

Wolf Creek Review:

*“I'm going to do something now they used to do in Vietnam. It's called making a head on a stick” ...Mick Taylor*

*“30,000 are reported missing in Australia every year. Some are never seen again”...“How can you be found when no-one knows you're missing?”...*

*“The thrill is in the hunt” ...*



A chilling, factually-based, story of three road-trippers in remote Australia who are plunged into danger when they accept help from a friendly local...IMDB.com

*Wolf Creek* is a low budget and over hyped snuff film masquerading as pseudo docudrama fright fest. With all the flood of teenage appealing Horror films, *Never Cry Wolf*, *Saw II*, *House Of Wax*, *Hostel*, *The Devil's Rejects*, the only true way that Dimension Film's *Wolf Creek* could stand out from the pack was say it was based on a true story. I could go along with watching this countdown to "slaughter-fest" if I actually thought this was based on a real serial killer story. But since the lone survivor, Ben Mitchell, was supposedly unconscious and had his arms impaled on a wooden plank. He then stumbles half unconscious through Australian Outback before being found by some other passing tourists. The film ends with Ben being investigated for his friends' murders and then cleared three months later. What makes no sense at all is that if someone was found knocked out in the dessert with serious cuts and wounds that were not self-inflicted, then he would not be the primary suspect. It is absolute bullshit that Australia's police or military could not fly a helicopter around the area that Ben collapsed and not find every house or shack within a 100 mile radius. Especially, since Ben would have given a full description of Mick Taylor, his mysterious backwoods psycho killer. Mick is played extremely well by veteran Aussie actor John Jarratt. Mick is so creepy that there is no way in hell even the most naïve collegiate travelers would be so dumb to go to trust him and fall asleep. They should've watch Mick like a hawk to make sure he fixed their car right.

*Wolf Creek* is not really that hard to figure out and it is shot well by in a realistic manner. What is beyond dumb are the lead females, Kristy and Liz, having a perfect chance to kill or tie up Mick when he passes out due to being shot in the neck by Liz. One blow to the head or a knife to the throat and *Wolf Creek* is over before it even begins. Both Cassandra Magrath and Ketsie Morrassi are highly convincing as typical horror film victims that try to defend themselves from a merciless, twisted human monster. I also did not by the women escaping in Mick's truck and then deciding upon reaching a dead end overlooking a cliff that they should get out of the car and roll the truck over the cliff. This was again beyond dumb and I did not buy the women were afraid Mick would catch them in another car. They could have turned off the truck's lights and pull to the side of the road or desert to hide. Not ditch your only means of legitimate escape. If Mick has a car and you are on foot, then of course he is going to be able to track you down before you get to safety. Mick then predictably and stupidly catches Liz anyway. She was trying to steal another of Mick's cars that he collects from the families or tourists who unfortunately cross his path. Mick tells Liz, "I'm going to do something now they used to do in Vietnam. It's called making a head on a stick". And then Mick proceeds to do so by plunging his knife into Liz's back and snapping her spinal cord. Leaving her on the ground instantly paralyzed and "like a head on a stick". In fact, I seriously suggest one see another film at a multiplex and then just walk into a nearby theater showing *Wolf Creek*. All one has to see of *Wolf Creek* is the last thirty minutes because that is when all the good chase scenes and gory death scenes. *Wolf Creek* on DVD will be much better than the film. So much of *Wolf Creek* is contrived and left with giant elephant size story questions that *Wolf Creek 2* and *Wolf Creek 3* will have little problem being quickly whipped out. I have to give *Wolf Creek* one cheesecake out of five and if you like horror flicks than you'll like it.



