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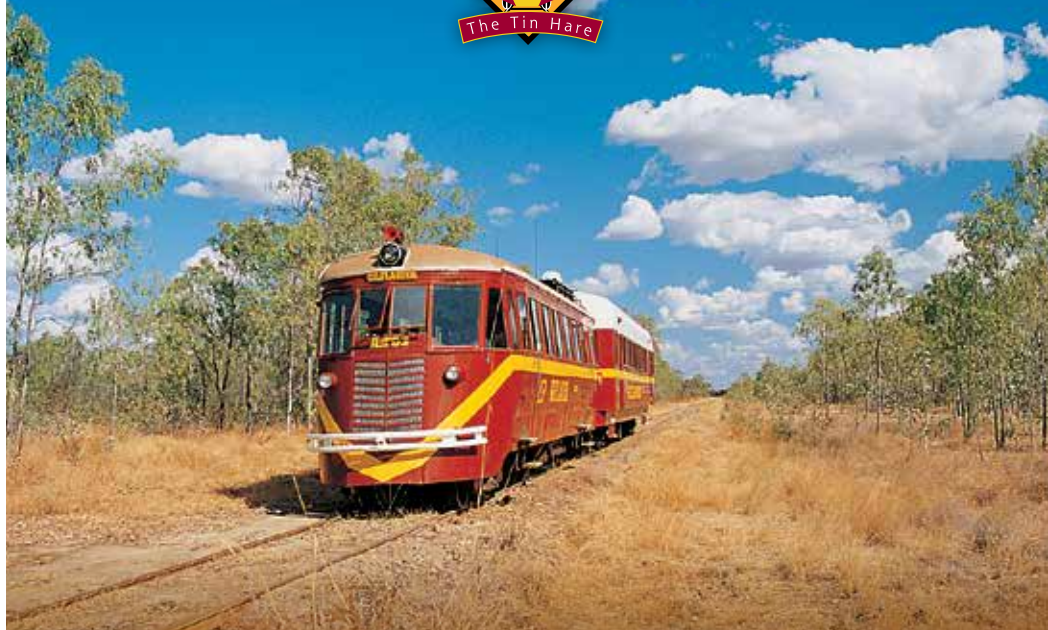


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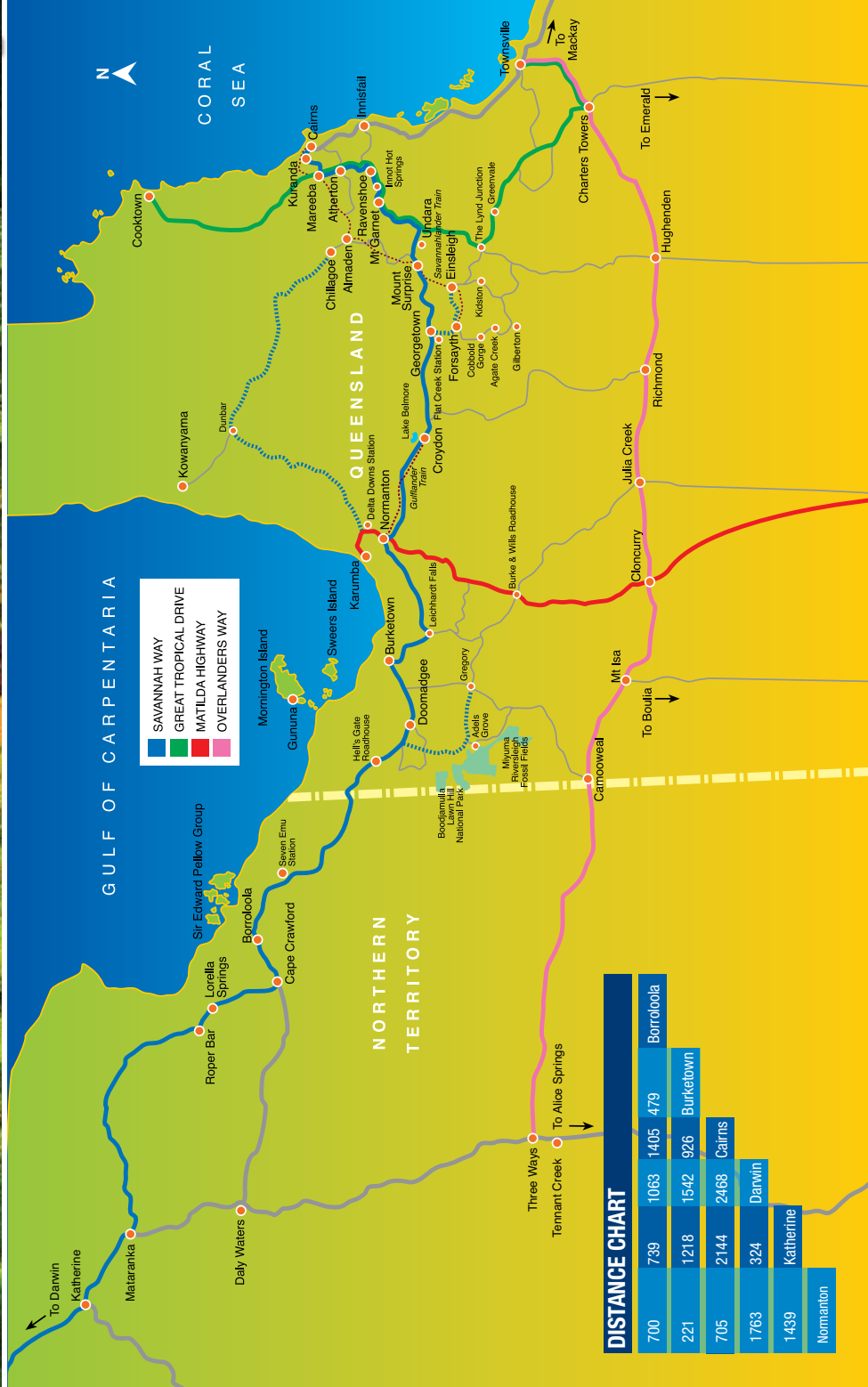


Australia's Adventure Drive





# Gulf Savannah Map





# Queensland's Gulf Savannah

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

### **Cairns & Tropical North Visitor Information Centre**

Ph: (07) 4051 3588

[www.cairnsgreatbarrierreef.org.au](http://www.cairnsgreatbarrierreef.org.au)

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Ph: (07) 4093 9311 [www.kuranda.org](http://www.kuranda.org)

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### **Atherton Tablelands Information Centre**

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### **Mount Garnet Visitor Information Centre & Mini Museum**

Ph: (07) 4097 9230 [www.mountgarnet.org.au](http://www.mountgarnet.org.au)

### **TerrEstrial Centre, Georgetown**

Ph: (07) 4079 9027

[www.terrestrialgeorgetown.com.au](http://www.terrestrialgeorgetown.com.au)

### **Flinders Discovery Centre, Hughenden**

Ph: (07) 4741 2970 [www.flinders.qld.gov.au](http://www.flinders.qld.gov.au)

### **Croydon True Blue Visitor Information Centre**

Ph: (07) 4748 7152 [www.croydon.qld.gov.au](http://www.croydon.qld.gov.au)

### **Karumba Visitor Information Centre and Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre**

Ph: (07) 4745 2211 [www.barracentre.com.au](http://www.barracentre.com.au)

### **Normanton Visitor Information Centre**

Ph: (07) 4747 8444

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

### **Burketown Visitor Centre**

Ph: (07) 4745 5111

[www.burketown.com.au](http://www.burketown.com.au)

### **Katherine Visitor Information Centre**

Ph: (08) 8972 2650 [www.visitkatherine.com.au](http://www.visitkatherine.com.au)

### **Tourism Top End, Darwin**

Ph: (08) 8936 2499 [www.tourismtopend.com.au](http://www.tourismtopend.com.au)

From the Great Dividing Range in the east, to the Northern Territory border in the west, the Gulf Savannah covers 186,000 square kilometres. It features golden grasslands and savannah woodlands, historic mining towns and train journeys, abundant wildlife and world renowned wetlands, Aboriginal communities, remote cattle stations and diverse geological wonders.

Part of the attraction of this region is its remote and undeveloped character. This means some facilities and services may not be available in some parts of the region. These and other seasonal factors need to be considered when travelling. Check with local Visitor Information Centres for the latest conditions.



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#### ATHERTON TABLELANDS INFORMATION CENTRE

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Cnr Main St & Silo Rd

Ph: 1300 366 361

athinfo@trc.qld.gov.au  
www.trc.qld.gov.au/locations/atherton-  
tableland-information-centre



#### HERBERTON MINING MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE

OPEN DAILY: 9am to 4pm  
1 Jack's Road

Ph: 07 4096 3474

info@herbertonvisitorcentre.com.au  
www.herbertonvisitorcentre.com.au



#### KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

OPEN DAILY: 10am to 4pm  
Therwine St

Ph: 07 4093 9311

info@kuranda.org  
www.kuranda.org



#### MALANDA FALLS VISITOR CENTRE

OPEN DAILY: 9am to 4pm  
132 Atherton - Malanda Rd,  
Malanda • Ph: 07 4089 2583  
info@malandafalls.com  
www.malandafalls.com



#### MAREEBA HERITAGE MUSEUM & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

OPEN DAILY: 9am - 5pm  
345 Byrnes St  
Ph: 07 4092 5674

info@mareebaheritagecentre.com.au  
www.mareebaheritagecentre.com.au



#### RAVENSHOE VISITOR CENTRE

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24 Moore Street  
Ph: 07 4089 2243

ravenshoevc@trc.qld.gov.au  
www.trc.qld.gov.au/locations/ravenshoe-visitor-centre/



#### YUNGABURRA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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Sun 10am - 4pm  
Maud Kehoe Place  
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**DECEMBER TO MARCH** is “The Wet” or “Green Season”. The countryside is lush and the birdlife is prolific. There is frequent rainfall and relatively high temperatures and humidity. Everything is growing and renewing itself. Road improvements have opened the region to visitors for most of this period between Cairns and Karumba. Check road conditions before travel with local Visitor Information Centres or Queensland Transport and Main Roads at [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au) / phone 13 19 40. Burke and Carpentaria Shire Councils provide daily Road Reports on Visitor Information Centre websites during the wet season. Wet roads and rising river systems can be dangerous and conditions can change rapidly with rainfall, especially at low level stream crossings.

