



Slab Hut Ivory Creek Cattle Dip

Basic Bush Rules

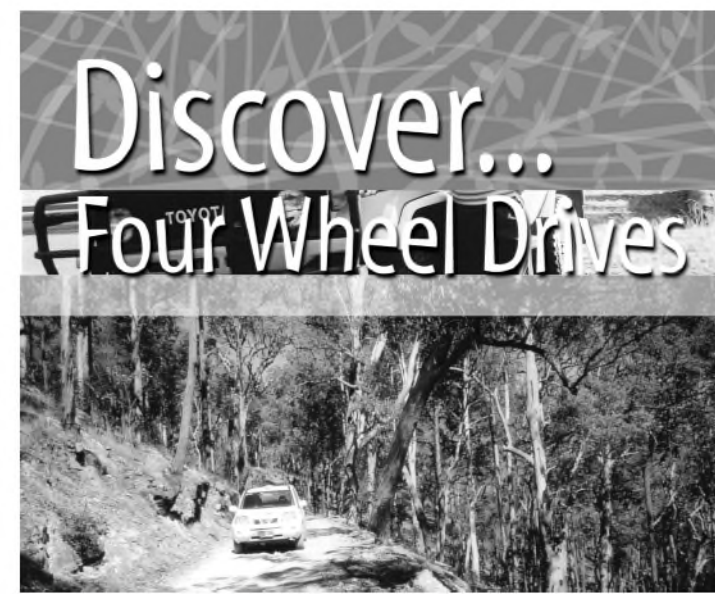
- > Consider weather and likely road conditions
- > Respect private land
- > Animals have right of way
- > Leave gates as you find them
- > Reduce speed and dust near homesteads
- > All drives are undertaken at your own risk
- > Road safety begins and ends with you please slow down

Notes

This drive is on public roads, mostly gravel or formed earth, some are in poor condition. Beware of stock on unfenced roads. GPS directions may be unreliable. Mobiles may be out of range.

This drive was driven and assessed in August 2015 in a Mitsubishi Pajero.

This drive could be undertaken in a conventional vehicle.



Soft four wheel driving for the family in and around the Crows Nest Region.

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Hampton, Crows Nest Falls, Maria Creek, Jones Gully, Hampton

Return travel time – approx 2 hours.

Return distance – 96 km.

Toowoomba & Darling Downs
Lots to love...

If you enjoyed this four wheel drive why not pick up one of the other drives in this series.

- Drive A Hampton to Gatton-Esk Rd
- Drive B Hampton, Coppermine Rd, Ravensbourne National Park
- Drive C Hampton to Gatton via Vinegar Hill
- Drive D Hampton to Withcott via Murphys Ck
- Drive E Hampton to Blackbutt via Crows Nest, Anduramba, & Nukinenda Station
- Drive G Hampton, Plainby, Upper Pinelands, Djuan, Crows Nest, Hampton

Also available:

Discover the High Country Touring Guide
Bird Trails of the Crows Nest Region, Nurseries Trails, The Three Lakes, Parks & Recreation Areas



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Zero your trip meter at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre.

0 Leave the car park and head north on the New England Highway to Crows Nest.

You are 715 m above sea level. The New England Highway forms the Main Divide watershed. Water from the west of the highway flows eventually into the Murray-Darling and from the east into the Brisbane River catchment. Softwood pine plantations border the road. Mostly *pinus patula* and *radiata*. They take about 30 years to mature.

11.0 Turn right in to Albert St at Crows Nest National Park sign. Police Station on corner.

11.4 Albert St becomes Three Mile Rd.

13.2 Red deer farm on left.

17.0 Keep straight on. Bitumen ends. (National Park turn on the right.)

Diversion: Crows Nest Falls National Park, picnicking, walking, swimming & camping. (See separate brochure).

19.7 Keep straight on Sebastapool Rd. (Dahl Rd. on left)

24.8

Scenic views of Cressbrook Dam wall, spillway, pumping station and lake expanse.

26.0 Keep straight on. Lookout on the right with RFS water tank. Owen Rd on left.

Views over upper section of Cressbrook Dam. Picnic spot but no facilities.

27.1 Continue on to locked gate in to Toowoomba Regional Council water reserve. Return to lookout.

On your way back to circular lookout notice two separate pairs of concrete water reservoirs (S and SW).

These are part of Toowoomba's water supply.

28.3 Turn right in to Owen Rd.

Almost pure stands of ironbarks line this road with cleared grazing land further back.

31.1

Beautiful stand of grass trees (*Xanthorrea*). Also note frequent tree pears (very spiny!). The fruit makes good jam if you can avoid the prickles.

33.4 Ivory Creek Cattle Dip. Creek crossing has firm bottom.

She-oak lined creek bed. Old slab hut alongside the cattle dip.

36.0 Turn right at T junction into The Bluff Rd.

39.2 Turn left onto Maria Creek Rd to Anduramba.

This is part of a disused stock route.

42.5 Eskdale West homestead on right.

Quiz: As you pass through these cattle properties get the kids to identify Herefords (white face and brown), Murray Greys (grey), and Brahmin cattle (humped and grey/white.)

46.2 Maria Creek crossing.

48.9 Avonmore on left.

50.4 Turn right into McGreevy Rd at the T-junction. (Anduramba Range Rd to the left.)

50.6 Anduramba Hall on left.

Picnic table, wood barbecue, toilet

51.3 Turn left onto Middle Rd. Bitumen road.

On left is a former dairy farm with abandoned buildings.

52.2

Remnant Hoop and Bunya Pines on right and again at 54.5

56.1 Continue straight on (Vonhoff Rd on right).

N7 Bird Trail further up this road to Lanaby Station gate. Not for soft 4WD. (See Bird Trails brochure).

58.1 Turn left at T junction into Pierces Creek Rd towards Crows Nest.

61.5 Turn right into Jones Gully Rd.

Gravel road. Very narrow part of disused stock route. Telstra towers on flat-topped basalt hill.

64.6 Extensive views of Bunya Mountains to the north west.

65.7 Continue straight ahead (Mountain Camp Rd on the left).

Many former dairy farms, now beef grazing properties.

66.9 Mt Shem, Mt Ham, Mt Japheth to north.

Anduramba is a sunken depression nearly 6 miles across and 1000 feet deep, 550 feet above surrounding land. Striking views to Bunya Mountains (north-west), and Benarkin State Forest hoop pines (northern horizon.)

70.3 Turn left into Tigell Rd.

72.7 Rejoin New England Highway, turn left.

Crows Nest (12 km) or Hampton (a further 12 km).

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