



HINTERLAND FULL DAY SELF-DRIVE TOUR

- Hogarth Range - Mallanganees - Cherry Tree State Forest - Mount Pikapene - Rappville - Myrtle Creek -
127 kilometres - Full Day Tour

Richmond Valley Council



Legend and attractions

1. Hurford's Sawmill
2. Windara Nursery, Tea Rooms and Maze
3. Wooroolwoolga Station
4. Mallanganees Lookout
5. Little Cambridge
6. Village of Mallanganees
7. Cherry Tree State Forest
8. Mt Pikapene State Forest
9. Tarmac Sawmilling
10. Rappville Commercial Hotel
11. Aranyani Bison Farm

kilometres

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Toilets
 Service Station
 Visitor Information Centre
 Tourist Drive Sealed Road
 Tourist Drive Unsealed Road
 4x4 Track (dry weather only)

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CASINO

Begin your drive at Casino Visitor Information Centre, admire the range of local goodies only available within our region, including natural cosmetics, gourmet foods and local arts and crafts. This is a great place to purchase uniquely Australian gift items, or a special treat for yourself. Drive south over the Richmond River to the Hare Street roundabout and turn right onto the Bruxner Highway heading west towards Tenterfield. You will cross the railway line and see Hurford's Sawmill, a family-owned and operated business since the 1930s. Timber plantations and milling have been a source of income in the region since white settlement. Continue along the Bruxner Highway for 2kms and turn right onto Sextonville Road for Windara Nursery, Tea Rooms and Maze. Lose yourself amongst the landscaped gardens and maze before enjoying a refreshment from the tea rooms.

WOOROOWOOLGEN

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 1860s. At its peak Wooroowoolgen was one of the largest cattle stations on the NSW east coast. The Diamond D symbol you see on the cairn is the hot marking brand, used in the days before micro chipping, to identify the owner of the cattle. Turn left onto Taylor's Lane and then right back onto the Bruxner Highway heading west towards Tenterfield. In the summer months a roadside stall sells watermelons and a range of other seasonal fruits, stop here for a refreshing juicy treat.

Continue along the Bruxner Highway heading west for Tenterfield. At the locality of Piora, you can see from the highway the old cuttings of the Bonalbo railway line, a project of the depression years in the 1930s which was never completed.

Nine kilometres from Wooroowoolgen turn left onto Bulmers Road heading for Mallangane Lookout. This road is unsealed and unsuitable for 2WDs in the wet. For the wet weather alternative continue along the Bruxner Highway until you see the signpost for Mallangane Lookout.

HOGARTH RANGE

Continue to Mallangane Lookout through the locality of Hogarth Range. This area is a high plateau of rich volcanic soils, supporting a growing diversity of orchards and farming activities. As you navigate along the sandstone cliffs you will pass a mango plantation, macadamia plantations and 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, keeping your eyes peeled for native wildlife as you cruise through the landscape. Labradorite, a semi precious gemstone can be found on Hogarth Range but permission would be needed to enter private property. At the intersection veer right, continuing on Bulmers Road.

MALLANGANEE

Look for a signpost and take a right hand turn for Mallangane Lookout. This is an incredibly unique position within the landscape, carved out by volcanic activity and erosion. 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. The elevated lookout offers views over the Richmond Range to the west and the distinctive peak, visible on the horizon in the north east, is Mt Warning. The great height of the volcano caught the coastal winds and triggered rain that created radial streams, which over millions of years have carved out magnificent gorges and valleys. The interpretive signage at the lookout provides further details about this site.

Situated below the lookout is the gourmet restaurant Little Cambridge, so enjoy on the deck as you admire the awe-inspiring views across the Richmond Range and this ancient landscape of an extinct volcano, known as the caldera. Bookings essential P: (02) 6664 5143

Continue west to the village of Mallangane offering a post office, Mallangane Motors who sell ice-creams, fuel and offering a mechanic service. Other conveniences include Mallangane Hotel and Everson Park, a general store and hairdresser.

Your next leg of the journey to Mt Pikapene provides options for both two and four wheel driving.

2WD Option: Back on the Bruxner Highway, take your first left onto the unsealed Deep Creek Road, turn left onto Old Lawrence Road, turn right onto Busbys Flat Road and continue on to Mt Pikapene State Forest.

4WD Option in dry weather only: From the village of Mallangane drive back up towards the lookout and continue on Bulmers Road (the road you came on to the lookout) travelling 2kms down past the lookout turn right onto Cherry Tree Road This drive offers the keen 4WD enthusiast 23kms of beaten tracks. Cross a site listed as World Heritage for its biodiversity of flora and fauna with remnants of the rainforest from the Gondwana era. Continue past many water holes, lagoons, rolling hills and soak up the fresh country air.

MT PIKAPENE STATE FOREST

Mt Pikapene State Forest contains impressive old growth Hoop Pine plantations. The rest area is a tranquil and relaxing spot for a picnic or camping. Toilets and picnic tables are provided. A short walk reveals a great spot for a refreshing swim in the creek. Sighting of Bunyips have been reported in the area.

Continuing to the village of Rappville, pass through the historic areas of Busbys Flat and Wyan. These were once substantial settlements, providing rest areas and supplies for early settlers. At the Busbys Flat intersection travel east for Rappville (take a good look at this signpost and the direction of the arrows for the place names). Turn right onto Wyan Road (this is not signposted). You will pass Tacmac Sawmilling, travel along the Rappville Road and continue on to the village of Rappville.

RAPPVILLE

This village is renowned for its timber and beef cattle industries. Timber getters of the early days used Rappville as a rail head to transport timber to southern destinations. The passenger train used to stop in Rappville and the Commercial Hotel would provide lunch for between 45-50 people everyday.

Heading east back to the Summerland Way (route 91, a quieter heritage drive and scenic alternative to the busy Pacific Highway) turn right heading south. At the Elliott's Road intersection turn right on Elliotts Road and drive for 7.6kms.

MYRTLE CREEK

Aranyani Bison Farm is a working cattle adventure park with American Bison. Day visitors are welcome by prior booking P: 0429 964 386 or groups can take part in the archery, mini golf, freshwater fishing and stay overnight in tipis.



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