**APRIL TO OCTOBER** is a time of daily sunshine and very little rain. The warm days are balanced with cool nights especially in July and August. The countryside turns golden. This is “The Dry” season and most popular time to travel on The Savannah Way.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER** - Storm activity begins before the monsoon season. The late “Dry” has bird concentrations at their peak around water until the waterholes are replenished, birdlife increases and the countryside turn green again.

| Month     | Average<br>Min-Max Celsius | Average<br>Rainfall mm |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| January   | 24-32                      | 260                    |
| February  | 24-31                      | 251                    |
| March     | 23-31                      | 158                    |
| April     | 22-29                      | 31                     |
| May       | 20-28                      | 8                      |
| June      | 18-26                      | 9                      |
| July      | 17-26                      | 3                      |
| August    | 18-27                      | 2                      |
| September | 19-28                      | 3                      |
| October   | 21-30                      | 11                     |
| November  | 22-31                      | 45                     |
| December  | 23-31                      | 144                    |

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Email: [info@oztours.com.au](mailto:info@oztours.com.au) [www.oztours.com.au](http://www.oztours.com.au)

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## Coach Service

**TRANS NORTH** operates a passenger and light freight service between Cairns and Karumba three times a week. Bookings can be made at Trans North agents en-route or online at [transnorthbus.com.au](http://transnorthbus.com.au). Coaches depart from Cairns Central Railway Station each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30am – arriving at Ash's Cafe, Karumba Point at 5.30pm.

Coaches depart from Ash's Cafe, Karumba Point each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6.30am – arriving at Cairns Central Railway Station at 5.30pm.

## Local Travel Bookings

A specialist Travel Agent for the region is:

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Phone: 1800 994 620

Email: [info@gulfsavannahtours.com.au](mailto:info@gulfsavannahtours.com.au)

[www.gulfsavannahtours.com.au](http://www.gulfsavannahtours.com.au)

All Visitor Information Centres listed in this Guide can advise on local accommodation, tours and attractions as well as road conditions, travel times and local events.

## Air Services & Scenic Flights

**REX (REGIONAL EXPRESS)**

Regional Express (REX) provides regular return flights from Cairns to Normanton, Karumba (during the wet season), Burketown, Mornington Island, Doomadgee and Mount Isa. Phone: 13 17 13 [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

**SAVANNAH AVIATION**

Based in Burketown, Normanton and Mount Isa, Savannah Aviation offers a variety of travel options - general charter, Gulf Island day trips, Lawn Hill National Park day trips and fishing adventure packages.

Phone: 1800 455 445 Email: [savair@bigpond.com](mailto:savair@bigpond.com)

[www.savannah-aviation.com](http://www.savannah-aviation.com)

# Cairns - Karumba Bus service

Passenger and light freight - Three return trips weekly



**Depart Cairns - 6.30am**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Depart Karumba - 6.30am**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

For further information and  
online bookings visit  
[transnorthbus.com.au](http://transnorthbus.com.au)

Ph: 07 4095 8644 during office hours  
Email: [atherton@transnorthbus.com.au](mailto:atherton@transnorthbus.com.au)



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# Regional Transport / Self Drive

## Railways

### THE SAVANNAHLANDER TRAIN

The Savannahlander Train offers a unique rail experience along the old track to Forsyth from Cairns with accommodated overnight stops.

Dep Cairns      Wed 6.30am, Arr Almaden 1.15pm

Dep Almaden      Thu 8am, Arr Forsyth 5.45pm

Dep Forsyth      Fri 8.30am, Arr Mt Surprise 2.15pm

Dep Mt Surprise      Sat 8:00am, Arr Cairns 6:30pm

Savannahlander packages including Undara and Cobbold Gorge Tours are available.

Bedrock Village offers a short tour to Einasleigh on the Savannahlander, departing Bedrock Village at 12.15pm on Thursday.

Finnigan's Rest operates a short tour between Forsyth and Einasleigh on Fridays at 8:30am. Phone (07) 4062 5374

Email: [info@savannahlander.com.au](mailto:info@savannahlander.com.au)  
[www.savannahlander.com.au](http://www.savannahlander.com.au)  
Phone: 1800 793 848

### THE GULFLANDER TRAIN

Venturing from Normanton inland from the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Gulflander travels to Croydon 151 Kilometres through some of the most remote and inaccessible countryside on the Queensland map.

Shorter services (2-3 hours) are available from Normanton on other days. Call for details.

Timetable valid from mid February to mid December:

Departs Normanton Wednesday 8.30am  
- arrives Croydon 1.30pm.

Departs Croydon Thursday 8.30am  
- arrives Normanton 1.30pm.



### NORMANTON RAILWAY STATION

Phone: (07) 4745 1391  
Email: [gulflander@qr.com.au](mailto:gulflander@qr.com.au)  
[www.gulflander.com.au](http://www.gulflander.com.au)

## Self Drive

If you are driving your own vehicle or a rental car, you can reach the Gulf Savannah along The Savannah Way, the themed tourist route from Cairns in Queensland to Katherine in the Northern Territory and Broome in Western Australia.

The Matilda Way comes from Cunnamulla to Karumba, providing a great alternative to the Pacific Coast Touring Route.

## Fuel

Most fuel outlets in the region don't open until 7 am or later and close by 6pm, so if you intend to travel early in the morning it is advisable to obtain your fuel the day before. Auto (LP) gas is available at Forsyth, Georgetown and Cloncurry.

*In 1606, the Dutchman, William Jansz named the Gulf of Carpentaria after Dutch East Indies Governor Carpentier.*

## Mechanical Repairs

Garages are available in most of the larger towns. It is advisable to ensure that your vehicle is mechanically sound and that consideration is given to carrying basic spare parts for your vehicle. Please check road conditions prior to departure to ascertain suitability of your vehicle to handle the conditions.

## Road Reports

Visit **Queensland Transport and Main Roads at [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au) or phone 13 19 40.**

For RACQ Road Reports visit [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au) and click on "Trip Planning" or phone 1300 130 595.

Up to the minute road reports can be obtained from Visitor Information Centres, Police Stations and Shire offices in the region. Local people and travellers coming the opposite way can also be a great source of information, so don't forget to ask around for more up to date information.

Trucks and freight haulers use Channel 40 UHF which is useful for gaining the latest information on roads.





## Outback Driving Tips

Driving on narrow sealed and unsealed roads will involve taking more care than normal and the following tips will assist you in having a safe and pleasant trip.

Some sealed roads are narrow and when passing oncoming vehicles, especially trucks, you should drop two wheels off the sealed section and onto the gravel shoulder when approaching the oncoming vehicle. By doing this and also slowing down, you will greatly reduce the chances of rocks damaging your car and windscreen. Some larger trucks, especially road trains, will expect you to move off the bitumen entirely as they are less manoeuvrable. Be aware of rough edges and drop-offs as you move off, and onto the bitumen edge. Take it gently and without swerving to avoid losing control of your vehicle. If further braking is necessary, light pedal pressure is required.

The condition of unsealed roads can change quickly in wet weather or where large numbers of road trains and cattle trucks use the road. Unsealed roads can be slippery and rough for some time even after the weather has cleared.

On dusty roads extreme caution is required as visibility can be seriously reduced. Maintain a speed and road position that would be expected of you by other drivers. Bulldust can also conceal deep potholes and ruts so a reduced speed is advisable.

If you are taking it slowly, please allow other vehicles, especially commercial transport, to pass you at the earliest opportunity.

Many outback roads are unfenced and wildlife and straying stock feed beside the road at sunset and sunrise to take advantage of the "green pick", the extra grass that grows from burning regrowth and water run-off of the road surface. Kangaroos in particular are unpredictable - if one does jump in front of you avoid the temptation to over-react. An animal is often less damaging to your vehicle and its occupants than a roll-over. Emus will often pace a vehicle, running alongside it, however when they begin to tire they may swerve across in front of the vehicle.

Night driving is generally ill-advised and is the time when most accidents involving livestock occur. Darker breeds of cattle are difficult to see even if standing in the middle of the road and your peripheral vision is significantly reduced.

Many Gulf roads run east-west and driving when the sun is low on the horizon makes clear vision impossible. If you are driving in a westerly direction, plan to reach your destination by 4pm and easterly departures should not be commenced until the rising sun has climbed well above the horizon. To assist the visibility of on-coming drivers who are travelling into a setting or rising sun, turn on your vehicle headlights.

The concentration required in outback driving can be very fatiguing and a 15 minute break at two hourly intervals is recommended. Have a walk, splash your face, stretch, talk to someone. Helpful passengers will keep you chatting on long drive stretches to stay alert and pass the time.





## Blackwater Dump Sites

Please use the facilities provided. Your toilet chemicals will cause major damage to any creek or land space, and destroy the breakdown processes of composting or septic toilet systems you tip into. ***Please organise your dumping around the following sites that have easy access:***

**Cairns:** Cairns Coconut Caravan Park;  
Cool Waters Caravan Park;  
City Caravan Park; First City Caravilla,  
Clarke Diesel Repairs, 272 Hartley St;  
Lake Placid Caravan Park;  
Crystal Cascade Caravan Park

**Mareeba:** Doyle Street behind the Leagues Club

**Atherton:** At the sewerage works in Grove Street or Woodlands Tourist Park

**Ravenshoe:** At the sewerage works,  
Ascham Street Ravenshoe

**Mount Surprise:** On the main road in the amenities block opposite the Hotel

**Georgetown:** In Normanton Street opposite the public toilets in Heritage Park

**Forsayth:** Behind Caschafor Park next to Public Toilets

**Croydon:** Allridge Street next to Caravan Park

**Normanton:** Rear of Council Depot in Old Hospital Road

**Karumba:** Cnr Yappar Street and Allan Howie Way next to the public toilets at the truck stop

**Burketown:** Adjacent to Council Water Treatment Plant, approx 1km from Burketown on the Wills Developmental (Gregory) Road

**Gregory:** Next to the public toilets on Wills Development Road

**Adels Grove:** Camp Ground

## Local Shopping

We welcome you to the Gulf Savannah to experience our attractions and lifestyle. One of the best ways of 'giving something back' is to plan on shopping locally while you visit our remote communities. We have a good range of shops able to supply most of your needs for your stay in the region, including small supermarkets in Burketown, Croydon, Forsayth, Georgetown, Karumba, Normanton, Gununa and Doomadgee. ***Please support our local communities by shopping locally!***

## Banks

The Westpac Bank in Normanton and Bendigo Bank agents in Georgetown have full banking facilities Monday to Friday. ATMs are located at Westpac Normanton, Croydon Café & Supermarket, Croydon Club Hotel, Karumba Lodge Hotel, Karumba Hot Bread, Ash's Holiday Units and Café, Karumba Sunset Tavern, Karumba Point. Agency facilities only are available in some communities. Most businesses accept credit cards and have EFTPOS facilities.

## Medical

A comprehensive first aid kit is advisable. If you use any medication ensure that you bring a sufficient supply for the duration of your trip. Local hospitals cannot dispense private prescriptions. Karumba Pharmacy fill prescriptions while you wait with a pharmacist on duty. At all other clinics only emergency medical treatment can be provided.

