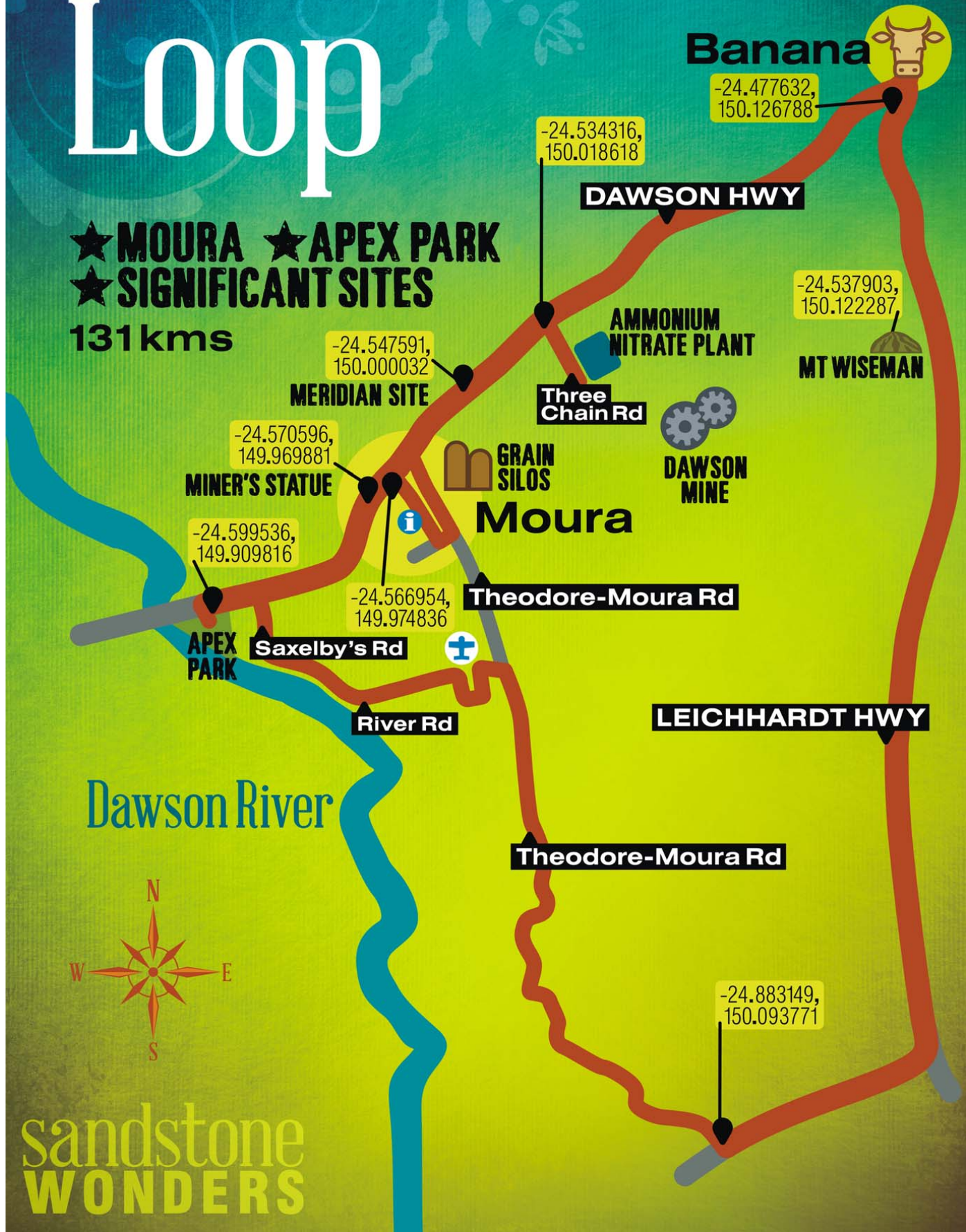


Banana Loop

BANANA DRIVE TRAILS

★ MOURA ★ APEX PARK
★ SIGNIFICANT SITES

131 kms



sandstone
WONDERS

Banana Loop



131 km / approx 2.5 hrs

Start in Banana at 'Banana' the bullock statue after which the town was named.

Leichhardt Way left onto Dawson Highway and travel 13.6 km.

You'll pass Dawson Mine - Australia's first export coal mine.

From Dawson Highway, turn left onto Three Chain Road (GPS -24.534316, 150.018618). 400 m along the road, you'll see Queensland Ammonium Nitrate Plant (GPS -24.537303, 150.020733) which supplies ammonium nitrate prill for blasting to the mines in the Bowen Basin.

Back on the Dawson Highway, 2.4 km further and you'll come across the 150° Meridian site - 150° of longitude from which Eastern Standard Time is measured. (GPS -24.547591, 150.000032)

Travel a further 3 km along Dawson Highway to Moura.

Left onto Gillespie Street (GPS -24.566954, 149.974836). 500 m down Gillespie St, the Moura Visitor Information Centre and Shire Office is located on the right.

From Gillespie St, turn left onto Herzog St and left again onto Theodore Moura Rd. The Grain Silos and large sheds 2.5 km along on your right have the 2nd largest grain storage capacity in Queensland. (GPS -24.567999, 149.980508)

Continue a further 470 m along to the Dawson Highway. (GPS -24.564402, 149.977624)

A Miner's Statue (memorial to the No.4 underground mine disaster in 1986) is located in the median strip on your right in 1 km. (GPS -24.570596, 149.969881)

A further 7.5 km down the Dawson Highway is Apex River Park - on the Dawson River (GPS -24.599536, 149.909816). A free camp with boat ramp, amenities and the home of the annual Muddy Water Fishing Competition in April and Dawson River Festival in October.

Head back along the Dawson Highway to Moura 2.3 km and turn right onto Saxelby's Road (GPS -24.594755, 149.931977). Follow it to the end and turn left onto River Road (GPS -24.606582, 149.934890). Follow River Road to its end (approx. 8 km) and it will take you around the Moura Aerodrome where you then cross the Theodore Moura Road.

Turn right onto Theodore-Moura Road and follow 36 km to the Leichhardt Way. Turn left onto the Leichhardt Way and follow approximately 43 km and you will see Mount Wiseman on your left, named after William Wiseman, early Land Commissioner, credited with naming Rockhampton in 1858 (GPS -24.537903, 150.122287).

Continue another 8 km along the Leichhardt Way and turn right (GPS -24.477632, 150.126788) onto the Dawson Highway towards Banana (GPS -24.472628, 150.128109).