

Stunning Views

Expect spectacular views from Australia's Green Cauldron in the north-east to Mt Lindesay and the Great Dividing Range to the west.

Experience our beautiful National Parks and State Forest perfect for bushwalking and camping.

Visit country villages with country hospitality, explore our farmlands or have a picnic in the pristine natural habitats.

You may even see some Australian Wildlife, parrots, cockatoos or a platypus.



If you need help

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State Forests Office 1300 655 687
All emergencies 000
NRMA 13 11 22

Please report any fires and take care on wet and unsealed roads. Camping is permitted in state forests, please take your rubbish. Take care when lighting fires and check fire bans in the area by calling NSW Rural Fire Service 1800 679 737



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RICHMOND VALLEY HINTERLAND SELF-DRIVE SHORT TOUR

- Hogarth Range - Mallanganee Lookout -
- Casino -
40 kilometres - 30 mins

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Hinterland Drive

CASINO

Drive south over the Richmond River on the Irving Bridge to the roundabout and turn right onto the Bruxner Hwy, heading west towards Tenterfield. Continue for 2kms and turn right onto Sextonville Road for Windara Nursery, Tea Rooms and Maze. Lose yourself amongst the landscaped gardens and enjoy the puzzle of the plant maze.

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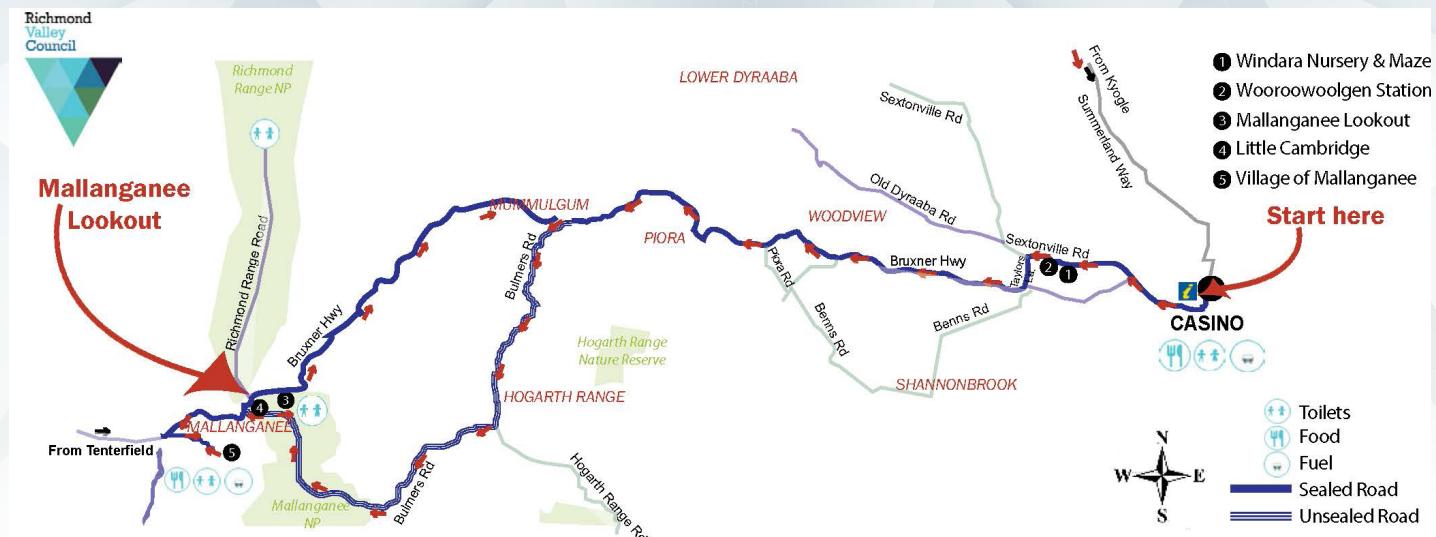
Continue along Sextonville Road, just before you arrive at the intersection for Taylor's Lane. On the left hand side of the road is a cairn for Wooroowoolgen Station. Wooroowoolgen is an Aboriginal word meaning 'bend in the river' representing the geographical location of this station which has been operating since the 1860's. At its peak Wooroowoolgan was one of the largest cattle stations on the NSW east coast. The Diamond D symbol on the Cairn is the hot marking brand used to identify the cattle owner. Turn left onto Taylor's Lane and then turn right, back onto the Bruxner Hwy, continuing west. In the summer months a roadside stall sells watermelons and a range of other seasonal fruits.

