

**BANANA
DRIVE
TRAILS**

Rural Villages

★ **COUNTRY PUBS** ★ **HISTORIC SITES**
163kms loop



please do NOT drink AND drive!
accommodation is available in all villages
should you wish to make the most of your
visit to any of our classic country pubs

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WONDERS**

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163 km 2.5 hours, allow time for diversions

- Slow down at creek crossings.**
- Don't enter flood waters.**
- Don't drink and drive.**

A terrific way to experience country life, the rural villages to the north of the shire may seem small but they are the big heart of their community.

As you go, it's exciting to travel over creeks and river crossings and discover spots that look as if you were the first to find them. When you call into any one of the country pubs, a good old yarn with someone you've never met before will probably result in having a laugh, and parting as old friends. And you'll think about that great steak, washed down with a cold ale or two, for ages afterwards, each time reminding you it's the simple pleasures that make life grand – while you're at it, check out the phone number for Golden Park Retreat as this really is a gem. You have to call, but an organised visit could see you scoffing on some damper and sipping billy tea (Maree and Robert will see to that)

Biloela to Jambin - 28 km

From Biloela

- Head north on the Burnett Highway (GIS -24.406801 – 150.498993) for 28 km until you reach Jambin. The Jambin Hotel (GIS -24.194369 – 150.370051) is on the highway.

Local events at the Jambin Recreation Reserve on the Burnett Highway

- Last weekend in May, the Champagne Campdraft
- Second weekend in June, Working Cattle Dog trials
- Weekends are a chance to take to the skies with a scenic glider flight, visit www.cqgliding.org.au

Spots of interest

- Monument to early cotton pioneers, 32 km north at the Dixalea-Deeford Road (GIS -23.943528 – 150.282518)
- Don River crossing, 22km north along the highway (GIS -23.990555 – 150.281351)
- Jambin Cemetery (GIS -24.165860 – 150.371015)

Jambin to Dululu - 44.5 km

- Travel north along the Burnett Highway to the junction of the Leichhardt Highway and the town of Dululu (GIS - 23.845856 – 150.261743). The Dululu pub is a famous watering hole for its steaks and heritage ambience. However, restorations to the inside are underway after fire damage in 2015. It's worth swinging past - you might find the pub re-opened. The village has a travellers' rest area and the Dee River meanders along the outskirts of the town. Dululu is the centre of rural farming in the area, including stud cattle, horses, pigs, squab, agriculture, lucerne, grains, eggs, flowers and citrus orchards. Between April and October, a short drive east (2 km) along Mt Morgan Road the local orchard sells the freshest citrus fruit you'll ever find.
- * Dululu still holds the record for the highest priced Bull, fetching some \$300,000 at an auction in 2006.

Dululu to Wowan - 10 km

- From Dululu join the Leichhardt Highway and travel south-west to Wowan (GIS -23.908282 – 150.196799). Wowan Commercial Hotel is located right next to the Leichhardt Highway. Perched on the bank of Pocket Creek, Wowan is rich with native flora and fauna. Take the time to drive around the village. There's some wonderful examples of the well-maintained old weatherboard buildings. Drop into the Wowan Museum, it's a little gem full of local history.

Wowan to Goovigen - 39 km

- Continue a further 24km south along the Leichhardt Highway and TURN LEFT at Goovigen-Rannes Road. (GIS - 24.106408 – 150.118358). Follow the road through the rural landscapes for 19 km until you reach Goovigen. As you enter this village, nestled amongst numerous agricultural properties, you'll find Engel Homestead and the recently restored Percy Schluter Memorial Historic School of Arts building (GIS -24.144146 – 150.286160) – now a home for local history, both open to the public by calling 4996 5146.
- At the 'T' junction turn right into Goovigen. A few hundred metres along on your left, you'll find the Goovigen Royal Hotel. (GIS -24.146620 – 150.286108). Pop in and see John, enjoy a meal and check out their camping site across the road.

Goovigen to Biloela - 38 km

- Turn Left onto the JAMBIN-GOOVIGEN Road next to the Goovigen Hotel (GIS -24.146620 – 150.286108) and head 10 km south to Jambin.
- Turn right onto the Burnett Highway (GIS -24.195839 – 150.370885) and continue 28 km south to Biloela.

