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ROUTE #3

HERITAGE & HIDDEN COUNTRY TRAIL

Hampton » Glenaven » Cooyar » Haden » Plainby » Crows Nest » Pechey » Hampton

Starting from Hampton, this trail explores the quiet northern reaches of the High Country, uncovering hidden gems, railway history, and classic rural landscapes.
Approx. 78 km | Allow 3–4 hours for exploring.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS:

HAMPTON

Start your journey at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre in Chapman Park, a relaxed hub with picnic spots and a great introduction to the region where you will find lots of information and local products.

VISIT:

- Hampton Wood & Art – 8624 New England Hwy
- Wild Woman Designs Potters – New England Hwy

PLACES TO EAT:

- One Hampton Road Cafe – 1 Hampton Rd

From Hampton, head north on the New England Hwy. Travel through Crows Nest and continue on the highway through the rural countryside to Cooyar – approx. 40 mins | 58 km.

COOYAR

Arriving in Cooyar, turn right then left before the hotel into Fergus St. Continue to the end of the street.

VISIT:

- Cooyar Swinging Bridge and Park

Return to the New England Highway and turn left to head north across Cooyar Creek, then left onto Palms Road – travel 8 km to visit:

- The Palms National Park

PLACES TO EAT:

- Cooyar Hotel – 36 Railway St

Return to Cooyar and continue south on the New England Hwy. Turn right onto Oakey Cooyar Rd, then right onto Narko Nutgrove Rd and follow the sign to visit the Muntapa Tunnel – approx. 13 mins | 16 km.

VISIT:

- Muntapa Tunnel – Narko Nutgrove Rd, Narko

Return to the New England Hwy via Oakey Cooyar Rd and drive south to Glenaven – approx. 26 mins | 37.5 km, then turn right onto Djuan Rd.

Travel 14 km to the village of Haden.

Turn right onto Boundary St and travel a short distance, and:

VISIT:

- Haden Lookout – Reinke Rd
- Travel back into the village to Haden Park and see:
- The Bush Turkey statue

Continue east via Haden Crows Nest Rd to Crows Nest – approx. 17 mins | 22 km.

CROWS NEST

As you arrive, explore the town centre.

VISIT:

- Nolan's Block – 1 Thallon Street
- Crows Nest Soft Drinks – 8 Charlotte Street
- Crows Nest Museum – Corner of New England Highway & Oxford Street
- Bullocky's Rest Park – along William St
- Centenary Park – town centre
- Jimmy Crow Statue – Centenary Park

For nature lovers:
Follow signs to Crows Nest National Park and Crows Nest Falls via Albert St and Three Mile Rd.

PLACES TO EAT:

- Myrtille Bistro – Nolan's Block, 1 Thallon Street
- My Little Blueberry Patisserie – Nolan's Block, 1 Thallon Street
- The Nest Café – Charlotte Street
- Lily's Artisan – 29A Toowoomba Rd
- Grand Old Crow Hotel – 32 William St

Return to the New England Highway and head south toward Pechey – approx. 10 mins.

PECHEY

Turn left off the New England Highway onto Pechey Maclagan Road and travel approx. 2 km to visit:

VISIT:

- Pechey Distilling Co. – 1059 Pechey Maclagan Rd

Return to the New England Highway and continue south back to Hampton – approx. 10 mins.

PHOTO STOPS

- Muntapa Tunnel
- Palms National Park
- Cooyar Swinging Bridge and countryside
- Centenary Park, Crows Nest
- Haden Lookout