**Gidgee Healing** 32 Brown Street, Normanton  
Phone: (07) 4769 7044. ***Open Mon to Fri 9am-5pm.***

To make medical preparations prior to your visit phone the local hospital/clinic:

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Kowanyama</b> (07) 4060 5133 | <b>Mt. Surprise</b> (07) 4062 3171 |
| <b>Forsayth</b> (07) 4062 5372  | <b>Georgetown</b> (07) 4062 1266   |
| <b>Croydon</b> (07) 4748 7000   | <b>Normanton</b> (07) 4745 1144    |
| <b>Karumba</b> (07) 4745 9137   | <b>Burketown</b> (07) 4745 5133    |

**Savannah Regional Health Service outreach clinics:**

|                                           |                                |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Mt. Surprise</b> (07) 4062 3171        | <b>The Lynd</b> (07) 4062 5291 |
| <b>Einaleigh</b> (07) 4062 5155           |                                |
| <b>Georgetown</b> (07) 4062 1970 (Office) |                                |



## Television and Radio

The region has ABC TV, Seven (NT), Imparja and SBS. Croydon has VAST free to air digital satellite television and two radio stations, ABC and KIKFM 88.0. Radio transmission can be difficult to receive during the middle of the day and depends on location. Radio 4KZ has installed a Southern Gulf Repeater station and broadcasts to Karumba and Normanton giving better radio reception to these areas. Rebel FM broadcasts through Karumba, Normanton and the North Western area.

## Mobile Phone Coverage

Reception is basically in major towns on the Telstra network. Normanton also has Optus coverage. For network coverage maps find the links at [www.savannahway.com.au](http://www.savannahway.com.au)'s Information for Travellers pages.

## UHF Shire Frequencies

- Forsayth VHF access 3 (Duplex), Mt. Surprise 6 (Duplex), Georgetown 8 (Duplex)
- Croydon UHF Channel 3 duplex
- Carpentaria Channel 6 duplex in Normanton and Karumba areas
- Burke Shire Channel is 2
- General transport channel is 40

## Public Internet Access

Internet Access is improving all the time. Several sites have internet access available for a small charge. Contact the Visitor Information Centres in Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton, Karumba and Burketown and also Bedrock Village Caravan Park in Mount Surprise.

Don't be a Data Hog! Many small towns have very limited bandwidth. To help local schools, businesses, clinics and farmers to function, please do a few simple things: Turn devices off when you are not using them, or put phones on flight mode to stop automatic searches, refreshes and updates; don't have an illegal 3G booster – use only Telstra Mobile Smart Antenna / 4G Cel-Fi, NOT larger booster repeaters that are illegal (2 years/\$22,000 penalty); don't try to download large files such as TV shows or long videos.

## Library Services

At 67 town libraries in Queensland members can borrow and return to any location and access free e-books, e-talking books, music and more. Join in Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton, Karumba or Burketown.

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# Why not try...

## Fossicking

Fossicking can be great fun and many travellers have picked up valuable gold nuggets and semi precious gems on their travels. Ask at Visitor Information Centres en route, Mount Surprise Gems or where you pick up your licence for some background information.

Fossicker's Licences can be issued by the offices below. A Fossicking Licence allows the holder to enter any Designated Fossicking Area in the state of Queensland without the need to notify any authority. Details are at [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au) or any office. The holder of a Fossicker's Licence must not enter occupied land or a mining tenure without the written permission of the landholder or tenure holder (or both). Rules for camping also vary from area to area.

**Queensland Mines and Energy Offices and Agents:**

**Mareeba District Office Phone: (07) 4048 4785**

**Mareeba Heritage Centre, Byrnes Street Mareeba**

**Hot Springs Health Waters, Kennedy Hwy, Innot Hot Springs**

**Mt Surprise Gems, Garland St, Mt Surprise**

**O'Brien's Creek Camping Ground, via Mt Surprise**

**Forsyth Tourist Park, Forsyth**

**Georgetown District Office Phone: (07) 4062 1204**

**Goldfields Caravan Park, Georgetown**

**Croydon Shire Council, Samwell Street Croydon**

## Visiting a Cattle Station

Several cattle stations in the Gulf Savannah are now open to visitors. Here you can see life behind the scenes and understand what it takes to live on the land in North Queensland. Talk to the locals about their heritage and modern methods of sustainable grazing and see the expansive country they manage. Learn about the breeds and sample the local produce. Check in the regional sections of this Guide for opportunities to stay at, tour on or even fossick on cattle stations.

## Fishing & Boating

Fishing is great fun and locals will help with advice regarding bait and the best spots (or maybe the second best spots!) to go. See [www.savannahway.com.au](http://www.savannahway.com.au) for some suggested locations and more information.

Remember that saltwater crocodiles inhabit many of the Gulf Savannah's waterways, so stay back from the water's edge, avoid repetitive behaviour such as checking crab pots at the same time every day, and clean fish well away from the water. Anglers do not require a licence to fish recreationally in Queensland, except if fishing in some stocked impoundments, however there are some regulations to keep fish populations healthy.

**Barramundi closed season applies to Gulf of Carpentaria and adjoining waterways**

**Noon 7 October to Noon 1 February. East Coast from Noon 1 November to Noon 1 February.**

**Does not apply to Croydon's Lake Belmore.**

Barramundi size limits in the Gulf are 58cm minimum to 120 cm maximum with a limit of five fish per person in possession. For information contact the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, phone 13 25 23 or visit [www.daff.qld.gov.au](http://www.daff.qld.gov.au)

In Queensland, licences are required when operating boats powered by a motor of over 6hp that are capable of speeds in excess of 10 knots and have a planing or non-displacement hull. For information on licensing and registration phone 13 25 23 and they can connect you to the Weipa or Karumba Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol offices.

## Bird Watching

The Gulf Savannah's beautiful bird life entices many visitors to develop an interest in identifying species, watching their behaviour and learning about their habitats. A pair of binoculars and Bird Field Guide are all you need to get started.

Keen bird watchers come from around the world to see iconic species here, particularly in the upland rainforests of the Tropical Tablelands near Cairns, Savannah country around Croydon and the Gulf shores around Karumba. Visit [www.savannahway.com.au](http://www.savannahway.com.au) to download our free "Bird Watching in the Gulf Savannah" booklet and call into local Visitor Information Centres for bird lists and seasonal tips.



# Eastern and Southern Gateways

## The Kennedy / Hann Highway

More travellers are heading north or south via the Flinders Shire as the Kennedy Developmental Road (also known as the Hann Highway) improves. Around 31.3 kilometres remains as unsealed gravel between the Lynd and Hughenden. This provides a great alternative route and will allow you to explore some real hidden gems, including Australia's Dinosaur Trail featuring the world-class fossils of Winton, Richmond and Hughenden.

The Flinders Shire has a population of under 2000 and changing bio-regions to observe on your journey that support cattle and sheep grazing. Look for arid upland areas and grassy plains.

Hughenden's Visitor Information Centre is the Flinders Discovery Centre, housing an amazing exhibition of dinosaur fossils from around the world and the local area. "Hughie", a seven metre *Muttaborrasaurus* skeletal replica, was cast from the bones of a 110 million year old dinosaur found in the Flinders Shire. You can also see the Porcupine Gorge Light and Sound Show, Shearing the Stragglers display and other fossil and gem collections. Be sure to pick up a local map to take in the town's points of interest including unique metal sculptures depicting dinosaurs designed and made by local artists. Take the Eco Walk on Flinders to see local plants and artwork. Mount Walker, 10km south of Hughenden, has wonderful outback sunsets.

### Flinders Discovery Centre, Hughenden

Open 7 days 9am-5pm

37 Gray Street, Hughenden Phone: (07) 4741 2970

Email: [info@flinders.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@flinders.qld.gov.au)

[www.visithughenden.com.au](http://www.visithughenden.com.au)

Porcupine Gorge was carved by Porcupine Creek out of a basalt lava-flow. Sunset shows off the soft colours of the walls towering 150 metres over the water. Lookouts, bushwalks to a swimming hole and a National Park campsite make this a great spot for a couple of nights.

Blackbraes National Park is a great introduction to the volcanic landscapes further north. Undulating ranges here surround basalt outcrops, basalt plains and seasonal swamps. Picturesque ironbark woodlands support grey kangaroos, abundant birdlife and many other native animals. Camping including van sites and nice local walks. The nearby Moonstone Hill Resource Reserve is

one of several small scoria vents surrounded by flat lying basalt lavas. 'Moonstone' feldspar occurs here as crystals filling gas cavities in the lava and is characterized by a silvery-white to blue sheen called 'adulescence'.

The Lynd Junction is the intersection of the Kennedy Development Road and the Gregory Development Road. The nearest township is the nickel mining township of Greenvale en route to Charters Towers and Townsville.

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The main route is sealed as you turn west to Undara and Mount Surprise. Further south an unsealed road heads west from Lyndhurst Station through Oak Park to Gilberton, and continues to Agate Creek and Cobbold Gorge. Another unsealed westward short cut runs from the Lynd Junction to Einasleigh, also accessing Georgetown and the Etheridge Shire.

## The Matilda Way

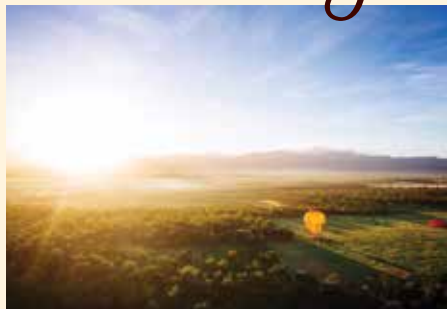
The Matilda Way stretches from the NSW border all the way up to the Gulf of Carpentaria. That's 1812 kilometres of sealed highway, great for the caravans and two wheel drive vehicles. If you are driving from Cairns to the Northern Territory you can head south on the Matilda Way from Karumba to join the Overlanders Way from Cloncurry to Three Ways on the Stuart Highway.

Some of the must-see highlights on the Matilda Way include the Charleville Cosmos Centre with four telescopes and a multi-media Indigenous Theatre in the spectacular big sky destination; Qantas Founders' Museum tracing the history of our national Airline in Longreach, along with the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame; and Winton Australian Age of Dinosaurs facility where you can work on dinosaur bones and learn about our ancient megafauna and Cloncurry where the well-known Flying Doctor Service was born. From Winton you can take Australia's longest shortcut to Western Australia along the Outback Way. Another great adventure!



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# Eastern and Southern Gateways

## The Tablelands

Allow yourself time to enjoy the Atherton Tablelands and discover its amazing volcanic past – volcanic cones, crystal clear crater lakes and deep rich volcanic soils. Amongst the myriad of waterfalls, take in Australia's widest, the Millstream Falls, or swim at the foot of the picturesque Millaa Millaa Falls.

The Tablelands is a birdwatcher's paradise, with over 370 bird species across varied habitats. Specialist guides and accommodation can help you find spectacular and rare birds. Several spots including at a viewing platform in Yungaburra offer views of platypus, especially around dusk. At Malanda you can walk with an Indigenous guide to look for tree-kangaroos, and night tours can seek out possums, tree kangaroos and night tours can also seek out possums, and lots more.

For adventure seekers, the Tablelands is Australia's hot air ballooning capital, with horseriding, bushwalking, water-skiing and fishing all on offer. Mountain bike riders will love exploring the many tracks on offer, from world class, purpose built facilities to quiet country roads.

