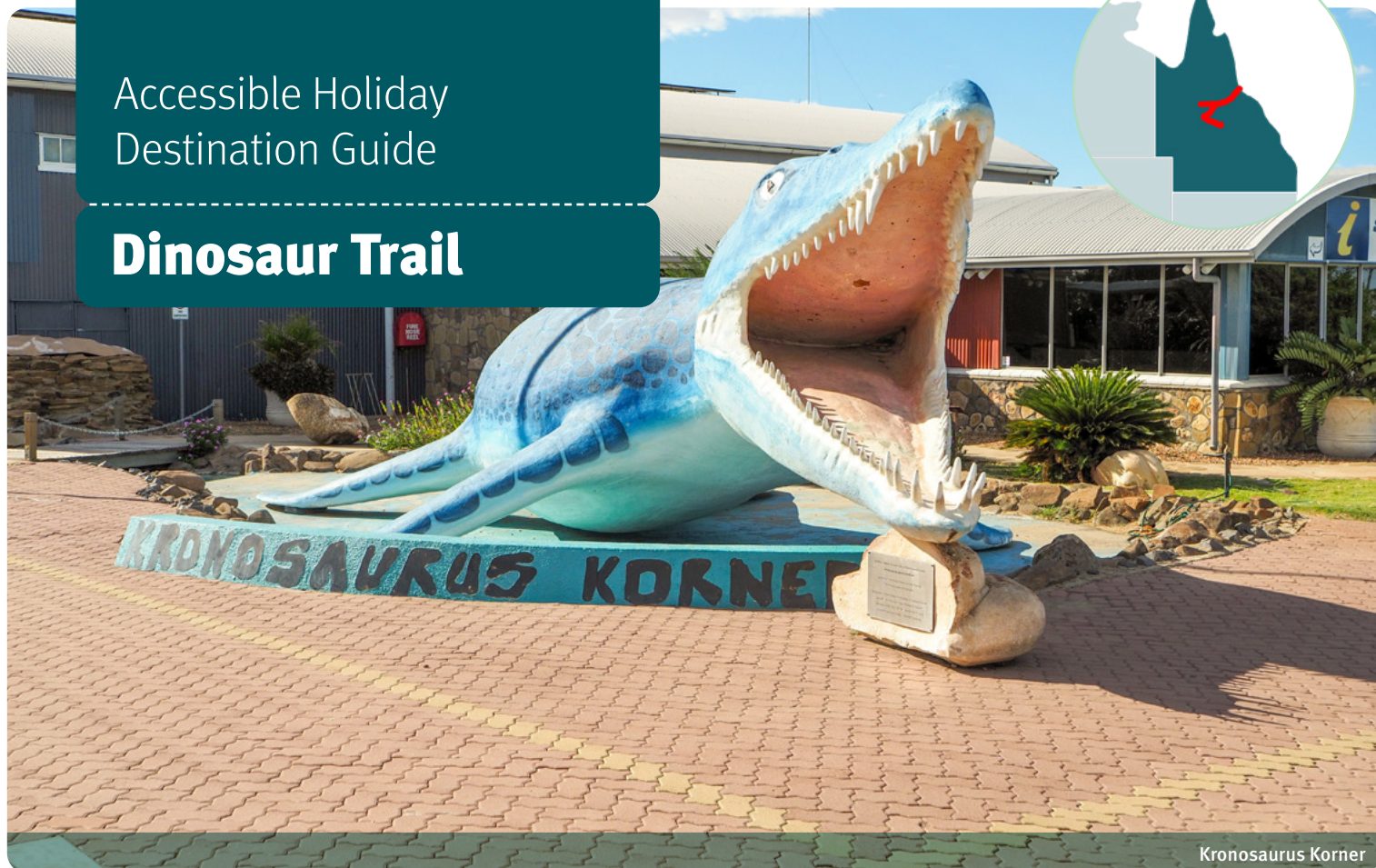


Accessible Holiday Destination Guide

Dinosaur Trail



Kronosaurus Korner

Follow the Age of the Dinosaur with our accessibility guide to Queensland's Dinosaur Trail. The region has a wealth of unique experiences combining the age of the dinosaur with Australian bush folklore.