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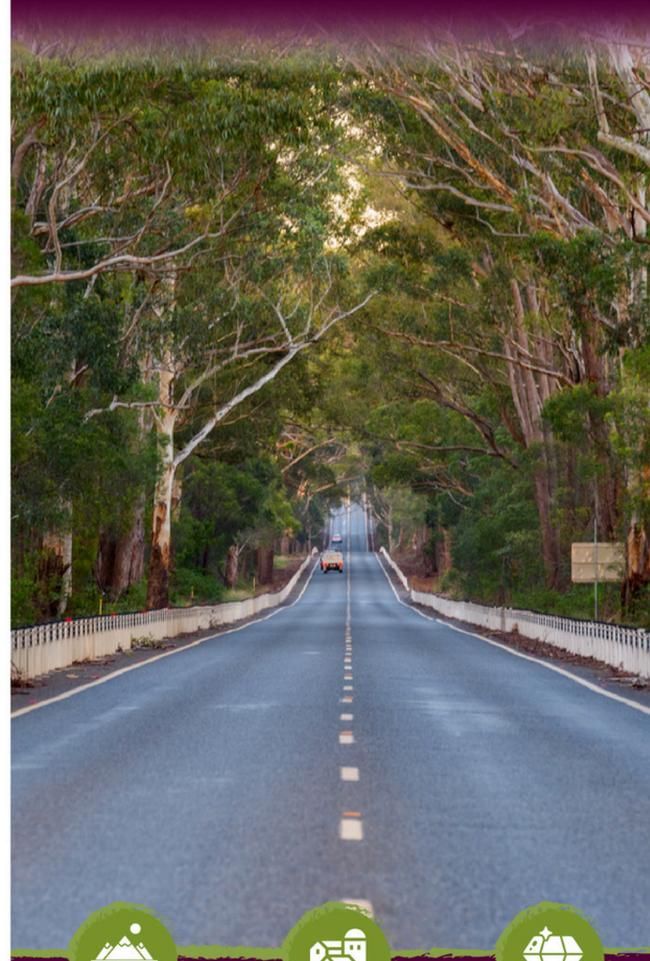

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ROUTE #1 COUNTRY VILLAGES & HERITAGE LOOP

Hampton » Goombungee » Meringandan » Lilyvale » Highfields » Cabarlah » Geham » Hampton

This scenic loop winds through charming country villages with farmland views and heritage-rich stops - perfect for a relaxed day out. Approx. 100 km | Allow 3–4 hours with stops

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- Wild Woman Designs Potters – New England Hwy

PLACES TO EAT:

- One Hampton Road Cafe – 1 Hampton Rd

Head north on the New England Highway to Pechey Maclagan Rd – turn left and travel to Goombungee, turn left onto Mocatta St – approx. 20 mins.

GOOMBUNGEE

In Goombungee - stroll down Mocatta Street where you'll find these interesting places:

VISIT:

- Rosalie Gallery – 89 Mocatta St
- Goombungee Post & Presents – 119 Mocatta St
- Goombungee Arts & Cultural Experience – 54 Mocatta St

Drive south along Mocatta St, then turn left just out of town onto Goombungee Meringandan Rd and visit:

VISIT:

- Back Paddock Botanical Lavender & Herb farm – 274 Goombungee Meringandan Rd

Continue on Goombungee Meringandan Rd to Meringandan (Goombungee to Meringandan – 18km)

PLACES TO EAT:

- Vintage Cow Café - 105 Mocatta St, Goombungee
- Pioneer Arms Hotel – 60 Mocatta St, Goombungee

MERINGANDAN / LILYVALE

Turn right onto Yalangur Lilyvale Rd in Meringandan, then on the edge of Meringandan turn left onto Lavenders Rd.

VISIT:

- Rosalie House – boutique winery with cellar door and vineyard views

Head back to Meringandan and continue across the Meringandan Creek on Main St and up the hill and visit:

- Meringandan Hotel – a classic rural pub, see the animals out the back and enjoy the relaxed countryside atmosphere

PLACES TO EAT:

- Rosalie House Cellar Door and Restaurant – 135 Lavenders Rd, Lilyvale
- Meringandan Hotel – 30 Main St, Meringandan

HIGHFIELDS

Continue past the Hotel on Meringandan Rd and turn right onto Highfields Rd and then explore some interesting places in Highfields:

VISIT:

- Highfields Pioneer Village & The Big Cow – 73 Wirraglen Road
- The Village Green (boutique shops & café) – 10475 New England Highway
- Danish Flower Art Complex – 10347 New England Hwy
- Highfields Falls – via Dau Rd or James Byrne Road
- Davidson Arboretum – 4 Flamingo Rd
- Peacehaven Botanic Park – 56 Kuhls Rd
- Williams Park & the Great Short Walk – Cecil Cres
- Charles & Mottee Rodgers Bushland Reserve – 7 O'Brien Rd
- Lake Cooby – 394 Cooby Dam Rd

PLACES TO EAT:

- The Chocolate Cottage Café – 10475 New England Hwy
- Savour This Eatery Café – 5/10522 New England Hwy
- Relish Café – 1/10498 New England Hwy
- The Gourmet Café (Danish Flower Art) – 10347 New England Hwy

CABARLAH

In Highfields, turn left onto the New England Highway and head north to Cabarlah and find some great places to visit and tantalise your taste buds.

VISIT:

- Cabarlah Flower Farm – 10172 New England Hwy
- Macbeth Farms – 43 Barracks Rd
- Cabarlah Golf Course in Borneo Barracks – New England Hwy
- Floranda Flowers – 31 Evans Rd

PLACES TO EAT:

- Clock & Bull Brewhouse & Wild Honey Café – 9913 New England Hwy
- The Farmers Arms Tavern – 9864 New England Hwy (Qld's oldest continually licensed pub)

PHOTO STOPS

- Highfields Falls & bushland tracks
- Cabarlah Flower Farm blooms
- Open farmland between Goombungee & Meringandan
- Clock & Bull Brewhouse water wheel

ROUTE #2 LAKES, LOOKOUTS & RAINFOREST DRIVE

Hampton » Ravensbourne » Lake Cressbrook » Lake Perseverance » Crows Nest » Pechey » Hampton

Starting again from Hampton, this drive highlights the cool-climate beauty of the High Country — rainforest, lakes and sweeping lookouts. Approx. 78 km | Allow 3–4 hours for exploring.

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From Hampton, head east on the Esk Hampton Road toward Ravensbourne. Travel through rolling farmland as the road begins to climb into the range.

Optional detour:
From Esk Hampton Road, at the corner where the Perseverance Hall is located, turn right onto Perseverance Hall Road, follow to the end, then turn right onto Palmtree Road to access the Munro Tramway Trail.

RAVENSBOURNE

Along Esk Hampton Road, stop at:

- Munro Tramway Locomotive – located near the lookout turnoff to Ravensbourne National Park
- Turn right to visit Ravensbourne National Park, where you can take a short rainforest walk.
- Continue to the top of the road to Gus Beutel Lookout for wonderful views to the south.

Return to Esk Hampton Road and continue east.
Turn left onto Philp Road, then left onto Ravensbourne Dip Road, then right onto Mt Jockey Road toward Lake Cressbrook – approx. 15 mins.

LAKE CRESSBROOK & LAKE PERSEVERANCE

Follow Perseverance Dam Road, then turn right onto Cressbrook Dam Road.

VISIT:

- Lake Cressbrook – picnic and day-use area

Return to Perseverance Dam Road and continue north – approx. 10 mins. Continue along Perseverance Dam Road and stop near the dam wall/lookout area.

- Lake Perseverance – scenic lookout and lakeside views

PLACES TO EAT:

- The Dairy Ravensbourne Bakehouse – 70 Philp Rd, Ravensbourne

CROWS NEST

Continue north on Perseverance Dam Road.
Turn right at the intersection of Perseverance Dam Rd & Pechey Forestry Rd.

Turn left into Charles St, then left onto the New England Highway toward Crows Nest – approx. 5 mins.

As you arrive in Crows Nest, turn right into Curnow Street to explore the town centre, then continue through to William Street.

VISIT:

- Nolan's Block – 1 Thallon Street
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PHOTO STOPS

- Gus Beutel Lookout
- Ravensbourne rainforest
- Lake Cressbrook
- Lake Perseverance
- Crows Nest National Park
- Centenary Park, Crows Nest