Local trails provide many different walking experiences, many in national parks.

The Tablelands is also well known for its village lifestyle with galleries, festivals and colourful markets throughout the year. Drop into some of the local cafes, pubs and restaurants. As Australia's tropical food bowl, the choice of local produce is extensive. Treat yourself and visit wineries and tropical fruit orchards, coffee and tea plantations and boutique cheese and chocolate producers.

Local museums tell of the region's aboriginal cultural heritage, a significant World War II chapter was written here, along with Chinese heritage and timber, tobacco and dairy industry stories. Some of the best displays are at the Visitor Information Centres, whose friendly advice on the best itinerary is also a must in a Tablelands visit, given the range of activities to choose from.

Perhaps the most famous village is Kuranda, nestled in rainforest beside the Barron Falls and the terminus for the Kuranda Scenic Rail and Skyrail. Kuranda markets and attractions are open every day.



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# Eastern and Southern Gateways



Mareeba boasts coffee, tropical fruit farms and spectacular hot air ballooning rides at sunset.. Mareeba boasts coffee and mango wine production and a renowned bird habitat – the Mareeba Wetlands.

Atherton is a central base set among green farmland with local walks and bird hides. A real highlight is Crystal Caves, creatively displaying a lifetime's precious crystal and fossil collecting in a main street location. Take home an incredible and unique gift!

Yungaburra is a quaint village with restaurants and quirky shops and scenic drives around nearby Lake Tinaroo. Other fascinating towns are just a short drive off The Savannah Way.

Country Markets are held each weekend and a fun part of many Tablelands visits. Stalls sell anything from craft and second hand tools to plants, animals, books and homemade jams and cakes. There are plenty of great nibbles available while you stroll.

Town market days are:

1st Saturday of each month: Atherton, Mt. Molloy

2nd Saturday of each month: Mareeba

3rd Saturday of each month: Malanda

4th Saturday of each month: Yungaburra

1st Sunday of each month: Tolga

2nd Sunday of each month: Kairi, Atherton

3rd Sunday of each month: Herberton, Innot Hot Springs

4th Sunday of each month: Ravenshoe

Try to time your visit with one of the Tablelands' wonderful events. We've listed some favourites but there are many more around bird watching, sports, country shows and music. Check with Visitor Information Centres.

On your way west, Innot Hot Springs offers a natural creek or swimming pool style experience in hot mineral waters. Mount Garnet has a mini museum to visit, and Forty Mile Scrub is an interesting stop to learn about the changing natural habitats.

An alternate route is the re-opened Kirrama Range Road, which provides a scenic route from Kennedy on the coast to Mount Garnet. Pick up a free map at Visitor Information Centres and stop at Blencoe Falls and Herbert River Gorge for amazing views.

## JOIN A LOCAL EVENT!

**20 Apr 2019**

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**May 2019**

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**25-27 Apr 2019**

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**May 2019**

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**Jun 2019**

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**13-14 Jul 2019**

Mareeba Rodeo

**Jul 2019**

Christmas in July, Mareeba

**9 Jul 2019**

Atherton Gem Festival

**Oct 2019**

Taste of the Tablelands

**Oct 2019**

Kuranda Festival

**25-27 Oct 2019**

Tablelands Folk Festival

**8-10 Nov 2019**

Tinaroo Barra Bash





# Eastern and Southern Gateways

## Chillagoe

Chillagoe is on an Alternate Route of the Savannah Way and well worth a detour. The full 4WD Alternate Route runs on the Savannah Way near Mount Surprise along the Ootan Road following the Savannahlander tracks to Almaden, then on a remote loop to Normanton and Karumba, via Wrotham Park and Dunbar Stations. There are no visitor facilities on this loop so be self-sufficient and check road conditions.

A popular short cut to Chillagoe is from Mareeba via Dimbulah and Almaden on a mostly sealed road. This is a great way to link to the Ootan Road or just visit for a few days from your Tablelands base.

The highlight of Chillagoe is a visit to the stunning caves. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service runs excellent guided tours daily through the spectacularly-lit Donna, Trezkin and Royal Arch caves, full of hidden beauty. Tickets must be purchased in advance from The Hub in Chillagoe.

Visitors can also explore self-guided caves in the National Park. Please check with the ranger base and be well prepared. The Archways (220m / 30 mins / Easy) is a semi-open cave. Pompeii Cave (600m / 50mins / Difficult) is a cleft in the rock filled with large boulders, the remnants of a previous collapse. A short but steep climb to the bottom reveals a dark passage and some attractive formations. Bauhinia Cave (300m / 20mins / Difficult) is entered via a dark, narrow crevice requiring a steep scramble down large boulders to see cave coral. As in all caves please don't touch the formations, and bring a torch. Check out the caving adventure experiences offered by the local caving club for novices or more experienced cavers. Email: [info@chillagoeclub.org.au](mailto:info@chillagoeclub.org.au).

The Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park offers many scenic walking opportunities. Drive 2.5km south to Balancing Rock and stop to view the expansive surrounding landscape on the 440 metre moderate difficulty track. The Balancing Rock track can also be accessed from the Donna Cave car park, 1.8km from Chillagoe, with a walk through open woodland. From Balancing Rock car park the Royal Arch track (9km / 2.5 hours / Easy) passes the Wullumba Aboriginal rock art site and winds past several striking limestone tower karsts to the Royal Arch bluff, an imposing jagged limestone outcrop rising abruptly from the surrounding woodland.



Chillagoe's Trezkin Cave

Look for local wildlife, from Rock Wallabies and bats to skinks and insects. Chillagoe is an interesting bird watching region, with over 75 species recorded. In town be sure to visit historic sites such as the Chillagoe Smelters, Police Museum and authentically restored Railway Station. Chillagoe has a selection of caravan parks and accommodation. River swimming is available close to town – ask the locals and stay safe.

### Ranger-guided cave tours

**Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park**

- Visit [qld.gov.au/chillagoe caves](http://qld.gov.au/chillagoe caves)
- Phone (07) 4094 7111 for bookings
- Collect tickets at The Hub, 21 Queen Street, Chillagoe.

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A graphic for ranger-guided cave tours. It features a group of people, including a ranger, standing in a cave. The text 'Ranger-guided cave tours' is prominently displayed. Below it, the name of the park is given, followed by contact information and a hashtag. The Queensland Government logo is at the bottom right.



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## Undara Volcanic National Park

Situated on the McBride Volcanic Province, the Undara Volcanic National Park is 40 km east of Mount Surprise, with evidence of volcanic activity from 164 craters. One of the most recent and major eruptions 190,000 years ago produced 23 cubic kilometres of lava, most of which flowed down the western side of the Great Divide. This flow created a geological phenomenon now known as the Undara Lava Tubes. The tubes acted as conduits distributing lava over 100 km from the crater, the longest flow in the world from a single volcano.

Access to the lava tubes is only through the Savannah Guides Enterprises Undara Experience (at the National Park) and Bedrock Village Caravan Park (in Mount Surprise, 55 kilometres).

At Undara Experience are some great walking and cycling tracks to the Kalkarni Crater Rim Walk, the Bluff Lookout and along the historic telegraph line towards Cardwell. The Wildlife at Sunset Tour is an incredible experience, watching thousands of insectivorous microbats emerge from a lava tube while being hunted by dangling snakes and swooping falcons.

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## Mount Surprise

Mount Surprise is a railway town on the old Cairns to Forsyth Railway line and is the first Gulf Savannah town encountered by visitors approaching from the east. It is the centre for gem fossicking with topaz, quartz, spinel, garnet, cairngorm and aquamarine to be found. Mount Surprise sits on the edge of the immense Undara lava field caused by ancient volcanic eruptions in the McBride Plateau. The surrounding country is flat, wooded savannah grasslands with isolated hills.



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At **Mount Surprise Gems** you can see a wide range of stones and hire equipment. Phone: (07) 4062 3055  
See our "Why Not Try" Section for more fossicking details.

### FACILITIES

**Mt Surprise Clinic.** No pharmacy – emergency supplies only. RFDS visits fortnightly (Thu 9am-12pm).

**Mount Surprise Store:** (07) 4062 3115

**Police:** Garland Street (07) 4062 3120

**Post Office & Commonwealth Bank Agency:**

@ Mt Surprise Gems, Garland Street (07) 4062 3055

**Public Telephone:** outside the General Store

**Public Toilets:** between medical centre and railway & at the rear of the community hall

**Queensland Rail Agencies:** Bedrock Village Caravan Park & Mt Surprise Tourist Caravan Park

### ACCOMMODATION

**Bedrock Village Caravan Park:** (07) 4062 3193

Garnet Street, Mt Surprise

Email: [bedrockvillage@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bedrockvillage@bigpond.com.au)

[www.bedrockvillage.com.au](http://www.bedrockvillage.com.au)

**Mount Surprise Tourist Van Park:** (07) 4062 3153

Garland Street, Mount Surprise

**Mount Surprise Hotel:** (07) 4062 3118

Garland Street, Mount Surprise



### O'Brien's Creek

Located 37 km north of Mount Surprise is the well known topaz area of O'Brien Creek. It was established in 1995 as a site for tourist and recreational fossicking and still yields gorgeous stones. Please note that several mining claims and two mining leases within the area are excluded from the declared fossicking area. These must not be entered without the permission of the holders. Posts mark the corners of each tenure. Camping is not permitted in the fossicking area.

#### O'Brien's Creek Campground

Mount Surprise Station; Amenities, no power

Phone: (07) 4062 3001

### Forsyth

Forsyth is the western terminus of the Savannahlander Train's journey from Cairns. This increasingly popular overnight stop is located within the Etheridge Goldfield, scene of a Gold Rush in the late 1800's which is revisited in the Forsyth By Night Tour. Forsyth is still a popular base for fossickers and prospectors with some of the world's best agates at nearby Agate Creek and a choice of Gold Prospecting spots on local Cattle Stations (See Page 23). Call in at the Goldfields Hotel for a coffee and information about local sights and activities. The locals might just reveal a story or two about some of the area's secret spots.

The logo for O'Brien's Creek Campground features a green frog and a white cow standing in a stream, with the text "O'Brien's Creek" in a blue arch above them and "CAMPGROUND" in a green banner below. Below the logo, it says "MOUNT SURPRISE STATION".

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**Savannahlander Train Half Day Tour** - from Forsyth to Einasleigh, Fri Apr–Oct

**The Savannahlander** - Forsyth to Cairns Friday 8:30am

**Caschafor Park and Historical Display**

**The Old Forsyth Lockup**

**Historical Charleston Cemetery**

**Savannahlander Train** - Arr Thu PM, Dep Fri AM

**Forsyth Hospital Gardens**



Cobbold Gorge

## ACCOMMODATION

**Goldfields Hotel and Finnigan's Rest:** (07) 4062 5374

Ensuite Motel Rooms, Meals, General Store, Fuel, Agate Display, Postal Agency Email: [finnigansrest@gmail.com](mailto:finnigansrest@gmail.com)

**Forsyth Tourist Park:** (07) 4062 5324

## FACILITIES

Fuel, Hotel, General Store, Café, Australia Post Agency.

