



Hughenden to Porcupine Gorge Points of Interest

As you drive along this road you will see that some points of interest are identified by a brown and white sign "Point of view 300m ahead"

**Start at the Flinders Discovery Centre
Zero Trip Metre.**

0.5 km – Flinders River

Queensland's longest river extending 1004 km flowing into the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is named after Mathew Flinders by Lieutenant Stokes of HMS Beagle in 1841.

16.7 km – Belemnite Locality

Travel for 16.7km from the Flinders Discovery Centre you will come to a washed out creek bed passing under the road on the right hand side of the road you will see 3 Gum trees this is where you will find Belemnites and if you travel to the next creek bed which is only a short distance you will be lucky there as well. These are part of a fossilized squid and are 100 – 110 million years old.



20.8 km – Matchbox Creek

The creek was so named because a wagonette of matches exploded Close by.



27.8 km – Left hand side. Typical stock route water facility.

32.4 km – 1917 Record Floods

This area experienced record floods, which resulted in many homes being washed away. One such home washed down the creek and situated itself on the bank on your left. Six people lost their lives in these terrible floods. (The House no longer exists)

(No Entry – Private Property)

35.6 km Dingo Fence

The netting fence line was once the old dingo barrier fence. To protect sheep and cattle from dingoes, graziers began erecting the dingo proof fences in the 1930's. Legislation for the establishment and maintenance of a dingo proof fence passed in 1954. The main sheep areas in Queensland extend for more that 2500kms – the longest fence in the world, though it is no longer maintained.



51.8km – Eagle Hawk Gorge Lookout

52.0km – Unmarked Grave on your left

Two stories have been told about this grave.

(1) It has been told that this is the resting place of an old Chinaman that was found dead along this road who was either making his way to or from the Woolgar Goldfields.

(2) Grave of an Aboriginal girl called Minnie Waite who perished either by foul means or of exposure when trying to walk into Hughenden from a nearby Station.

55.4km – Mailman's grave & Bottle Tree Ridge Lookout

It is believed that the Packhorse mailman (only means of communication in the old days) in the early months of 1886 he was speared by a group of hostile Aborigines from the top of the hill. He was buried where he was found.

The name of this ridge came about because the unusual trees located here resemble Boab or Bottle Trees



58.7km – Simpson's Pinch

Refers to the length of gravel road to the left of the bitumen. Before the days of bulldozers, the incline was almost vertical, which gave the old teamsters a great deal of trouble. It was just as hard to get down with a loaded wagon as it was to get up. This road was the original link to Townsville; the new road only came about with the building of the railway line to Hughenden.

62.5km - Porcupine Gorge lookout

Turn off at this point and travel in for 1 km and you will come to the spectacular viewing platform for the Gorge, cliff drop is approx 120m.

63.5km - On your right – Whistling Bore

This bore is approximately 500 feet deep. Why it whistles is a mystery, but one reason offered is a cave-in somewhere in the shaft of the bore has created a wind tunnel.



66.0km – Turn off to Pyramid lookout and Camping Grounds.

TRAVEL 7 KM IN FROM THE TURN OFF TO REACH PORCUPINE GORGE NATIONAL PARK & CAMP GROUND
CAMP SITES MUST BE BOOKED BEFORE CAMPING



72.0km – Bill Crossley Grave (1888) - Road to the Lynd Junction

The death of Bill Crossley is a mystery with a couple of stories been told but our records show he died a slow death from a bite to his hand. The grave is on your right heading towards the Lynd Junction
(Read the "Point of Interest" sign for the full story)

'Enjoy your journey to Porcupine National Park'

'DRIVE SAFELY'