9kms from Wooroowoolgen turn left onto Bulmers Road on the Hogarth Range heading for the Mallanganee Lookout. This road is unsealed, unsuitable for 2WD's in the wet and not for those towing a caravan.

The alternative is to simply continue along the Bruxner Hwy until you see the signpost for Mallanganee Lookout on your left. The short drive to the lookout is not suitable for those towing a caravan. However, look for the sign on the right to Richmond Range Rd and Cambridge Plateau for an area to park your vehicle. Then take a short stroll across the road, heading west and take the left-hand turn to walk up the road to the Lookout.

HOGARTH RANGE

Continue to Mallanganee Lookout through the locality of Hogarth Range. This area is a high plateau of rich volcanic soils, supporting a growing diversity of stone fruit orchards, coffee plantations and a variety of other cropping and farming activities. As you navigate along the sandstone cliffs you will pass a mango plantation, macadamia plantations, a bulk seeds and scrub nursery with the option to stop for fresh seasonal produce. Admire the views and listen to the sound of the bell birds and whip birds; keep your eyes peeled for native wildlife as you cruise through the landscape. Labradorite, a semi precious gemstone, can be found on the Range but permission is needed to enter private property. At the intersection veer right, continuing on Bulmer's Road.



MALLANGANEE

Look for a signpost and take a right hand turn for Mallanganee Lookout. This is an incredibly unique position within the landscape, carved out by volcanic activity and erosion and situated between the two largest river catchments on the North Coast. In front of you to the east is the Richmond Catchment and behind to the west is the Clarence Catchment. This is a serene place to rest with picnic facilities, amenities and magnificent views that will take your breath away and put you in a place that makes you feel you are on top of the world! The Lookout offers uninterrupted views to the east, north and west looking across to Mt Lindsey, the start of the Great Dividing Range through to the distinctive peak in the north east of Mt Warning, the Border Ranges and the area known as Australia's Green Cauldron. The interpretive signage at the Lookout provides details of the region.

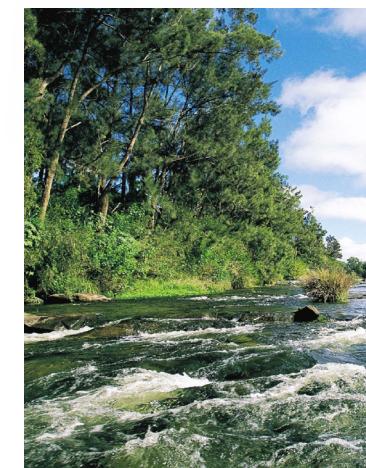
Situated below the Lookout is a tasty Cafe and Restaurant, Little Cambridge. To check their opening times or make a booking phone (02) 66645143.

Continue west on the Bruxner Hwy and at the bottom of the hill, take the left hand turn into the village of Mallanganee, Mallanganee Motors sells everything from ice-creams to fuel and offers a mechanic service. The Mallanganee Hotel is a 'must visit' while Everson Park provides all-weather picnic facilities you can't go past! The village boasts a fabulous football ground, village tennis court and showground that is the venue for many major events in the village including the annual campdraft, bullride and more!

PEACE PARK

If you have time, a few kilometres further west will bring you to the t-intersection of the Bruxner Hwy and turn-off to Bonalbo. A stop at the park (with amenities) on the intersection will provide the surprising discovery of a stand of Peace Totems - wood carvings of a variety of themes but all relating to a peace process that saw a reconciliation between the groups involved. The workmanship and thought behind each carving, erected in this isolated area, is truly inspiring and more than worth a visit.

This now completes your short discovery so if you can bring yourself to retrace your tracks, it's time to head back to Casino where there's more waiting for you to discover!



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