
4WD BASALT BYWAYS

The Basalt Byway is a 4WD track winding between the landscapes North of Hughenden, running for approx 95km. This track, takes you on a journey through some amazing country featuring rolling landscapes of basalt walls and deep valleys. Basalt Rock is typically the first lava to issue from a volcano, this area and soil type is very nutritious and is classed as prime grazing land.

The area you travel through has a large diversity of soils and nature. Boasting some excellent lookouts to view from showing the depth and length of many of the valleys you will wind through, one lookout in particular showing open downs area with the town of Hughenden in the distance.

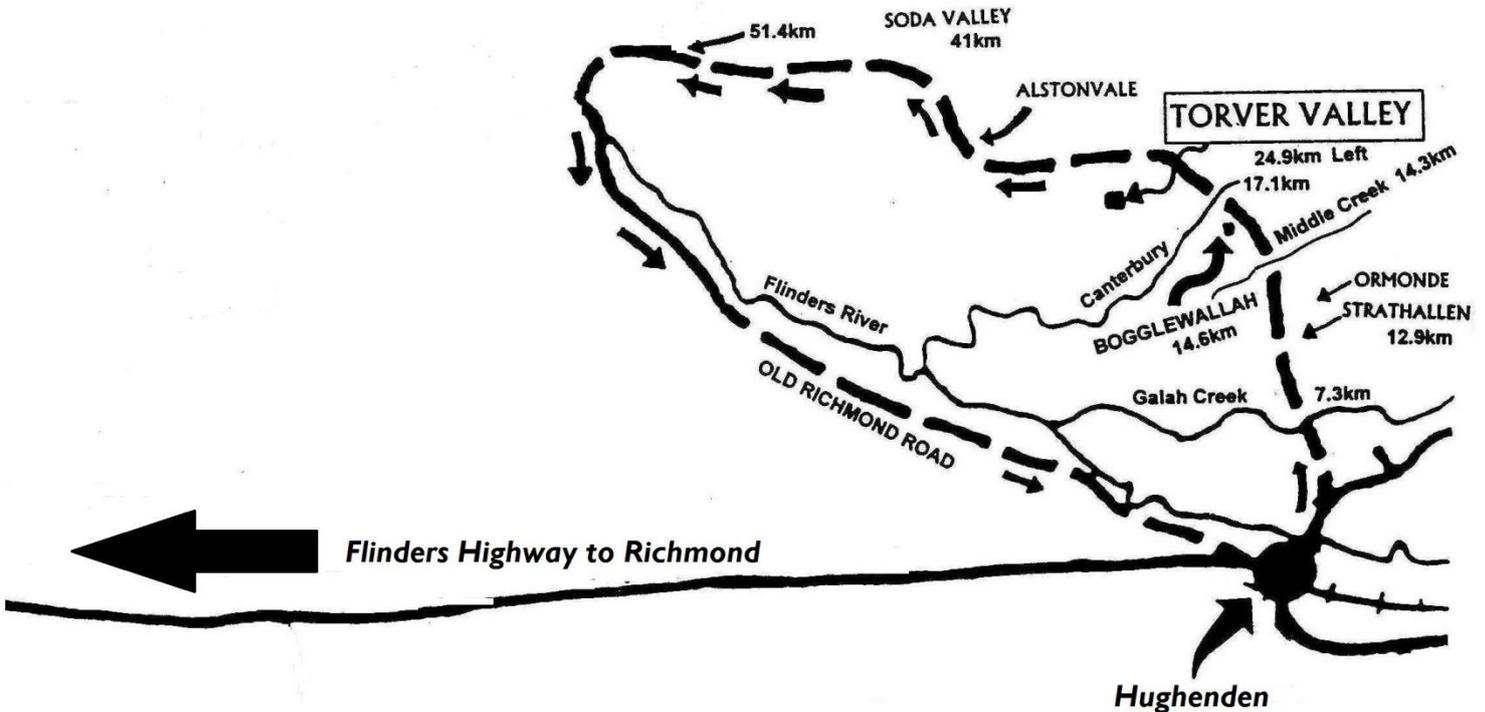
This track takes you through many grazing properties, these properties used to be mainly sheep stations but as time has gone by they have changed over to cattle grazing. History tells stories of pioneering families who lost everything in the great floods that swept through these valley areas many years ago.

There is an abundance of flora and fauna to look at spotting the odd Kangaroo, Dingo and Emu is always a feature of the drive. The bird life is abundant and in the wetter months of the year the wildflowers and flowering Gums are spectacular, amongst the downs area the flower called the Flinders Poppy which Hughenden is well known for, flowers in the drier months of year, creating rivers of red along the open plains.

Travelling on this track will certainly delight the 4WD enthusiasts. On this track you will cross the Flinders River, boasting wonderful waterholes to swim in, throughout the wetter months.

To get onto the Basalt Byway head out of Hughenden on the Kennedy Developmental Road, heading north. Approximately 2 km from the Flinders Discovery Centre is a road to your left which will put you directly onto the Basalt Byway. This road is an unsealed road and we recommend you drive to the road conditions. Please stay within the road area as these are private properties that you will be travelling through.

If you open a gate please close it behind you!



CAMPING & FIRES are prohibited

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