

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

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

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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

Notes

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

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

Return travel time – approx 2 hours.
Distance Hampton return – 85 km.

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	Hampton Visitor Information Centre. Turn left (south) onto New England Highway towards Toowoomba.	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.
1.3	Rhubarb farm to your right.	"Cathedral Drive" created by a fine stand of original Blackbutt, Blue Gums and Tallow wood.
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.
6.9	Straight ahead at crossroads.	On either side are former dairy farms, now rural lifestyle blocks. Note olive trees.
8.1	<u>Do not turn right</u> into Hampton Rd or other side roads.	
12.6	Veer left.	
14.2		Link: S1 Bird Trail (see Bird Trail pamphlet).
14.8	Turn left at bitumen onto Crows Nest—Goombungee Rd.	
23.1	Turn right onto Groomsville-Plainby Rd	
24.4	Dry weather road only sign.	Road takes a sharp turn left in front of cattle loading ramp. Single lane. Black soil under gravel. Drive slowly. Horses are exercised along this road.
24.9		Extensive views south to Highfields and hills west of Toowoomba.
28.3	Turn left at bitumen onto Crows Nest-Plainby Rd.	
30.0		Lavender growing on left. Dairy farms still operating, left and right.
30.4	Turn right into Swain Rd (gravel).	Sign to Haden.
33.3	Bunnyconnellen olive groves	Note extensive olive grove. Cellar door open weekends.
33.8	Turn left at bitumen onto Haden-Crows Nest Rd.	Bitumen
38.1	Turn right into Bergen Rd.	Bitumen. To the left is the proposed site for Australia's biggest wind farm.
44.1	<u>Do not take Wolski Rd</u> to right.	
45.3	Joins bitumen, go straight over.	
47	Turn left onto Moran Rd.	Sign to Yarraman. Pretty count lane follows Emu Creek for several kilometres. Beautiful stand of silver-leaved Ironbarks, a good bird-watching site.
53	The road joins Crows Nest-Cooyar Rd (New England Highway). Turn left.	Alternative: You can turn right and return to Crows Nest and Hampton via the New England Highway.
53.3	Turn right into Emu Creek Rd (gravel.)	
54.8	<u>Do not turn right</u> into Old Emu Creek Rd/rubbish tip road.	
55.9	Turn right into Emu Creek Hall Rd	
56.8	Turn sharp left to creek for good picnic spot (100 metres.)	Diversions: Picnic spot on Emu Creek, which eventually flows into the Brisbane River system. Return to Emu Creek Hall Rd.
58.7	Turn right at bitumen onto Blackbutt-Crows Nest Rd.	Return to Crows Nest (20 km) and Hampton (a further 11 km.)
73.3	Rocky Creek Dip on left.	Link: N9 Bird Trail. Rocky Creek Nature Reserve (see Bird Trail pamphlet).
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