**Police Station:** (07) 4062 5376 Fourth Street

**Health Centre:** (07) 4062 5372 Fourth Street  
Open 8am–4.30pm Monday to Friday

**Library:** (07) 4062 5462

**Railway Station:** (07) 4062 5432

**Royal Flying Doctors Service:** Fortnightly (Thu 10am–3pm)

**Public Phones:** Using Phone Away Card opposite Forsyth Tourist Park.

**Public Toilets:** Behind Caschafor Park

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## Einasleigh

A small rural town on the Copperfield River at the base of the Caterpillar Range and Red Rock Hill. Take a hike along the River Walk for views over the breathtaking Copperfield Gorge, formed by an ancient lava flow. Call in at the Einasleigh Pub and marvel at the amazing miniature furniture collection on display. The Easter@Einasleigh Weekend sees rodeo and racing action.

## Flat Creek Station

Popular for gold fossickers with metal detectors and bird watchers. Camping available. Check access first and ask about the Gouldian Finches.

Phone: (07) 4062 5304 Email: [flatck@bigpond.com](mailto:flatck@bigpond.com)

*The original coach road in the Newcastle Range between Mt Surprise and Georgetown winds through hills so steep that laden supply horses wore shoes with nails protruding for traction.*

## ACCOMMODATION

**The Einasleigh Hotel:** (07) 4062 5222

Email: [einasleighpub@bigpond.com](mailto:einasleighpub@bigpond.com)

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**Silks Rest:** (07) 4062 5266

## FACILITIES

**Einasleigh Clinic** - Open fortnightly (Friday 9am-3pm).

**RFDS:** monthly on Friday. No pharmacy available at clinic - some emergency supplies only.

**Police:** (07) 4062 5220 Baroota St - currently unmanned.

**Public Phone:** Outside Einasleigh Hotel, outside Post Office Baroota Street

**Public Toilets:** Between Clinic and Community Park at the rear of the Community Hall

**Post Office:** (07) 4062 5231 Open Monday and Thursday 9am-11am

**Rodeo Association:** (07) 4062 5134

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## Cobbold Gorge

Cobbold Gorge, about 90km from Georgetown, is rich in beauty and history. The Gorge was formed through sedimentation of the Hampstead Sandstone 134 million years ago, followed by compression and large scale faulting. Torrential wet seasons spilled torrents of water through the narrow ravines carving out deep gorges, leaving permanent waterholes overlooked by spectacular cliffs. Tours of Cobbold Gorge leave from Cobbold Village. As Cobbold Gorge forms part of a working cattle property, access to the gorge is by guided tour only. Bookings are essential.

### Cobbold Gorge Tours

Phone: (07) 4062 5470

Email: [enquiries@cobboldgorge.com.au](mailto:enquiries@cobboldgorge.com.au)

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## Agate Creek

This designated fossicking area is nestled in the hills 85km south of Forsayth. Some of the best specimens of agate have been found here, with exceptional quality and a range of rich colours, including Thunder Eggs as well as Quartz, Citrine and Amethyst Crystal. Check road conditions on the way at the Goldfields Hotel in Forsayth.

### Agate Creek Camping Ground

*70km South from Forsayth, Amenities, No Power*

Phone: (07) 4062 5355



## Gold Prospecting

Check out the following for Gold Prospecting:

Flat Creek – Ph: (07) 4062 5304

Long Gully – Ph: (07) 4062 5314

Dells Hole – Ph: (07) 4062 5534

Western Creek – Ph: (07) 4062 5591

See Page 12 for information on Fossicking Licences

## Gilberton Outback Retreat

It's a scenic drive from Forsayth to Gilberton Outback Retreat. This is a favourite spot for gold detecting and camping, and also the site of the luxurious Gilberton Outback Retreat, a single, private cabin overlooking the Gilbert River bed. Soak in the rich local history and expansive views with the French family.

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Ph: (07) 40625355

Hosts: David & Dot Terry





# TerrEstrial

Georgetown, Nth Queensland



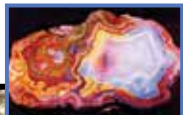
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# Etheridge Shire

## Georgetown

Situated west of the Newcastle Range on the Etheridge River, Georgetown is the administrative centre for the Etheridge Shire. A thriving gold hub at its peak in the 1870's, Georgetown was named in honour of the local gold commissioner Howard St George. The area still yields gold nuggets and semi-precious stones including topaz, quartz, spinel, garnet, cairngorm, aquamarine and sapphires. The area was known as "Poor Man's Goldfield" because gold nuggets could be picked up from the ground without expensive equipment. Today the town is also a service centre for local pastoralists and mining operations.

Stroll around this outback town to see the restored Shire Hall in St George Street, Savannah House, Masonic Temple, Catholic Church and the cemetery.

There is also a signed Georgetown River Walk featuring local bird life. The free public swimming pool is open all year round in daylight hours.

### TerrEstrial Centre: Georgetown Visitor Information Centre

Open 8:30am-4:15pm 7 Days Apr-Sep

Open 8:30am-4:15pm 5 Days Oct-Mar

Low Street, Georgetown Phone: (07) 4079 9027

Email: [terrestrial@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:terrestrial@etheridge.qld.gov.au)

[www.terrestrialgeorgetown.com.au](http://www.terrestrialgeorgetown.com.au)



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## ACCOMMODATION

**Lalara Resort Motel**, Gulf Development Road  
Phone: (07) 40621190 Email: latarmotel@bigpond.com.au  
**Goldfields Caravan Park**, St George St  
Phone: (07) 4062 1269  
**Wenaru Hotel**, St George St Phone: (07) 4062 1208  
**Midway Caravan Park & Service Station**, North Street  
Phone: (07) 4062 1219

## FACILITIES

**Etheridge Shire Council:** (07) 4062 1233  
Email: admin@etheridge.qld.gov.au  
www.etheridge.qld.gov.au  
**Police Station:** (07) 4062 1209 High Street  
**Hospital:** (07) 4062 1266 Normanton Street  
**Post Office:** (07) 4062 1201 St George Street has Bendigo Bank, Commonwealth Bank Agency and access to over 25 credit unions  
**Public Telephone:** Greens Park and the Post Office  
**Public Toilets:** Etheridge Heritage Park, Greens Park and the Shire Hall  
**Georgetown Butchery:** (07) 4062 1222  
**Georgetown Roadhouse & Supermarket:** (07) 4062 1999  
**Recreation Grounds:** Crampton Road  
**Travellers Tavern:** (07) 4062 1148 includes supermarket  
**Venies Fruit & Veg:** (07) 4062 1133 St George Street  
**Bushy's Tyre and Mechanical Service – RACQ**  
(07) 4062 1075  
**After hours emergencies:** (07) 4062 1065

## THINGS TO DO AND SEE

### *The Ted Elliot Mineral Collection*

An incredible array of over 4500 minerals, gemstones and fossils that are a “must see” on your travels through the region. The multi-award winning TerrEstrial Centre in Georgetown houses the collection plus Visitor Information Centre, council library, internet facilities and a Centrelink access point.

### *Peace Monument*

In 2015 Georgetown unveiled an international peace monument, a stone sculpture adorned with plaques recognising peace leaders Dr Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Dr Daisaku Ikeda, Mahatma Gandhi, Eddie Mabo, Helen Caldicott and Julian Burnside. This visionary tribute was driven by local resident Eric Tan who runs the Travellers Tavern.

### *Cumberland Chimney*

Stop in 20 kilometres west of Georgetown. The Chimney is all that remains of the gold crushing plant built by Cornish masons. Take time to enjoy the birdlife which flocks to the dam. Free Camping Area.

### *Georgetown Golf Club*

9 hole Golf Course and bar (limited hours)  
Cemetery Road **Phone: (07) 4062 1157**

### *Public Swimming Pool*

Free Entry. If locked ask about access at any Service Station. St George Street **Phone: (07) 4062 1133**

## JOIN A LOCAL EVENT!

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>18-21 Apr 2019</b> | Easter at Einasleigh        |
| <b>25-27 Apr 2019</b> | Undara Outback Rock & Blues |
| <b>5-6 Jul 2019</b>   | Oak Park Races              |
| <b>Jul 2019</b>       | Mount Hogan Treasure Chase  |
| <b>Aug 2019</b>       | Forsyth Turnout             |
| <b>Sep 2019</b>       | Flat Creek Finch Count      |
| <b>6 Oct 2019</b>     | Georgetown Bush Races       |
| <b>Dec 2019</b>       | Einasleigh Horse Sports     |

Cumberland Chimney Dam



## Croydon

Considered the Heritage Capital of the Gulf, Croydon has a rich history which started with the discovery of Gold in 1885 and led to the development of a rich, booming gold mining town. In its heyday, it was the third largest town in northern Queensland and serviced a goldfield that extended for 18km and produced 23,675kg of gold over 35 years. Today Croydon still glows from the dust of its feverish gold-mining days while it sits on top of deep untapped gold reserves.

The Historic Gulflander Train travels to the award winning steel replica Croydon Station weekly on revolutionary, heritage listed steel sleepers. It overnights in Croydon on Wednesdays, and returns to Normanton the next day.

### Croydon True Blue Visitor Information Centre

Open 9.00am-4.30pm,

7 days a week Apr-Nov and Mon-Fri Dec-Mar.

51-59 Samwell Street, Croydon Phone: (07) 4748 7152

Email: [info@croydon.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@croydon.qld.gov.au)

[www.croydon.qld.gov.au/visitors](http://www.croydon.qld.gov.au/visitors)

## JOIN A LOCAL EVENT!

19 Jul 2019

Poddy Dodgers Festival

19 Jul 2019

Croydon Camp Draft

Sep 2019

Croydon Horse Sports and Motorbike Gymkhana



Mining Museum

## THINGS TO DO AND SEE

### True Blue Visitor Information Centre

Enjoy a free film and explore the landscaped gardens, sculptures, mining architecture, vintage vehicles and outdoor display featuring two locomotives, the original A-10 202 steam engine that ran on the Normanton – Croydon line and a modern restoration. Collect your self-guided map of the rest of the town.

### Walking Tour

Join Patrick Wheeler of Xtra Steps for a local walking tour or evening chat. Phone: 0472 618 055 [www.croydonwalkingtours.com.au](http://www.croydonwalkingtours.com.au)

### ANZAC Park

See Blacksmith Artist Hans Pehl's hot forge steel sculptures.

### Heritage Precinct

Croydon's heritage registered buildings are open and free. See the Police Station, Gaol, Police Sergeant's Residence, Town Hall and Courthouse where you can relive a real Croydon court case from 1902.

### Mining Museum

The Iguana Consols Mine Site is a short drive out of town with restored stamper and outdoor collection of early mining machinery.