Some of the world's best preserved Dinosaur fossils can be found in outback Queensland. The triangle links Townsville, Hughenden, Richmond, Winton and Longreach. In addition to the 98 million years of history, the trail includes some modern icons of Australia including the Waltzing Matilda Centre, Gondwana Stars Dark Skies Observatory and the Qantas Founders Museum.

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HUGHENDEN

Hughenden is located 380 kilometres east of Townsville on the Flinders Highway. It is located on the edge of what was once a prehistoric inland sea now called the Great Artesian Basin. More than 3000 fossil specimens from the Cretaceous period have been found in the area since the first discovery in 1865. Hughenden is the perfect base to explore the surrounding region including a day trip to Richmond.

Flinders Discovery Centre

The Flinders Discovery Centre houses an impressive fossil collection of international standards. The star of the centre is Hughie, a full size replica of a Muttaborrasaurus skeleton.



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There is a sound and light show with the history of the formation of nearby Porcupine Gorge. The centre is accessible from Gray Street with ramp access from the footpath onto the new building. Displays are visible for people of all abilities and internally all level changes are ramped.

Federation Rotunda

The Rotunda is made from two 20-foot windmills brought into Hughenden from a property south of Prairie. It tells the story of the development of deep drilling and tapping the underground waters of the Great Artesian Basin.

Mount Walker

Standing 478 metres above sea level, Mount Walker is approximately 8 kilometres south of Hughenden and boasts six spectacular lookouts giving a 360 degree view over the surrounding district. Named by William Landsborough in 1862 after fellow explorer Frederick Walker, today Mount Walker is a photographer's dream, especially at sunset. Each of the six lookouts is easily accessible across gently sloping ground consisting of fine red gravel. The site has an accessible toilet facility and accessible picnic tables.

The Hughenden Recreational Lake

The Hughenden Recreational Lake is a man made facility covering approximately 22 hectares. It was opened in 2019 and supports a variety of water-based activities including boating, fishing, water skiing, canoeing, and swimming. The lake is stocked with a variety of fish. An accessible fishing jetty and an accessible swimming jetty are provided. The trail around the lake is concrete with a total distance of around 3 kilometres. An accessible toilet facility is available at the swimming jetty. Picnic tables, BBQs and pavilions are provided at a number of locations around the lake.

Great Western Hotel

The Great Western Hotel is in Brodie Street. Disabled parking is available. Entry to the hotel is ramped with a choice of indoor or veranda dining.



Allen Terry Caravan Park

An accessible cabin is available at the caravan park. It features ramped entry, a full wet room bathroom with roll-in shower and a fixed shower bench. Wheelchair access is available to both the main and second bedrooms. Accessible facilities are also available at the amenities block.

Other sites around town

Brodie Street is the main street and has been refurbished with crossings and curb cuts. Don't miss the FJ Holden Cafe furnished with Holden memorabilia, the variety of dinosaur sculptures along Brodie Street, the Coolibah tree on the outskirts of the town, the giant windmill on the edge of the river and the eco walk on the banks of the Flinders River.

RICHMOND

Richmond is 115 kilometres west of Hughenden. Richmond was put on the world dinosaur map in 1989 with the discovery of an almost complete skeleton of a plesiosaur, a large marine reptile with flipper-like limbs. That discovery was followed by another of Australia's most complete dinosaur, Kunbarrasaurus ieverisi.

Kronosaurus Korner

Kronosaurus Korner is Australia's premier marine fossil museum with a collection of over 1,150 unique fossil specimens. It was developed to preserve the rich collection and to act as a research centre for palaeontologists from around the world.

The displayed exhibits are well laid and easily visible. Aisles are wide and all exhibits are either open or have glass protection to floor level. Parking is available in the main street and an accessible toilet is available at the back of the site.

Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre

Located just down the street from Kronosaurus Korner is Cambridge Downs Heritage Display Centre. Built from local flagstone rock the centre is a replica of the original Cambridge Downs Homestead built in the late 1860s.

The centre showcases the difficult life of the early outback pioneers with a series of exhibits spread across a number of buildings. The site has level entry from the street. The building floors and connecting paths are all concrete. The stables and carriage house have flagstone paving. The nearest accessible toilet is at Kronosaurus Korner.

Lake Fred Tritton

Lake Fred Tritton was constructed in 2003 to provide a water based recreation facility for Richmond. The lake is used for swimming, skiing, canoeing and fishing. It is stocked with 18 species of fish. An accessible, floating fishing platform is available. Around the lake is a 1.8 kilometre walking track. It is a concrete path suitable for people of all abilities. The lake park features a water park for children with level access, picnic tables and shelters and an accessible toilet.



Lake Fred Tritton

WINTON

Winton is located 215 kilometres southwest of Hughenden or 180 kilometres north-west of Longreach. It is regarded as the dinosaur capital of Australia and is the birthplace of Banjo Patterson's Waltzing Matilda. The film industry has adopted Winton as the Hollywood of the Outback with it becoming a popular film location and host of some major film events.

Dinosaur Stampede National Monument

Lark Quarry is the home of the only known preserved footprints of a dinosaur stampede. It is located 110 kilometres south of Winton. The road is 50% sealed and is suitable for conventional 2wd vehicles. The tracks date back 95 million years when a herd of small dinosaurs were chased by a Tyrannosaurus. As the

great river plain dried the layers of mud and sediment fossilised the tracks which were rediscovered in the 1960s. In 1976/7, a team of palaeontologists spent 18 months removing rock to expose the trackways layer which contains over 3,300 footprints. The footprints were preserved from the elements by the current building that was constructed in 2002. Guided tours take 45 minutes and include a viewing of the 3,300 footprints, an animated recreation of the dinosaur stampede, a movie presentation and the history of the discoveries and conservation efforts.

The entire centre is fully wheelchair accessible. Accessible toilets are located at the entrance to the facility immediately adjacent to the car park and picnic facilities. There is an option to look at the local vegetation on the short Spinifex walk. It is 700 metres in length but the walk does have steps which are not suitable for wheelchair or mobility device users.

