
FLINDERS RIVER BYWAY

The shortest of the three byways in our region, at 32km long, is especially popular with travellers wishing to experience a cross-section of the bioregions on offer in our district, and also makes a scenic shortcut for travellers wishing to go east after visiting Porcupine Gorge.

From Hughenden, head north over the bridge on the Kennedy Developmental Road which leads up to Porcupine Gorge National Park. After 29km, turn right at the Tourist Drive #4 (Flinders River Byway - Glentor Rd).

The journey begins in semi-forested, Mitchell Grass downs country with the basalt wall in the distance to the left. Be careful coming on and off the floodways and cement causeways.

After about 19km the country changes to pebbly red soil ridges with primarily Gidgee vegetation, and then moves on again to eucalypt woodland as you approach the crossing of the Flinders River. This crossing is a formed road, but unsealed. Take the time to admire the magnificent Rivergums that fringe the riverbed.

A further 2km takes you up a short stretch of bitumen to the Glendower Wall Scenic Lookout, which provides a great photographic opportunity, with sweeping views across the plains towards the basalt ridges on the horizon.

Travelling further on, the country changes again, becoming ironbark and eucalypt woodlands in red soil country and crossing over Skeleton Creek as you near the end of your journey.

When you meet up with the Flinders Highway again, the quirky Prairie Hotel in the sleepy town of Prairie is only 3km to your left (towards Charters Towers), and well worth a visit. Alternatively, a right turn will head you back to Hughenden (44km).

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