### Chinese Temple Site

Walk around the Chinese Heritage loop to see the remains of the Temple and the second largest pig oven in the southern hemisphere.

### Lake Belmore

Less than 4kms on a sealed road from town is Croydon's water supply, Lake Belmore. Fishing all year round, boat ramp, picnic tables, BBQ, shaded and toilets. Camping is not permitted.

### The Gulflander Train

Arrives in Croydon every Wednesday at 1.30pm and stays overnight before departing Thursday at 8.30am to head back to Normanton. The Golden Sunset Tours from Croydon are every Wednesday at 5pm in Jun, Jul and Aug.

### Croydon Trails

There are trails close to town available for birdwatching, bushwalking, mountain bike riding and trail running.

### Country Style Dinner

Every Thu night at 6pm from Apr-Sep, there is a three-course dinner for \$10. The venue changes each week. Proceeds go to various Croydon charities.

### Savannah Golf Course

9-hole golfing, artificial tees and greens.

### Swimming Pool

25 metre pool, lawn bowls, tennis court



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## Lake Belmore ...less

*Croydon, in a dry swamp just east of the Gulf, started as a cattle station in 1881 and soon became the third largest gold field in Queensland.*

- **True Blue Visitor Information Centre**

Come and immerse yourself in Croydon's wonderfully decadent history. Enjoy an acclaimed short 'Gold to Now' film, stroll through lush gardens and see our collections of vintage cars, mining architecture, steam machinery and hot forge steel sculptures. Pick up your self-guided walking map and take yourself on a journey into the past.

- **Croydon Caravan Park**

The Park is situated on the Lady Mary 'Reward Mine' which started the rush. It is centrally located, close to all businesses and amenities, has a pool, plenty of shade, powered and un-powered sites, air-conditioned/ensuited cabins, facilities for the disabled, laundry, camp kitchen and fire pit.

- **Croydon's Freedom Camping Area**

By permit only. You can register at the Croydon Visitor Information Centre for a donation. Maximum stay of two nights per permit, this includes access to showers and toilets.



### True Blue Visitor Information Centre

Samwell Street  
Phone 07 4748 7152  
[info@croydon.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@croydon.qld.gov.au)  
[www.croydon.qld.gov.au](http://www.croydon.qld.gov.au)

### Croydon Caravan Park

Brown Street  
Phone 07 4745 6238  
[caravanpark@croydon.qld.gov.au](mailto:caravanpark@croydon.qld.gov.au)  
[www.croydon.qld.gov.au](http://www.croydon.qld.gov.au)

### Croydon Club Hotel

Cnr Brown & Sircom Sts  
Phone 07 4745 6184  
Mon to Sat 10am - 12pm  
Sunday 10am - 10pm  
Off season, subject to change  
Counter lunch 12pm - 2pm  
Dinner 6pm - 8.30pm  
7 DAYS A WEEK





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## • Croydon Café/Supermarket

The cool shaded annexe is perfect for real coffee, cake and meals. Takeaways, cold drinks, groceries, souvenirs, fuel and LPG gas are also available.

## • Croydon General Store

Open since 1894, the longest continually running General Store in Queensland provides travelers with groceries, dining on the verandah, take-away food, home-made treats, fuel and souvenirs. It also houses a local assortment of memorabilia.

## • Gulf Gate Roadhouse and Post Office

The Roadhouse has a licensed dining hall or takeaway meals, hot and cold drinks, essential supplies, fuel, batteries and tyres. It is also the local Post Office.

## • Croydon Club Hotel

Stay at the last remaining hotel in Croydon, established in 1887. With a range of accommodation options, this classic colonial style hotel has a swimming pool, cold drinks from the historic bar for all tastes and nice pub quality meals for lunch and dinner in the air-conditioned dining room.



## Croydon Café/ Supermarket

Brown Street  
Phone 07 4745 6159  
Fax 07 4745 6261

OPEN  
Mon to Sat 7am – 7pm  
Sunday 8am – 2pm

## Gulf Gate Roadhouse & Post Office

Samwell Street  
Phone/Fax 07 4745 6169

OPEN 7am – 8pm  
7 DAYS A WEEK

## Croydon General Store

Sircom Street  
Phone 07 4745 6163

OPEN  
Mon – Fri 6:30am – 6pm  
Sat – Sun 8am – 6pm



## ACCOMMODATION

**Croydon Caravan Park**, Corner Brown and Alldridge Streets

Phone: (07) 4745 6238

Email: [caravanpark@croydon.qld.gov.au](mailto:caravanpark@croydon.qld.gov.au)

*Powered and Unpowered Sites, Air-Conditioned and Ensuite Cabins, Swimming Pool, BBQ, Coin Laundry and Camp Kitchen*

**Croydon Club Hotel**, Corner Brown and Sircom Streets

Phone: (07) 4745 6184

*Accommodation, Meals, Drinks and Swimming Pool*

**Gulf Gate Roadhouse**, Samwell Street

Phone: (07) 47456169

*Air conditioned motel style accommodation, meals, cold drinks*

## FUEL AND GROCERIES

**Croydon Café & Supermarket:**

Brown Street, (07) 4745 6159

**Croydon General Store and Museum:**

Sircom Street, (07) 4745 6163

**Gulf Gate Roadhouse:**

Samwell Street, (07) 4745 6169

## FACILITIES

**Croydon Shire Council:** (07) 4748 7100,

63 Samwell Street Croydon

Email: [admin@croydon.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@croydon.qld.gov.au) [www.croydon.qld.gov.au](http://www.croydon.qld.gov.au)

**QGAP Services:** at Shire Council Office

(Tue & Fri 8:30am – 3pm)

**Library:** next to Council Office: Book swap, broadband for

seniors - Free Internet for over 50's

(Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm)

**ATM:** Croydon Café & Supermarket and Croydon Club Hotel

**Community Swimming Pool:** Brown Street, Croydon

**Croydon State School:** (07) 4745 6197, 24 Brown Street

**Croydon Clinic:** (07) 4748 7000 No doctor presence.

**Croydon Police:** (07) 4745 6231, 63 Brown Street

**Post Office:** (07) 4745 6169, Gulf Gate Roadhouse

**Public Phones:** located outside the Croydon Café & Supermarket, the Gulf Gate Roadhouse and at the Railway Station

**Public Toilets:** Reese Park, Anzac Park, True Blue Visitor Information Centre, Lake Belmore, and at the rear of the Town Hall

**Railway Station:** Helen Street.

Gulflander bookings (07) 4745 1391



Gulflander Train



Heritage Precinct



True Blue Information Centre



## Normanton

Established on the Norman River by William Landsborough, Normanton was the port for the Croydon gold rush in the 1800s. Today it is the major Government service centre in the Gulf Savannah with regular flights and a range of accommodation and activities.

The Normanton Railway Station is a classic example of Victorian architecture and a highlight among a range of preserved historic sites to visit in Normanton. The historic Burns Philp building which houses the Visitor Information Centre and Library should be your first stop to get all the info on what to see and do in Normanton. Pick up a self-guided tour map. Be sure to get your photo with Krys the Croc beside the Carpentaria Shire Council building. Krys is a staggering 8.63 metres long!

Fishing from the fishing bridge and wharf is a must while you are here. Explore the surrounds of Normanton including Burke and Wills last marked campsite 'Camp 119'. Muttonhole is a stunning wetlands that come alive from November to April as the monsoon rain replenishes

dry waterways and lakes that attract all varieties of birdlife such as brolgas, pelicans and jabirus. In the dry season the wetland retreat leaving a beautiful landscape of mangroves and grassland. Cameras are must in this area.

### Normanton Visitor Information Centre & Library

*April 1st to Sept 30th - Mon to Fri, 9am to 4.30pm*

*Sat & Sun 10am to 3pm*

*Oct 1st to Mar 31st - Mon-Fri, 9:00am to 1:00pm*

Cnr Landsborough & Caroline Streets

Phone: (07) 4747 8444

Email: [tourism@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au)



Burke and Wills Site

## ACCOMMODATION, SCENIC FLIGHTS & HELI FISHING

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## THINGS TO DO AND SEE

### **The Gulflander Train**

A "must do", whether you travel to Croydon through some of the most remote and inaccessible countryside on the Queensland map or take a shorter experience such as a 2 hour return trip to Critters Camp or a 40 minute ride on RM60, the 80 year old vintage railmotor.

During the Gulflander's peak season an evening special from Croydon to Golden Gate, formerly the richest of the Croydon Goldfields. Passengers can enjoy a ride on the Gulflander and enjoy a traditional 'cattle station' meal at old Golden Gate Railway Station and return to Croydon while gazing upon the Golden sun setting in the west.

Join the 'Billy Tea & Damper' Tour, a special three-hour return tour from Normanton to Critters Camp including billy tea, coffee, damper and scones with jam and cream at the picturesque 11-mile waterhole.

Ask at the Normanton railway Station for a trip to suit you.

Main Gulflander Timetable valid from

April to mid December:

- **Departs Normanton Wednesday**  
8.30am - arrives in Croydon at 1.30pm.

- **Departs Croydon Thursday**  
8.30am - arrives in Normanton at 1.30pm.

Same day return buses operate on both Wed and Thurs

**Normanton Railway Station** Phone: (07) 4745 1391

Email: [gulflander@qr.com.au](mailto:gulflander@qr.com.au) [www.thegulflander.com.au](http://www.thegulflander.com.au)



### **Three Tribes Gallery**

Indigenous gallery and workshop

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Sat: 8:00am-1:00pm. Ph: 07 4714 9032

[www.bynoeacacs.org.au](http://www.bynoeacacs.org.au)

### **Town Walk**

Stroll to L.E.W. Henry Park for a photo with the replica of Krys, the largest crocodile ever hunted. Visit the historic Burns Philp Building, Normanton Gaol and the Trackers Quarters.

### **Fishing**

The Norman River has several easily accessible fishing spots around town including the old bridge. Lures or locally available bait work well. Ask at the visitor Information centre for hot spots and tips.

### **Visit the Muttonhole Wetlands**

Drive through en route to Karumba to see spectacular birdlife.

