
FLINDERS DISCOVERY CENTRE

This huge display area houses an amazing exhibition of dinosaur fossils from around the world, as well as an extensive and growing display of fossils from the local area. “Hughie” is the star attraction. A life size skeletal replica, this 7 metre Muttaborrasaurus was cast from the original bones of a 110 million year old dinosaur found in the Flinders Shire.

“Hughie” casts a daunting figure as you enter the display area, instantly putting things into perspective. Although this dinosaur is believed to have been an herbivore, you get the impression he is not someone that you would like to have met on a dark night!

Progressing past the imposing figure, prepare to take a step back in time. The hundreds of fossils are superbly displayed in many individual glass cabinets. Well labelled, these fossils range from crustaceous animals in rock to ammonites ranging in size, colour and shape from around the world. Several different dinosaur bones, vertebrae and other exciting fossils are included in the collection.

Come and witness the amazing light and sound show that takes you back over 500 million years ago to the beginning of the formation of Porcupine Gorge National Park. The Bio Regions display, gives concise information about the four different bioregions in our shire, with the land types, flora and fauna. These Bio Regions include Einasleigh Uplands, Desert Uplands, Mitchell Grass Downs and Gulf Plains.

Enjoy the hands on area for kids with puzzles, books and dinosaur activities to entertain and educate all ages. Incorporated is also a small display from the local Historical Society, which includes memorabilia from the first Hughenden Races, glassware, shearing gear, etc, as well as a range of photos.

While wandering around the centre enjoy the video on Hughenden and district, with breath taking views of Porcupine Gorge and telling the stories of how Hughenden came to be. At the front of the centre is the accredited Information Centre, which holds an excellent array of information on local, regional and interstate holiday destinations. A large range of souvenirs is also available and helpful staff to ensure that your stay in Hughenden is an enjoyable one.

Entry fee to the display area is \$5.00 per adult and children age from 5 – 12 are \$2.00.
Pre booked Groups of 25 adults or more are a set price of \$112.50.