
SUGGESTED ITINERARIES – AUSTRALIAN DINOSAUR TRAIL

Australia's Dinosaur Trail in Queensland's Outback is an exciting new adventure highlighting the world-class fossil discoveries in the towns of Winton, Hughenden and Richmond. A journey along the Dinosaur Trail offers visitors a range of unique experiences not offered anywhere else in Australia.

Day 1 – Winton

Journey

- Cloncurry to Winton approximately 348kms / 3hours 58minutes
- Boulia to Winton..... approximately 363kms / 4hours 37minutes
- Jundah to Winton.....approximately 374kms / 4 hours 45minutes
- Longreach to Winton.....approximately 179kms / 2hours 5minutes

Morning

Spend your first day discovering the township of Winton. At the Waltzing Matilda Centre, discover the story, the song and the spirit of Australia through the eyes of an Aussie swagman. Get a taste of the dinosaur adventures ahead of you with a visit to the Corfield and Fitzmaurice Building to view the fine collection of dinosaur fossils. The dinosaur diorama explains the story of the dinosaur stampede at Lark Quarry.

Afternoon

While you're in town, also check out the **Arno's Wall**. The Walls reach two metres high and extends for at least 70 metres. They are constructed of concrete and rock brought from Arno's Opal Mine at Opalton and studded with rusted lawnmower parts, boat propellers, vintage typewriters, sewing machines and even a couple of complete motorbikes.

Musical Fence is a wire fence that can be played as a musical instrument and it is the first permanent musical fence installation in the world. The Musical Fence is situated behind the Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum near the Industrial Estate. It is free to use and is there for every visitor to Winton to enjoy.

Opal Walk entrance to the Opal Walk is through the Gift and Gem Shop which was originally established by Vince Evert. This is a glimpse of an Opal Mine with the story of how Opal was mined at Opalton and fascinating displays from the life of the Opal miners. The Opal Walk leads you to the Royal Open Air Theatre Museum.

Evening

For some evening entertainment, have dinner at one of the historic hotels and head out for a night of nostalgia at the Royal Mail Open Air Theatre.

Day 2 – Winton

Journey

- Winton to Lark Quarryapproximately 111 kms / 1hour 30minutes
- Winton to Carisbrooke Station..... approximately 80kms / 1hour 5minutes

Morning

Get an early start and head out to Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackway (110km from Winton on an unsealed road). You will be amazed by the world's only fossilised footprints of a dinosaur stampede! Learn about these amazing creatures and the history of this ancient part of the world.

Afternoon

Experience life on the land with the spectacular scenery on nearby Carisbrooke Station. Carisbrooke is a working sheep and cattle station which abounds with wildlife and natural vegetation. Self contained buildings with self contained units, linen (extra) and cooking facilities are available. It is pet friendly and property tours are available (Bookings are essential - see Carisbrooke Tours).

Evening

On returning to Winton, spend the evening enjoying 'Happy Hour' at Rangelands, taking in a glorious outback sunset.

For further information on these attractions please contact:

Waltzing Matilda Centre (07) 4657 1466 or 1300 665 115

Email: vic@matildacentre.com.au

Web: www.experiencewinton.com.au

Day 3 – Hughenden

Journey

- Winton to Hughenden approximately 216kms / 2hours 51minutes

Morning

Travel on to Hughenden in the morning. There are dinosaurs galore in Hughenden! Here you can meet Hughie, a Muttaborrasaurus skeletal replica and Mutt, his full-bodied mate. The Flinders Discovery Centre also houses an impressive fossil collection of international standards and a great light and sound show to give you an introduction to nearby Porcupine Gorge. A stroll through the streets will reveal a series of sculptures from local artists depicting fossils and dinosaurs with a touch of the outback heritage.

Afternoon

Mount Walker is approximately 8km south of Hughenden and boasts six spectacular lookouts scanning the district over 360o and stands 478m above sea level. Named by William Landsborough in 1862 after fellow explorer Frederick Walker, today Mount Walker has become a popular place at sunset and is a photographer's delight.

Day 4 – Hughenden

Journey

- Hughenden to Porcupine Gorge National Parkapproximately 67.4 km / 55minutes

Morning

Drive north from Hughenden (63km with some unsealed road) to visit the spectacular Porcupine Gorge National Park. A diverse range of flora and fauna reside amongst the coloured volcanic basalt countryside and sandstone rocks. Fill your day with bush walking, bird watching and swimming. The first lookout gives you an indication of the depth and magnitude of the Gorge. Camping is allowed for those who wish to stay overnight; otherwise you can head back into Hughenden.

For further information on these attractions please contact:

Flinders Discovery Centre
34 Gray Street
Hughenden QLD 4821
Telephone: (07)4741 12970
Email: info@flinders.qld.gov.au

Afternoon

Travel west along the Overlanders Way to Richmond in the afternoon.

Journey

- Hughenden to Richmond..... approximately 112kms / 1hour 22minutes

Day 5 – Richmond

Highlights

- Kronosaurus Korner

Morning

Start your exploration with a visit to the Kronosaurus Korner to discover an ancient time when this area was a great inland sea. Once you have been infected with fossil fever, head out to one of the dedicated fossicking sites to try and find a fossil of your own! Any finds can be taken back to Kronosaurus Korner to be identified by the local paleontologist.

Afternoon

Take an evening stroll around Lake Fred Tritton on the edge of town and wonder at the kaleidoscope of stars in the brilliant outback sky.

Day 6 – Richmond

Morning

Spend today exploring the other sites of Richmond. Follow the Heritage Walk around town and view the signs depicting yesteryear. Visit the Gidgee Wheel Art and Craft shop; pay your respects to the pioneers that shaped this country at the Pioneer Cemetery. Relax at the Lions Park or take a walk along the Flinders River.

For further information on these attractions please contact:

Kronosaurus Korner
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Journey

- Richmond to Hughenden..... approximately 112kms / 1hour 22 minutes
- Richmond to Julia Creek.....approximately 149 kms / 1hour 43 minutes
- Richmond to Winton (unsealed road).....approximately 229 kms / 2hours 51 minutes