### **Visit Burke & Wills Camp 119**

Burke and Wills, King and Grey arrived in the Gulf on the 9th February 1861 and established their most northerly camp; Camp 119. When heading west towards Burketown on the Savannah Way, this camp is located on the eastern bank of the Little Bynoe River, 35km west of Normanton.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Normanton Tourist Park:** Freecall 1800 193 469  
*Camping, Cabins, Pool*

**Gulfland Motel and Caravan Park:** (07) 4745 1290  
*Motel Ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioned, washing machine and ironing facilities*

**Albion Hotel:** (07) 4745 1218  
*Airconditioned rooms, meals, ATM*

**Leichhardt Lagoons:** (07) 4745 1330  
*Camping*

**Brolga Palms Motel:** (07) 4745 1009  
*Air-conditioned units, pool*

**Central Hotel:** (07) 4745 1215  
*Accommodation and Meals*



*Gulflander Train*

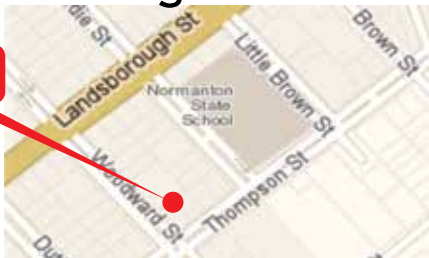


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29-33 Woodward Street  
Normanton QLD 4890

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***Food Store***



## FACILITIES

### NORMANTON (CONTINUED)

**Ambulance:** 13 12 33 or 000

**Carpentaria Shire Council:** (07) 4745 2200

29-33 Haig Street, Normanton

Email: [council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

[www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au](http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

**Centrelink:** (07) 4745 1751 or 131 021

**Community Health:** (07) 4745 1241

**Doug's Car Hire:** (07) 4745 1224

**Gallagher Butchering:** (07) 4745 1444

**Garden Café:** (07) 4745 1300

**Gidgee Healing:** (07) 4769 7000 Brown Street

**Gobble and Go:** (07) 4745 1571

**Gulfland Souvenirs:** (07) 4745 1307

**Hawkins Transport:** (07) 4745 1197

**KC's Corner:** (07) 4745 1168

**Normanton Traders:** (07) 4745 1235

**Norman Country Snacks & Supplies:** (07) 4745 1214

**Normanton Bowls Club:** (07) 4745 1261

**Normanton Foodworks:** (07) 4745 1376

**Normanton Gun Club:** (07) 4745 1261

**Normanton Hospital:** (07) 4745 2100 Hospital Road

**Normanton Sports Centre:** (07) 4745 1580

**Police:** (07) 4745 2555 Haig Street

**Post Office / Commonwealth Bank Agency:**

(07) 4745 1247 Landsborough St

**Public Phone:** Outside post office and Sports Complex

**Rex Airlines:** 13 17 13

**S&E Motors Car Hire:** (07) 4745 1145

**Savannah Aviation:** (07) 4745 1681

**The Albion Hotel Motel:** (07) 4745 1218

**The Central Hotel:** (07) 4745 1215

**The Purple Pub (National Hotel):** (07) 4745 1324

**Top Service Station:** (07) 4745 1261

**Tuxworths & Woods Transport:** (07) 4035 4022

**Westpac Bank:** (07) 4745 2666 Landsborough Street

## JOIN A LOCAL EVENT!

|                   |                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 26 Jan 2019       | Australia Day Celebrations<br>Ph: (07) 4745 2200          |
| 20-21 Apr 2019    | Normanton Barra Classic<br>Ph: (07) 4745 1218             |
| 25 Apr 2019       | ANZAC Day Celebrations<br>Ph: (07) 4745 2200              |
| 4-5 May 2019      | Karumba Barra and Blues Festival<br>Ph: (07) 4745 2211    |
| 8-10 Jun 2019     | Burke & Wills Campdraft<br>Ph: (07) 4742 5909             |
| Jun 2019          | Normanton Show, Rodeo and Campdraft<br>Ph: (07) 4745 3412 |
| 29 Jun-5 Jul 2019 | Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride<br>Ph: 0439 993 706           |
| 4-6 Oct 2019      | Karumba Anglers Classic<br>Ph: 0427 076 496               |





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**Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre**

**149 Yappar Street Karumba Qld 4891**

**P (07) 4745 2211 E [info@barracentre.com.au](mailto:info@barracentre.com.au)**

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National Diabetes Services Scheme



# Normanton & Karumba



*So many things to see and do:*

- Heritage walks • Gulflander train
- Burke & Wills Camp 119 • Cruises
- Fishing • Croc spotting • Bird watching
- Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre
- Muttonhole Wetlands



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**Normanton Visitor Information Centre & Library**  
Corner Landsborough & Caroline St, Normanton  
(located in the Burns Philp building)  
**P** (07) 4747 8444 **F** (07) 4745 1072  
**E** [tourism@carpentaria.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@carpentaria.qld.gov.au)

**Karumba Visitor Information Centre**  
149 Yappar Street, Karumba (located in the Les  
Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre)  
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## Karumba

At the mouth of the Norman River, Karumba is the centre of the Gulf's prawning, crabbing and barramundi fishing industries. This is a popular spot to camp or stay in some of the Savannah Way's most pleasant accommodation. Driving in from Normanton you'll pass through the Mutton Hole Wetlands, an internationally listed wetland habitat for birds. Extending inland for 30 kilometres, these meandering saltwater tidal estuaries are the habitat of saltwater crocodiles and many bird species including pelicans, brolgas and black swans.

Karumba is the only beach in the Gulf Savannah serviced by a sealed road so access is year round except for occasional flooding events during the wet season. Fishing is the most popular activity, with tours and excellent facilities for your own boat. Local shops sell all necessary gear and have plenty of tips for visitors.

The Karumba region is also interesting to explore, with many interpretive signs on streets and along walking paths, beach side 4WD tracks and cafes, shops and attractions to visit. Ask at the Visitor Information Centre for local tips.

Visit the iconic Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre and discover the amazing secrets of the mighty Barramundi, the only hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf strain of this iconic fish! Take a tour of the hatchery, and say G'Day to Flossie, the over 1m long female Barramundi! Enjoy the excitement of the feeding spectacle!

### Karumba Visitor Information Centre

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

149 Yappar Street, Karumba Ph: (07) 4745 2211

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149 Yappar Street, Karumba. Ph: (07) 4745 2211

### **Self Drive Highlights**

Visit Muttonhole Wetlands, Artesian Bore and the town Heritage Walk. While on a river cruise you will get to see the shipwreck of the 'Katoora' on the bank of the Norman River and sight many different birds.

### **Cruise**

Don't miss a sunset or birdwatching cruise, crab or fishing tour around the Karumba waterway. The Ferryman Cruises (Ph: 07 4745 9155), Croc & Crab Tours (Ph: 0417 011 411) and Kerry D Charters (Ph: 07 4745 9275) have a great range of options.

### **Morning Glory Of Carpentaria Gulf**

Roll Clouds are usually seen in the dry season between Aug-Nov early in the morning. This unusual phenomena can vary from 1 roll cloud up to 7-8 or more.

### **Find a Local Souvenir**

Check out Midnight Emporium's fun soaps and gifts to take home. Phone: 0407 444 747.

The Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre and Ash's also have great souvenirs.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Gulf Country Caravan Park:** (07) 4745 9148

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**Karumba Lodge Hotel/Motel & Caravan Park:**  
(07) 4745 9121

**Matilda's End Holiday Units:** (07) 4745 9408

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## FACILITIES

**Carpentaria Freight:** (07) 4745 9332

**Carpentaria Fuels:** (07) 4745 9332

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**Jones Marine Service:** (07) 4745 9159

**Karumba Golf & Recreational Club:** (07) 4745 9100

**Karumba Health Care:** (07) 4745 9137

**Karumba Hot Bread:** (07) 4745 9996

**Karumba Library:** (07) 4747 4522

**Karumba Pharmacy:** (07) 4745 9955

**Karumba Supermarket & Cafe:** (07) 4745 9188

**Karumba Swimming Pool:** 0437 559 704

**Karumba Taxi Service:** (07) 4745 9022

**Police:** (07) 4745 9120

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## Karumba Point

Karumba Point is renowned for its outstanding fishing and picturesque sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria, particularly from the beer garden. Many travellers make it their home for the southern winter, while others fly in for a few days of Gulf hospitality and great fishing. Local cruises feature local birdlife, fishing and history.

## THINGS TO DO AND SEE

### Go Fishing


This is one of the great places to wet a line. Take a fishing charter for a half or full day with all gear supplied such as Kerry D Fishing Charters Phone: (07) 4745 9275 or hire a boat from Gee Dees Ph: (07) 4745 9433

### View a Gulf Sunset

Along the beach or from the Sunset Tavern: (07) 4745 9183

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**Public phones:** Cnr Ward & Palmer Streets

**Public toilets:** End of Palmer Street, opposite Karumba Point Sunset Caravan Park

## ACCOMMODATION

### KARUMBA POINT (CONTINUED)

**Ash's Holiday Units and Café** Phone: (07) 4745 9132

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## Kowanyama

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The tourist camping/fishing season commences on 1st June each year and ends at the closure of the barramundi season. Fishing sites are fully booked well in advance, so please enquire before entering the Trust Area. Under the Alcohol Management Plan applying to Kowanyama, alcohol may not be taken into the Trust Area. Heavy penalties apply.

## ACCOMMODATION

Camping is at a limited number of unimproved campsite bush locations on both fresh and salt water sites. A camping fee is charged and regulations apply. Bookings should be made prior to arrival.

**Contact Kowanyama Land and Natural Resource Management Office**

Phone: (07) 4060 5187 Email: [admin@klco.org.au](mailto:admin@klco.org.au)

**Kowanyama Guest House** Phone: (07) 4060 5195

## FACILITIES

**Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council:**

(07) 4083 7100

**Community Supermarket:** (07) 4060 5166

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**Post Office / Commonwealth Bank Agency:**

(07) 4060 5293

**Hospital:** (07) 4060 5133

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**Kowanyama Airport:** (07) 4060 5170



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## Burketown

Known as the Barramundi Capital of Australia, Burketown is on the Albert River 25km from the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria with wetlands to the north and savannah grasslands (hailed by early explorers as the Plains of Promise) to the south. The Nicholson River, some 17 km to the west, delivers perennial fresh water to the wetlands which are breeding grounds for crocodiles, barramundi, prawns and birds.

The grasslands to the south provide habitat for an array of wildlife including kangaroos, emus and many seed eating birds. Burketown also has a rich Aboriginal history. Macassans from Sulawesi established semi-permanent settlements along the coastline and islands for 600 years prior to European discovery.

Established in 1859 it is the Gulf's oldest town. American Civil War veterans, Dutch East India Company traders and Native Mounted Police mingled in this pioneer outpost, and the Burketown to Normanton telegraph line competed with the Adelaide to Darwin line to connect Australia to Europe. "Gulf Fever" decimated the town and forced its evacuation in 1866 until re-establishment 18 months later.

## JOIN A LOCAL EVENT!

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Sep 2019  
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Burketown Rodeo  
Morning Glory Festival

Morning Glory Clouds are a unique cloud formation that occur usually between September and November. They are tubular cloud formations that roll out of the Gulf in the early morning. Burketown is the best place in the world to view this phenomenon, attracting many gliding thrillseekers who surf the clouds for hundreds of kilometres.

### Burketown Visitor Centre

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## THINGS TO DO AND SEE

### **Self Drive**

South east of Burketown you'll see the Frederick Walker monument at the Leichhardt River crossing near the Floraville homestead. A natural campsite near the falls has some Aboriginal grinding slits in the river bed. There have been crocodile sightings around the river crossing above and below the falls.

