

The Tarkine Drive

breathtaking wilderness



The Tarkine Drive will guide you through the dramatic and breathtaking wilderness of Tasmania's Tarkine region.

You will experience unique fauna and flora, globally significant rainforests, wild river landscapes and dramatic coastlines.

This scenic drive is full of walks, lookouts, sites and picnic spots for you to explore. You may wish to complete the rainforest and the coastal sections separately as day trips, or take two full days to experience the complete drive. Take your time to view the accompanying map and read about the attractions and drive times when planning your trip.

 **TASMANIA'S
North West**
Where will the stories take you?

TARKINE
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1. Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area
Information and Tarkine Drive entry point



2. West Point Reserve (nungu)
Walk
West Point Reserve is a significant Aboriginal Heritage site and a popular surfing spot that is renowned for its massive waves.



3. Bluff Hill Point
Walk, lookout
A top vantage point to survey the coast or to walk the short distance to the beaches below.



4. Arthur River Coastal Walk
Walk
Start at the mouth of the Arthur River and walk north along the coast to Church Rock. Moderate walk, 2.5 hours return.



5. Edge of the World
Lookout, BBQ, toilet
This lookout features an exhilarating view of the Tarkine coast. Easy, 10 minutes.



6. Sundown Point Reserve (laraturunawn)
Walk
Head north from coastal community, then walk inland track at the fork in the road to view ancient rock carvings at the mouth of the Sundown Creek. Easy walk, 1.5 hours return.



7. Sarah Anne Rocks
Walk
Named after Tasmanian watercolour artist Sarah Anne Fogg, park in the shack community precinct then walk south to experience dramatic coastal rock formations. Easy walk 30 minutes return.



8. Couta Rocks
Walk.
Coastal access here.



9. Western Explorer
Information and Tarkine Drive entry point



10. Balfour Packhorse Track
Walk
Follow an old packhorse track through stunning cool temperate rainforest. Difficult, 3 hours.



11. Kanunnah Bridge
Information, picnic area
A lovely spot for a picnic and to view the rapids and reflections of the Arthur River.



12. Sumac Lookout
Lookout
A breathtaking view over the majestic Arthur River and the surrounding cool temperate rainforest. Easy, 10 minutes.



KEY

-  Information
-  Camping & caravan site
-  Picnic area
-  Motorhome site
-  Accommodation
-  Food
-  Fuel
-  Walking track
-  Lookout
-  BBQ facilities
-  Toilets
-  Dump-ezy
-  Ferry



DRIVE TIMES AND DISTANCES – TARKINE DRIVE

FROM	TO	kms	TIME
Arthur River	Couta Rocks	15 km	15 mins
Couta Rocks	Balfour Track	29 km	30 mins
Balfour Track	Sumac Lookout	6 km	10 mins
Sumac Lookout	Julius River	8 km	10 mins
Julius River	Lake Chisholm	8 km	10 mins
Lake Chisholm	Dempster Plains	11 km	15 mins
Lake Chisholm	Wes Beckett Falls	11 km	15 mins
Dempster Plains	Milkshake Hills	32 km	35 mins
Milkshake Hills	Trowutta Arch	26 km	30 mins
Trowutta Arch	Smithton	31 km	30 mins
Kanunnah Bridge	Smithton	36 km	35 mins

DRIVE TIMES AND DISTANCES – TOWNS

FROM	TO	km	TIME
Burnie	Smithton	85 km	1 hour
Devonport	Smithton	134 km	1.5 hours
Launceston	Smithton	231 km	2.5 hours
Stanley	Smithton	21 km	20 mins
Arthur River	Smithton	64 km	1 hour
Arthur River	Corinna	112 km	2.5 hours

Look after yourself and the Tarkine

Plan ahead and prepare

Consider the accompanying maps in relation to fuel, accommodation and food as the Tarkine Drive takes you to isolated areas with limited services.

- Mobile phone coverage is unreliable
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces, camp fees are applicable in some areas
- Please take your rubbish with you or use rubbish bins if provided
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Snakes are active in the summer months and leeches in the cooler months
- Do not feed the wildlife.

