neurotic planning and scheduling that is overtaking our daily lives.

Perhaps he would like to live in a world that is 'fly by the seat of your pants'? I think there is merit to that philosophy, but in some circumstances, a little bit of planning goes a long way. There's nothing worse than taking off on an adventure and realising you've left something at home. A child..? No, I'm joking. ...Am I? In this article, I'll show you how you can plan your Easter getaway by showing you how I do mine!

So, before you rush off on your trip, you have my permission to check it twice, even though it's not Christmas. Put it in your top pocket for a few days and add to it as I'm sure you're bound to think of things as you're daydreaming in the shower, or like me, another meeting about health, safety and environment.

My Easter will be spent on a Sheel and Cattle Station in NSW.

This is what my list currently looks like:



Plan in advance

Some of these jobs can be done a couple of weeks in advance whilst some must be done immediately prior to leaving. Checking your car should be done just before. What's involved? It's just the basic stuff - oil, water, tyres, belts, spares. Dave's done a great blog on preparing your 4WD... [Read this before driving off in your 4WD'](#)

Shop early

Remember that it's going to be madness at the shops too, so there's no harm in getting your shopping done early. If you're taking meat with you it also gives you time to properly freeze it before you pack your esky/fridge. Pack things cold/frozen to preserve your ice. Check out another one of Dave's articles, ['8 Tips for Keeping Ice Longer in Your Icebox'](#).

Know the route

Now if you know where you're going, you probably won't bother with a map, but if you're going somewhere new then remember to pack a map or road atlas. Even if you do know where you're going, it's still a good idea to have one with you in case you need to take a detour.

Drive SAFE, please!

And finally, don't forget to pack a happy attitude! You're on holidays! No need to drive like a madman to arrive 1 hour earlier! Arrive alive and have a nice long weekend. I know I will.

So good luck in working through your plan for your Easter Getaway. Check out the [Snowys Checklist](#) for a more comprehensive list of things to take.