

## 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

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

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| <b>Drive A</b> | Hampton to Gatton-Esk Rd  |
| <b>Drive B</b> | Hampton, Coppermine Rd, Ravensbourne National Park                                    |
| <b>Drive C</b> | Hampton to Gatton via Vinegar Hill  |
| <b>Drive D</b> | Hampton to Withcott via Murphy's Creek  |
| <b>Drive F</b> | Hampton, Crows Nest Falls, North of Cressbrook Dam, Maria Creek, Jones Gully, Hampton |
| <b>Drive G</b> | Hampton, Plainby, Upper Pinelands, Djuan, Crows Nest, Hampton                         |

#### **Also available:**

Crows Nest Shire Touring Map  
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# Discover ... Four Wheel Drives In Crows Nest Shire

*Soft four wheel driving for the family in*

## **DRIVE E**

**Hampton to Blackbutt via  
Crows Nest, Anduramba &  
Nukinenda Station**

Return travel time - approx 2 1/4 hours.  
Distance - Hampton to Blackbutt 66 km one way

The reconnaissance for this drive was undertaken in a Nissan Xtrail soft four wheel drive in early 2005.



Trip Meter	Navigators Notes	Things of interest to observe
0	Zero your trip metre at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre. Leave the car park and turn left (west) then turn right (north) on New England Highway and head towards Crows Nest via Pechey.	You are 608 m above sea level (1998ft). 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. Previously a dairying and hardwood timber getting region, e.g. Tallowood, Blue Gum, Cedar, Blackbutt. Now mixed farming including horticulture.
11.3	Crows Nest town.	Pub, supermarket, coffee shops, newsagent, historical village, art gallery, etc.
12.3	Turn right at the pub onto the Blackbutt road (Emu Creek Rd).	
12.7	On the left is Crows Nest Shire Council administration building.	Award winning architecture and acquisitive art and sculpture on display during office hours.
13.6	You are now on Pierces Creek Rd.	
15.8	On right, Rocky Dip Rd.	<u>Link</u> : N9 Bird Trail (see Bird Trail pamphlet).
16.6	Turn right onto Anduramba Rd.	Granite tors (rounded rocks) along the creek. Road climbs onto basalt surface (red soils) and trees increase in size. You pass under the Tarong power lines.
19.6	Commercial flower farm on right.	
20.7	Do not take Bluff Rd on right.	This is, in fact, a back road to Toogoolawah.
20.9		Hardwood plantations on left.
21.5	Extensive views east to the D'Aguilar Range.	The road here follows a narrow basaltic ridge with stunning views on both sides of the road. Former dairy farms have been replaced by beef cattle grazing and occasional small cropping.
22.5	Views to west and north to Bunya Mountains.	
22.6	Bitumen ends.	
23.8	Road becomes Anduramba Range Rd.	In middle distance to the north-west are three small hills, Ham, Shem and Ja-pheth . On a clear day the smoke stack of Tarong Power Station can be seen.
24.2	Bitumen reappears. Steep descent.	
25.2	Bitumen ends.	Granite tors appear along the roadside and extensive beef cattle grazing has replaced former dairy farms. "Stink weed corner!" Can you smell it?
27.8	Do not take Pettie Rd to left.	
28.5	Do not take Maria Creek Rd to right.	
28.7	Anduramba Hall on left.	
29.3	Bitumen begins. Do not take Middle Rd turnoff to left.	
30.6	Turn right into Nukinenda Rd.	Silver-leafed ironbarks (bluey leaf colour), lightly timbered grazing country. You are now travelling on a public road through private property, so please do not leave the road.
34.5	Humped grid.	
36.1	Do not take Silverton turn on left.	
37.1	Grid.	On both sides is leucaena, a nitrogen-rich perennial, planted in rows for intermittent cattle browsing.
38.3	Grid.	
39.1	Do not take 'Lindhurst' to right.	
39.6	Grid. Do not take 'Milford Rocks'.	
40.2	Grid.	
40.8	Cross Nukinenda Creek.	Bird life.
41.1	Take left fork at Y junction.	Nukinenda Station homestead is on your right. (No. 1036)
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