



Djuan Anzac Memorial

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- Drive F Hampton, Crows Nest Falls, North of Cressbrook Dam, Maria Creek, Jones Gully, Hampton

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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 September 2015 in a Mitsubishi Pajero.

This is an easy drive, suitable for inexperienced drivers .



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

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Hampton, Plainby, Upper Pinelands, Djuan, Crows Nest, Hampton

Return travel time – approx 2 hours.

Distance Hampton return – 95 km.

Toowoomba & Darling Downs
Lots to love...

Zero your trip meter at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre.

0 Leave the car park and turn left (south) on to New England Highway towards Toowoomba.

You are 715 m above sea level. Water from the west of the highway flows eventually into the Murray-Darling and from the east into the Brisbane River catchment.

1.3 Keys Rd on your right

2.9 “Cathedral Drive” created by a fine stand of original Blackbutt, Blue Gums and Tallowood.

5.1 Turn right into Merritts Creek Rd (unsealed.)

For the next couple of kilometres are extensive views west over the Darling Downs. The nearest mountain of any size to the west is Uluru, 2,100 km away.

7.1 Straight ahead at crossroads.

On either side are former dairy farms, now rural lifestyle blocks.

8.4 Continue ahead (Hampton Rd on right).

12.2 Former Presbyterian Church, now a house.

13.1 Veer left. Millard Rd on right goes to Highway

14.1 Clearing on right.

The next 500m has vine scrub on both sides - usually full of bush birds.

14.6 Site S1 of the old South Bird Trail

15.2 Turn left on to Pechey-Maclagan Rd.

23.8 Turn right on to Plainby-Groomsville Rd.

25.0 Dry weather road only sign (believe it!)

Road takes a sharp turn left in front of cattle loading

ramp. Single lane. Black soil under gravel. Drive slowly. Remnant vine scrub.

25.6 Extensive views south to Highfields and hills west of Toowoomba.

29.0 Turn left at bitumen on to Plainby Rd.

30.9 Pukallus Rd on the left.

31.2 Turn right into Swain Rd (gravel).

34.2 Bunnyconnellen Olive Grove and Vineyard

Note extensive olive grove. Open for special events.

34.6 Turn left at bitumen on to Haden-Crows Nest Rd.

38.9 Turn right into Bergen Rd (bitumen).

To the left is the proposed site for a large wind farm.

42.7 Gravel road

46.4 Joins bitumen Djuan Rd, go straight ahead (Haden to the left).

47.8 Djuan and District RSL Anzac Memorial.

Picnic table, wood barbecue, toilet, New bridge over Gowrie Creek opened in 2013 to replace the bridge washed away in Jan 2011.

48.2 Cross bridge and turn left on to Moran Rd.

Pretty country lane follows Emu Creek for several kilometres. Beautiful stand of silver-leaved Ironbarks.

49.0 Gowrie Flat Uniting Church. Keep straight on (Coalbank to left).

54.3 The road joins New England Highway. Turn left.

Note the Emu Creek Catchment Landcare building opposite.

Alternative: You can turn right and return to Crows Nest and Hampton via the New England Highway.

54.6 Over Emu Creek, right into Emu Creek Rd.

56.2 Straight ahead (Old Emu Creek Rd/rubbish tip on right).

58.3 Straight on (Mill Rd on right)

59.4 Turn left in to Rocky Gully Rd (unsigned).

59.6 Emu Creek Hall

Accessible covered area, toilets.

59.7 Return to Emu Creek Rd and cross it on to Emu Creek Hall Rd (unsigned).

60.7 Cross Emu Creek.

60.9 Veer left to stay on Emu Creek Hall Road (Mill Rd joins on your right).

62.6 Turn right in to Pierces Creek Rd.

Return to Crows Nest (20 km) and Hampton (12 km.)

65.8 N8 Bird Trail Site. Parking area on right.

Permanent waterhole in Pierce Creek.

73.7 Pass Middle Rd on your left.

77.9 Pass Anduramba Rd on your left.

78.8 Turn left in to Rocky Clearing Dip.

Rocky Creek Nature Reserve behind the yards. (Site N9 Bird Trail). Dip is used for cattle moving out of the tick-declared area. Yards also used for cattle sales.

79.2 Back to Pierces Creek Rd, turn left toward Crows Nest.

82.9 Crows Nest (another 12 km to Hampton).

Food and drink venues, arts and crafts, historic sites, museum, Applegum Walk

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