

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

Comments and suggestions welcome to:



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Discover ... Four Wheel Drives In Crows Nest Shire

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

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**Hampton, Crows Nest
Falls, North of Cressbrook
Dam, Maria Creek, Jones
Gully, Hampton**

Return travel time – approx 2 hours.
Distance to Gatton-Esk Road – 96 km.

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



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 Creek
- Drive E Hampton to Blackbutt via Crows Nest, Anduramba, & Nukinenda Station
- Drive G Hampton, Plainby, Upper Pinelands, Djuan, Crows Nest, Hampton

Also available:

Crows Nest Shire Touring Map
Bird Trails of the Crows Nest Shire
Five Short Drives of the Crows Nest Shire
Nurseries and Gardens of the Crows Nest Shire

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 right (north) onto New England Highway towards Crows Nest.	Your are 608 m above sea level (1998 ft). 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 at Crows Nest National Park sign.	
12.1	Albert St becomes Three Mile Rd.	Follow signpost to Valley of the Diamonds (so called because of the reflective crystals in the granite rock.)
12.9	Granite tors begin.	These rounded boulders are a feature of the next several kilometres.
13.8		Red deer stud on left.
17.0	Bitumen ends at National Park turn on the right. <u>Keep straight on.</u>	<u>Diversion:</u> Crows Nest Falls National Park, picnicking, walking, swimming & camping. (See separate pamphlet).
19.7	Intersection. <u>Do not take Dahl Rd.</u>	
24.8		Scenic views of Cressbrook Dam wall, spillway, pumping station and lake expanse.
26.3	Left turn (<u>do not take yet!</u>) Circular driveway lookout on right.	Views over upper section of Cressbrook Dam. Excellent picnic spot but no facilities.
27.4	Continue on to locked gate. Retrace road to lookout.	On your way back to circular lookout notice two separate pairs of concrete water reservoirs (s and s-w). These are part of Toowoomba's water supply.
28.6	Turn right.	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!)
33.4	Ivory Creek Dip	She-oak lined creek bed. Old slab hut alongside the cattle dip.
36.0	Turn right at T junction with Crows Nest-Esk and Toogoolawah Rd.	You have been travelling on Owen Rd.
39.2	Turn left onto Maria Creek Rd to Anduramba.	
42.3	Eskdale West cattle property on right.	<u>Quiz:</u> 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.)
46.1	Maria Creek crossing.	
48.9	"Avonmore" on left.	
50.1	T junction. Anduramba Rd and McGinley Rd, turn right. Anduramba Hall on left.	
51.0	Turn left onto Middle Rd.	On left is a former dairy farm with abandoned buildings.
52.2		Remnant Hoop and Bunya Pines on right and again at 54.5
55.7	Bitumen starts. Do not take Vonhoff Rd on right.	<u>Link:</u> N7 Bird Trail further up this road to Lanaby Station gate. Not for soft 4WD. (See Bird Trails pamphlet).
56.3		Flower farm on left; proteas & others.
57.6	Turn left at T junction with Pierces Creek Rd towards Crows Nest.	
61.0	Turn right onto Jones Gully Rd.	
61.7	Lavender farm on left.	Pamphlet available at Visitor Information Centre.
63.9	Extensive views of Bunya Mountains.	Telstra towers on flat-topped basalt hill.
65.0	Do <u>not</u> turn left onto Mountain Camp Rd.	Many former dairy farms, now beef grazing properties.
65.5	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.
66.1		Striking views to Bunya Mountains (north-west), and Benarkin State Forest hoop pines (northern horizon.)
69.5	Turn left onto Tigell Rd.	
70.4	Follow main road which veers left.	
72.7	Rejoin New England Highway, turn left.	Crows Nest (12 km) or Hampton (a further 12 kms).
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