### **The Burketown cemetery**

Take a fascinating journey into the past as Burketown was the original Gulf settlement with very turbulent beginnings. The cemetery also gives a good indication of the devastation of "Gulf Fever" (thought to be typhoid). The historic remains of the original Gulf meatworks are on the Albert River just north of the town. Photography fans will enjoy the stark salt flats and prolific bird life.

### **Town Walk**

Stroll along the unformed Albert River Drive at sunrise/sunset to enjoy an array of mangrove birdlife. Visit the Artesian Bore, sunk to a depth of 722m in 1887 as the town's water supply but ultimately too mineral laden for this purpose. Now the steaming 68 degree water flow forms

a wetland refuge for wildlife and photographer's favourite, especially in the early morning glow with its eerie mist. The Old Post Office, now the Visitor Centre was built in 1887 and is the oldest building in Burketown and the third oldest remaining building in the Gulf.

### **Tours**

Take a half or full day fishing charter with Yagurli Tours (Ph: (07) 4745 5111, or [www.burketown.com.au](http://www.burketown.com.au) for bookings). Yagurli also offer sunset river tours, tag-along 4WD tours and star-gazing experiences with a cultural twist.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### **Burketown Caravan Park**

Phone: (07) 4745 5118

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## FACILITIES

### **Burke Shire Council** Musgrave Street

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[www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)

**Hospital:** (07) 4745 5133 Beames Street

**Police:** (07) 4745 5120 Gregory Street

**Post Office/Convenience Store/ Commonwealth Bank**

**Agency:** (07) 4745 5106 Beames Street

**Public Toilets:** Morning Glory Park, Burketown Airport

**Public Telephone:** Outside Post Office, Burketown Airport

**Service Station:** (07) 4745 5107 Nowland Engineering

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**ATM:** Located inside Burketown Pub

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Adels Grove is 10km from Boodjamulla National Park headquarters and is a great base for exploring the National Park and World Heritage Listed Riversleigh Fossil Fields. Adels Grove has unpowered camping/caravan sites, pre-erected tents, basic food supplies, laundry, bistro/bar, canoe hire, half day tours to Riversleigh Fossil Fields, emergency mechanical repairs and fuel.

### **Adels Grove**

Phone: (07) 4748 5502

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### **Gregory Downs Hotel**

Phone: (07) 4748 5566

### **Public Telephone:**

Outside hotel on Wills Development Road

**Public Toilets:** Opposite hotel





## Boodjamulla National Park

(Formerly Lawn Hill National Park)

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Facilities include camping area (20 sites) with toilets and cold showers. Visitors should be self sufficient in food, camping supplies and vehicle spare parts. Fires and generators, pets, motorboats and fishing are not permitted within the park. Bookings for Easter to October should be made online (fees apply) at [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au).

## Riversleigh Fossil Fields

The World Heritage Listed Riversleigh sections of the Boodjamulla National Park contain a famous fossil field of enormous significance. Here palaeontologists have discovered orders of creatures formerly unknown to science, doubling the sum of knowledge of Australia's prehistoric fauna.

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Camping is permitted at Miyumba bush camp. Campers need to be totally self-sufficient and camping spots are limited.

The bush camp is open between March and October and bookings should be made in advance online (fees apply) at [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au). For more on information on the Riversleigh Fossil Fields visit: Riversleigh Fossils Centre 19 Marian St, Mt Isa Ph: (07) 4749 1555

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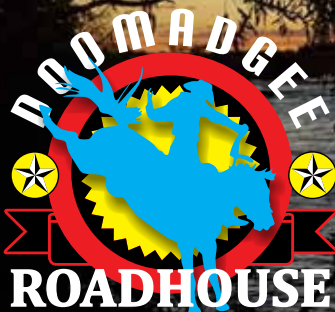
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Gregory River

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This Aboriginal community is situated on the Nicholson River between Burketown and Hell's Gate. Visitors are asked to liaise with the community council if they require access away from the retail area. Permits are required for visitors wishing to fish on the reserve.

Under Queensland's Alcohol Management Plan, alcohol may not be taken into Indigenous communities. Heavy penalties apply. The 'bona fide traveller' exemption applies for vehicles on the Savannah Way and utilising the Doomadgee Roadhouse. For further information phone 137 468.

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## Borroloola

The main destination and service centre for visitors, founded on the site of Ludwig Leichhardt's crossing of the McArthur River. This is a significant town with facilities associated with the nearby McArthur River mine, tapping one of the largest zinc bodies in the world. It is a favourite fishing destination for many travellers. Visit the Museum in the 1866 Police Station. At Borroloola the sealed road recommences which ultimately joins the Stuart Highway.

A local service centre, Borroloola provides mechanical services, a supermarket and government offices. You can base here for some great fishing including boat hire from the Savannah Way Motel.

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Borroloola Police  
Museum

## King Ash Bay

40km downstream on the McArthur River from Borroloola, it offers mangrove lined waterways, and off shore island fishing. Fishing charters are available and the Fishing Club has a camping ground and Lodge accommodation. The Fishing Classic competition is held over the Easter weekend each year (weather and road access permitting).

## Cape Crawford

Visit one of Australia's great geological wonders, the Lost City. These bizarre towering rock formations in the Abner Range formed through uneven sandstone weathering, creating an eerie landscape. Aboriginal people called the formations Yalyalacomella, with rock shapes representing the Rainbow Serpent's body and eggs in spiritual ceremonies. Helicopter access tours are available here as well as accommodation and camping at Heartbreak Hotel.

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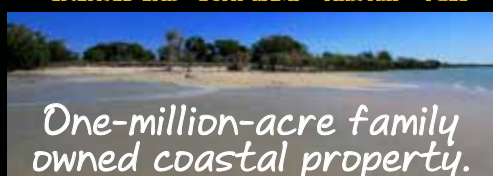


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## Driving to Mataranka (Unsealed Route)

More unsealed adventure lies from Cape Crawford through Roper Bar to Mataranka. This is remote 4WD country with some spectacular spots. As with many sections on the Savannah Way, plan your fuel stops with hundreds of kilometres between roadhouses. The road can be slow depending on how recently it was graded, so take it easy and look out for bulldust holes and sharp rocks.

Limmen National Park features numerous, large sandstone spires and rounded domes sometimes called "lost cities". The most accessible site is the Southern Lost City, 4km off the Nathan River road near Lorella Springs with camping facilities, toilet block and a 2.5km walking track. Nathan (Western) Lost City is 28km off the Nathan River road, is day visitation only and requires a key from Nathan River Ranger Station (Ph: (08) 8975 9940). Limmen National Park has several campgrounds including the picturesque Butterfly Falls.

Lorella Springs Station is a popular remote hideaway with great camping, African style safari tents and cabins. Spend some days sampling the outstanding river and coastal fishing or fun 4WDing before soaking in the hot springs and finishing in the bar. Excellent safe swimming holes, bushwalks and friendly hosts. Fuel available.

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Limmen River Fishing Camp has cabins, camping and a small general store (Ph: (08) 8975 9844). Traditional Owners do not allow access to Maria Lagoon.

You'll pass the St Vidgeons ruins, a homestead abandoned in 1974. Lomarium Lagoon is a nice photo stop but camping is not permitted.

Munbililla Campground, or Tomato Island, is a National Parks campground with good facilities, boatramp and fish cleaning facilities (Phone: (08) 8975 9940). You'll get the Ngukurr community's Telstra mobile reception here. Roper Bar is an historic settlement on the Roper River. Ludwig Leichhardt crossed the river in 1845 at Roper Bar, a rocky shelf at the river's high tide mark, naming it after John Roper from his expedition. The bar separates the salty, tidal waters and the fresh water upstream. Permits are not required for camping on the southern side of the river. Fishing access includes two boat ramps nearby and the banks downstream of the bar.

Be careful if crossing the bar. Locals advise that generally if the Red Rock river height is over 3 metres the Roper Bar crossing will be too high to drive over. Pass Police Station ruins on the left going down to the Bar to Leichhardt's Crossing memorial.

Please note that the Roper Bar Store is now closed, so there is no fuel, camping or accommodation available.

Visit the Ngukurr Art Centre with gallery and workshop to meet artists for a day trip without a permit, but for longer visits in Arnhem Land contact the Northern Land Council on (08) 8920 5100 in advance for processing. Other local phone numbers are the Health Clinic (08) 8975 4688 and Ngukurr Police (08) 8975 4644.

Port Roper is simply a boat ramp with no facilities. Fishing from the banks is not advised.

Around 40km from Roper Bar it's sealed road to Mataranka on the Stuart Highway. Cattle station permission required for camping.



*Bitter Springs*

## Mataranka

Jeannie Gunn's classic Australian novel "We of the Never Never" (1906) documents a pioneer woman's life here. Visit the cemetery, replica homestead and town memorabilia to imagine early settler life.

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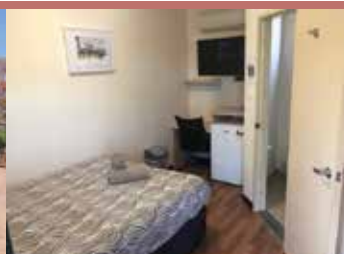
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## Katherine

The "Crossroads of the North", Katherine is the fourth largest town in the Northern Territory with over 10,000 people. There is an air conditioned shopping centre, hospital, sports grounds, parks and gardens, plus full mechanical facilities and government agencies servicing scattered communities. The Katherine Visitor Information Centre offers customised travel itineraries, tour and accommodation bookings and all the information there is on what to see and do in and around the Northern Territory region.


The Katherine Museum was the air terminal during World War II, and now contains eclectic artefacts, photographs, maps and pioneer memorabilia in informative displays. Chat to the friendly volunteers and visit the tea room. O'Keeffe House also give valuable insight into Katherine's past. Visit several authentic Aboriginal art galleries or make your own masterpiece at Top Didj Cultural Experience. Visit the School of the Air for a vital side of life today. Katherine River flows through town. Low Level Nature Reserve and Knotts Crossing are beautiful places, however not recommended for swimming. There is swimming in our crystal clear Katherine Hot Springs.

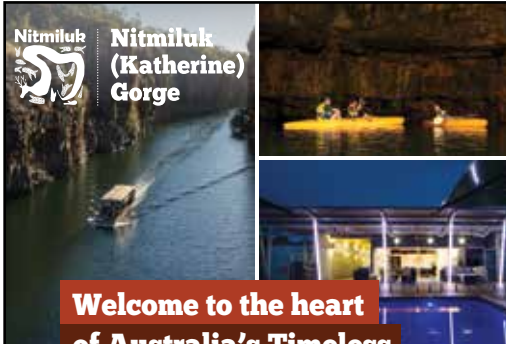
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## The Katherine Region

The Katherine Region is around the size of Victoria, so take a little time here. Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park is via the Stuart Highway 30 km south of Katherine. Bushwalk or tour spectacular karst formations and complex cave networks. Daily guided tours are generally on the hour. Edith Falls, off the Stuart highway 46km north of Katherine, has walks and picturesque swimming holes for a day or camping.

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Explore the Katherine Region on your adventure!

## More Information?

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