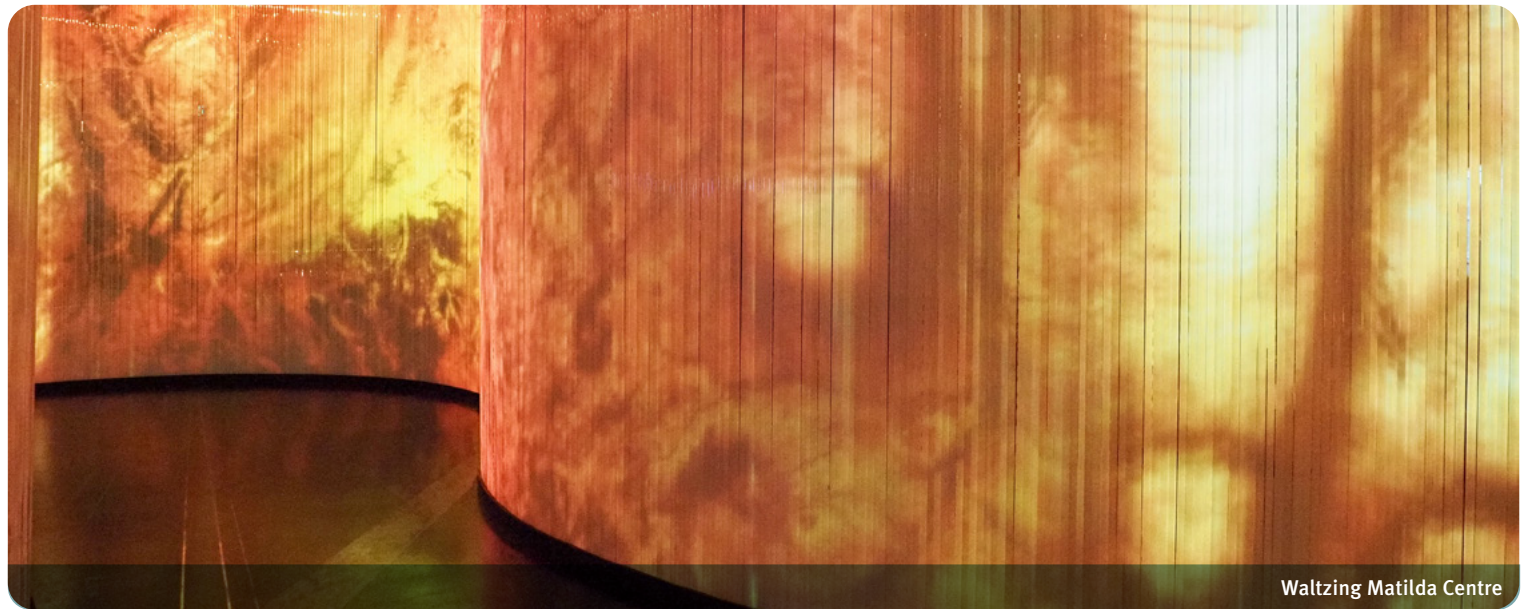
Australian Age of Dinosaurs

The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum is home to the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world. It is located on 1,800 hectares of spectacular mesa plateau with vast scenery, wildlife and walking trails. The museum is split between three facilities — the Fossil Preparation Laboratory, Collection Room and Dinosaur Canyon, consisting of five outdoor galleries featuring lifesize bronze dinosaurs.

Accessible parking spaces are available in the main museum car park. Wheelchairs are available at reception. The Reception Centre and Dinosaur Canyon are accessible by wheelchair and fitted with ramp access. The Fossil Preparation Laboratory is all level and accessible. The museum walking track to the Fossil Preparation Laboratory is flat and gravelled. The shuttle between reception and Dinosaur Canyon is not suitable for wheelchair users but guests are invited to drive and park at the Dinosaur Canyon Outpost. Accessible toilets are available at the main reception building and the Dinosaur Canyon Outpost building.



Australian Age of Dinosaurs



Waltzing Matilda Centre

Gondwana Stars

The Australian Age of Dinosaurs' position on top of The Jump-Up is free from population light pollution. On 27 April 2019, The Jump-Up was designated as Australia's first International Dark-Sky Sanctuary by the International Dark-Sky Association.

Gondwana Stars is an open air observatory equipped with high power telescopes that will offer tourists a new experience into the night sky. The observatory runs tours from Winton.

Waltzing Matilda Centre

The iconic song Waltzing Matilda is known and loved by all Australians to the point where it is regarded as the unofficial anthem of the country. Rebuilt after a fire, the new centre opened in 2018. It is the first centre in the world dedicated to a song. Not only does the museum tell the story of the song using state of the art technology, the Exhibition space tells the story of World War I, the Art Gallery displays travelling exhibitions, the Qantilda Museum tells the story and history of the Winton Shire and the birth of Qantas, and the Tuckerbox Café provides the ideal refreshment. The centre provides level access from the street.

The main museum spaces are level access throughout with plenty of space for people using any form of mobility device or aid. The outdoor museum is accessed via paved paths and where necessary wooden ramps. Accessible toilets are provided off the main foyer and in the outdoor museum.

North Gregory Hotel

Known locally as the Queen of the Outback, the North Gregory Hotel is a centre piece of Winton and a true outback survivor. The hotel has burnt to the ground three times in its history with the current brick version completed and re-opened in 1955. It was at this hotel that Waltzing Matilda was first played in public on 6 April, 1895.

It was at the hotel that a group of locals met to form The Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service (QANTAS). It was also host to Lyndon B Johnson during World War II when his plane was forced to land in the outback. Today it is the place to go for dinner after a day of exploring. The foyer, main bar, dining room and beer garden are all accessible.