* Some sites on the Tarkine Drive have been impacted by the January/February 2016 bushfires

Protect our wildlife

Many of the animals of the Tarkine are moving about during the day and night. Please drive slowly and help us to protect our precious wildlife.

The coastal landscape provides important feeding and breeding site for shore birds and migratory species. Please ensure you keep below the high tide line whilst access the beach to avoid impacting the birdlife.

The Tarkine is a fire-sensitive environment

- Do not discard cigarette butts
- Use gas barbecues where available
- Only light fires in properly constructed fireplaces and extinguish after use
- Observe all published fire restrictions
- Avoid lighting fires in hot and windy conditions.

Protecting heritage sites

The Tarkine coast particularly contains an extraordinary richness of Aboriginal cultural heritage that was recognised through being listing on the National Heritage List in 2013.

If you come across a heritage site, it is important to follow these practices:

- Leave it undisturbed
- Do not under any circumstances remove anything – this is an offence and fines can be imposed.



Midden material evidence of the use of the Tarkine area by Tasmanian Aboriginal people for thousands of years



13. Julius River

Walks, BBQ, toilet
Enjoy a barbecue or picnic at this enchanting rainforest and river site where there are two rainforest walks. Moderate, 30 & 40 minute walks.

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14. Julius River

Motorhome site
Caravan / Motorhome parking site

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15. Lake Chisholm

Walk
A picturesque short walk through tall trees and mixed forest leads you to one of the finest examples of a flooded limestone sinkhole in Australia. You could spot a platypus here. Moderate, 30 minutes.

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16. Dempster Plains*

Lookout
Expansive views over buttongrass plains to the interior mountains and hills of the Tarkine. Easy, 10 minutes.

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17. Rapid River

Lookout, picnic area
A scenic spot to have a picnic alongside the tannin-stained Rapid River.

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18. Sinkhole

Lookout
An intriguing flooded sinkhole with its dark waters and stunning reflections.

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19. Milkshake Hills*

SITE CLOSED DUE TO FIRE

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20. Tayatea Bridge

Information, lookout
A great spot to view the wild Arthur River.

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21. Trowutta Arch

Walk
A short walk through lovely rainforest takes you to an extraordinary and rare geological feature (via Reynolds Road). Easy, 30 minutes.

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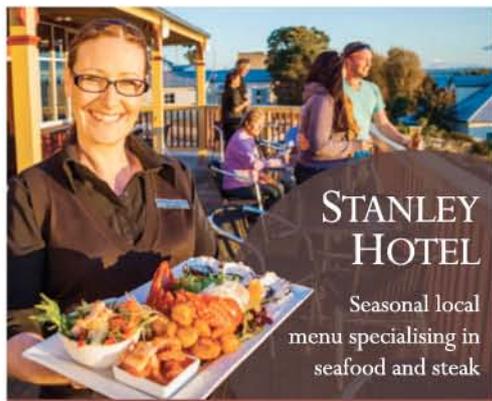
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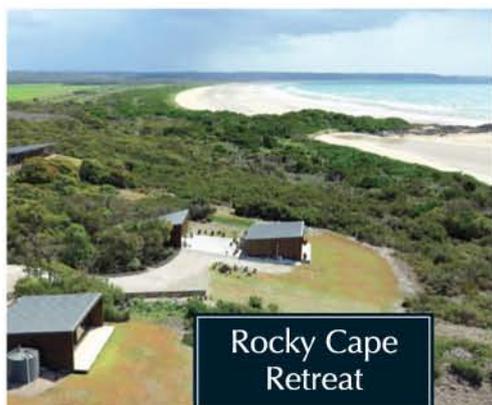
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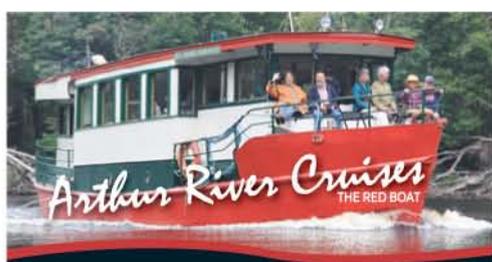
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