Royal Theatre Winton

The Royal Theatre Winton is one of only two remaining open-air picture theatres in Australia still in operation. Originally established in 1918, the historic Royal Theatre Winton is operated by a not-for-profit group, Winton Movies Inc. Plan your visit around the cinema's opening nights on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between April to November.

Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum

Winton is home to a collection celebrating Australia's unique road transport heritage. Highlights of the collection are M.A.N Truck, 1899 Winton Pheaton, 1890 Ruston Stationary Steam Engine, 1934 Dodge Fargo, Leyland, International, Mack and Chev trucks preserved in immaculate condition. The museum is easy to get around with concrete floors in the main sheds and fine compact gravel aprons to the outdoor areas.



Waltzing Matilda Centre

Musical Fence

Located just behind the truck museum is the Musical Fence. It was created in 2003 by a group of local and visiting artists. The Musical Fence was designed by Graeme Leak, a percussionist and composer. It is a wire fence that can be played as a musical instrument and is the first permanent installation of its kind in the world. The area around the fence is flat and is hard packed earth.

LONGREACH

Named after the “long reach” of the Thompson River which runs through the town, Longreach is the quintessential outback Queensland town and the traditional industries that made it — cattle and sheep farming. It is the spiritual home of Qantas and gateway to the Dinosaur Trail and 90 million years of history.

Getting there

Longreach is serviced by regular flights from Brisbane and Townsville with accessible transport available from the airport into town. The Spirit of the Outback, Queensland’s only sleeper train, is a great way to see the 1,300 kilometres of Queensland outback. It operates out of Brisbane. By road, Longreach is 1,200 kilometres from Brisbane, 700 kilometres from Rockhampton and 180 kilometres from Winton.

Qantas Founders Museum

The Qantas Founders Museum tells the story of Qantas from its fledgling beginning in the Queensland outback to its present day as Australia’s national airline. The experience has four parts — the main museum, the heritage listed Qantas Hangar, the Airpark containing a DC3, Super Constellation, Boeing 707 and the Boeing 747. In the evening, the Qantas story is brought to life with Luminescent Longreach, a light and sound show projected onto the aircraft in the Airpark.

Museum Entry

Museum entry includes entry to the Museum’s Main Exhibition Hall, Catalina Display and National Heritage Listed Qantas Hangar. The museum is flat with wide areas between exhibits. The heritage hanger has two small steel ramps allowing access. Accessible toilets are available. The hanger has low lighting, especially towards the back.



Longreach Historic Railway Station



Longreach Township



Qantas Founders Museum



Qantas Founders Museum



Qantas Founders Museum

Airpark Tour

The Airpark Tour takes you behind the scenes of the DC-3, Boeing 747, Boeing 707 and Super Constellation. Visitors on the tour will get to walk through the Boeing 747, Boeing 707 and Super Constellation. The Airpark is a combination of concrete paths and gravel areas. The entirety of the Airpark can be navigated on the pathways. The interiors of the aircraft require the use of stairs.

Luminescent Longreach

Luminescent Longreach is a 23 minute spectacular night time light and sound experience designed to delight, entertain, inform and move. Guests stand among iconic aircrafts as world-class projection mapping and 360 degree immersive sound brings the 100 year story of Qantas to life with the mighty Boeing 747 serving as a primary canvas. The show is done from a central concrete circle within the airpark accessed by the path network from the gate. There is no fixed seating but portable chairs are available for anyone not able to stand for the duration of the show.

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre

Reopening in 2021 after a multi-million dollar refurbishment embracing interactive experiences and state of the art headsets, the Stockman's Hall of Fame pays tribute to the pioneering spirit of the Australian outback and its people. There is no set path through the museum but the interactive systems provide the commentary and stories depending on where you are. The museum is spread over three levels all linked together by a central ramp walkway. Entry to the centre is by one of two ramps, one from the car park and one from the bus drop off area. Accessible toilets are located off the main reception area just prior to the museum entry.

Stockman's Live Show

The life of an Australian is brought to life with the Stockman's Live Show. The show brings together the elements and skills required for a life on the land in the outback including live sheep muster, working dogs, horsemanship and droving skills and equipment. The show is held in the area which is covered and accessed from the museum via a concrete pathway. Wheelchair seating is available at the front of the grandstand.

Cinema Show

A 20 minute cinematic experience across a 16 metre screen tells the story of the stock industry, its pioneering spirit and how it has changed as Australia grew and developed. Wheelchair seating is available at the front of the cinema.



USEFUL LINKS

Australian Dinosaur Trail australiasdinosaurtrail.com.au

Visit Hughenden visithughenden.com.au

Richmond Outback Queensland outbackqueensland.com.au/town/richmond/

Kronosaurus Korner kronosauruskorner.com.au

Experience Winton experiencewinton.com.au

Dinosaur Stampede National Monument dinosaurtrackways.com.au

Waltzing Matilda Centre matildacentre.com.au

Australian Age of Dinosaurs australianageofdinosaurs.com

Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum wintontruckmuseum.com.au

The Royal Theatre royaltheatrewinton.com.au

Experience Longreach experiencelongreach.com.au

Stockman's Hall of Fame stockmanshalloffame.com.au

Qantas Founders Museum qfom.com.au

Spirit of the Outback queenslandrailtravel.com.au/railexperiences/ourtrains/spiritoftheoutback

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

Dinosaurs and the Outback — Grand Tour 8 Days, 7 Nights

Day 1 Townsville to Hughenden

Take the A6 from Townsville. Stop for lunch or a coffee at Charters Towers. Allow 4 hours 15 minutes driving time plus rest stops. Arrive into Hughenden early afternoon. Spend the late afternoon exploring the Eco Trail, Brodie Street and the Federation Rotunda. Have dinner at the Great Western Hotel.

Day 2 Day trip to Richmond

Take the 115 kilometres drive west to the town of Richmond. Visit Kronosaurus Korner. Allow 2 to 3 hours to take in the vast collection. Wander across the road and visit the replica of the Cambridge homestead to gain an understanding of early outback life. Take a picnic and relax around Lake Fred Tritton.

Drive back to Hughenden and take a stroll around the Hughenden Recreational Lake, or take a drive to Mount Walker and take in the stunning sunset views.

Day 3 Flinders Discovery Centre — Winton

Visit the Flinders Discovery Centre in the morning. Spend the afternoon driving to Winton along route 62. The road is sealed all of the way. It is 215 kilometre or a 2.5 hour drive. If you arrive on a Wednesday Friday or Sunday spend the evening at the Open Air Cinema.

Day 4 Lark Quarry and the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument

Take the 110 kilometre drive to Lark Quarry. Allow 1.5 hours as 50 kilometres of the drive is unsealed. The road is suitable for 2wd vehicles. Take the 3 hour tour of the world's only fossilised footprints of a dinosaur stampede. Spend the afternoon at the Waltzing Matilda Centre.

Day 5 Age of Dinosaurs

Take the 30 minute drive to the Age of Dinosaurs. To fully explore the museum, fossil preparation laboratory and the Dinosaur Canyon, allow a full morning returning to Winton in the early afternoon. Spend the afternoon gaining an appreciation of the vital role trucking played in the development of the outback at Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum followed by some musical fun at the Musical Fence.

Day 6 Winton to Longreach

Take the two hour drive east to Longreach. Spend the afternoon at the Qantas Founders Museum and airpark tour. Return in the evening for Luminescent Longreach. Bookings are required for both the airpark tour and Luminescent Longreach.

Day 7 Stockman's Hall of Fame

Visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame and Stockman's Live Show. Allow 4 hours to truly appreciate the museum. Allow another hour and a half for the cinema story and the live show. Spend the afternoon exploring the history and unique sculptures in the main street and take a dinner cruise on the Thompson River.

Day 8 Longreach to Rockhampton

Finish your outback experience by following the A4 to the regional town of Rockhampton.