

Big Sky National Parks

8 day loop from Brisbane or Toowoomba

Girraween National Park



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ravensborne National Park
- Bunya Mountains National Park
- Rainforests & Ancient Bunya Pines
- Carnarvon Gorge National Park
- Towering Sandstone Cliffs
- Aboriginal Rock Art Sites
- Riversands Vineyards & Winery
- Sunset River Cruise
- Historic Nindigully Pub
- Goondiwindi's Cotton Farm Tour
- Coolmunda Organic Olive Farm
- Girraween National Park
- Balancing Boulders & Waterfalls

8 day itinerary includes stunning National Parks, Aboriginal rock art, native wildlife and local produce

DAY 1-2: BRISBANE TO BUNYA MOUNTAINS (230KM) OR TOOWOOMBA TO BUNYA MOUNTAINS (104KM)

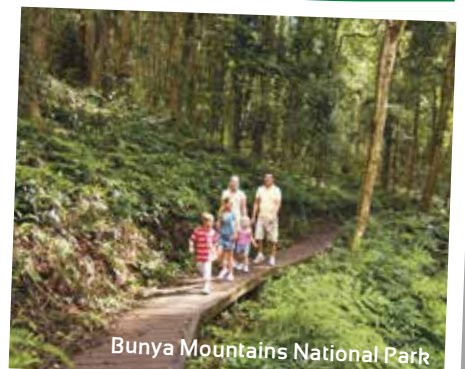
Drive from Brisbane to Toowoomba via the Warrego Highway. Take a scenic drive from Toowoomba to Gus Beutel Lookout for stunning views over Ravensbourne National Park. Travel through the old timber town of Crows Nest to Maidenwell Trading Post for some welcome refreshments. Drive beneath stunning rainforest canopies and ancient bunya pines to Bunya Mountains National Park. Relax in the privacy of your Bunya Mountains Chalet with stunning views of the surrounding rainforest. Book in for a luxurious in-chalet healing massage or follow a selection of walking tracks to explore nine kinds of rainforests, ancient plant species and an abundance of native wildlife. Join in the daily wild bird feeding activities – 4 sessions daily and watch the Chocolate Wattled Bat emerge at dusk.

Stay 2 nights at Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre

DAY 3-4: BUNYA MOUNTAINS TO CARNARVON GORGE (570KM)

Drive west to Chinchilla, Australia's melon capital and Roma, home of the Big Rig, before arriving at Carnarvon Gorge National Park - an oasis in the semi-arid heart of Central Queensland. See spectacular sandstone gorge vistas, ancient rainforests and well-preserved Aboriginal rock art on tracks that have been classified to match your bushwalking experience and fitness. Explore Carnarvon Gorge's beautiful Moss Garden walk with its splendid waterfall backdrop, ferns and mosses. Follow the short walk to Baloon Cave to see stencilled Aboriginal rock art. Wake up to a symphony of birdsong and witness colourful sunrises as the light meets the gorge's sandstone cliffs. By day, see kangaroos and wallabies around the picnic area. At night, spot night echidnas and listen to the call of yellow-bellied gliders, owls and the bush stone curlew.

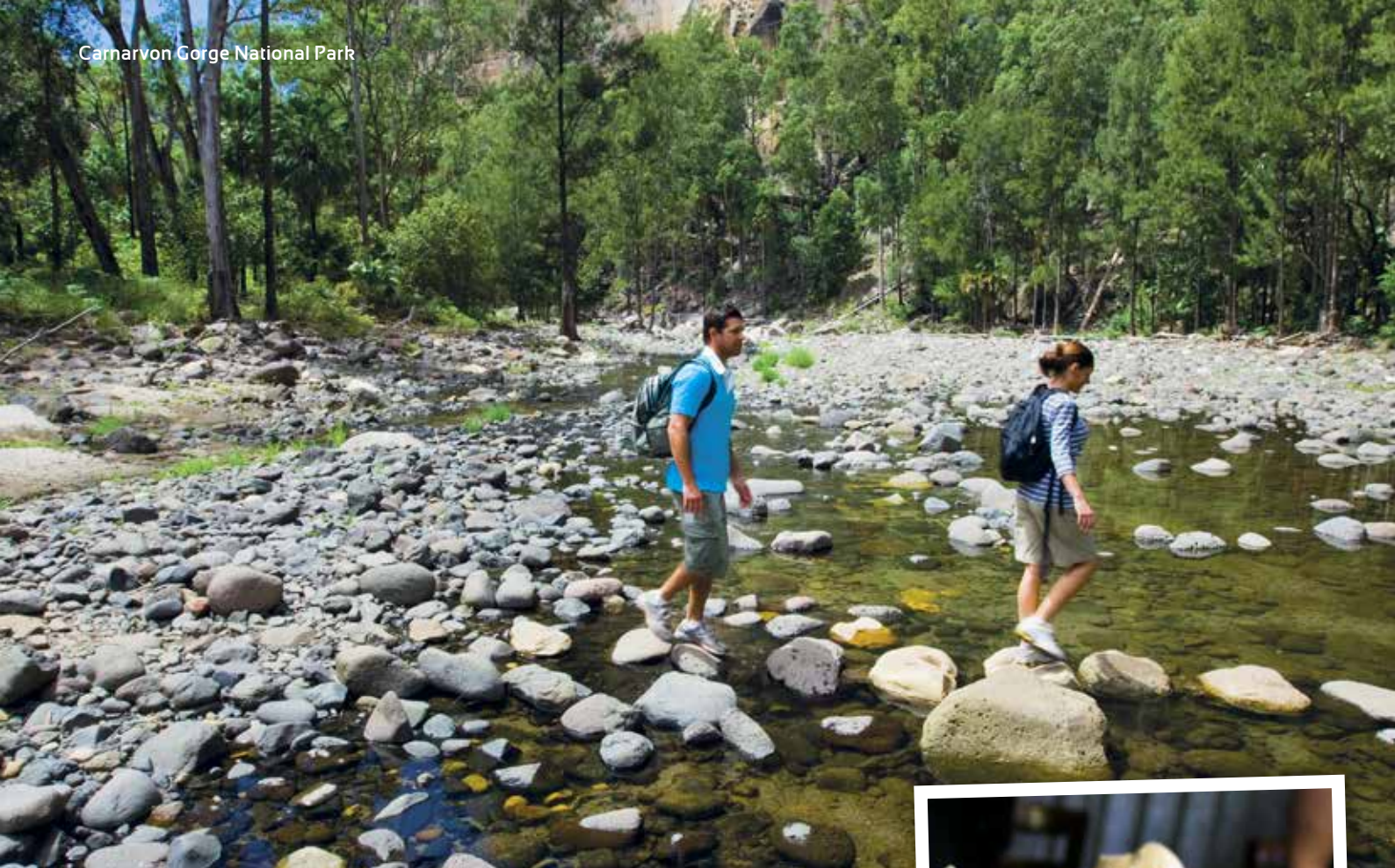
Stay 2 nights at Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge



Bunya Mountains National Park



Carnarvon Gorge National Park



DAY 5: CARNARVON GORGE TO ST GEORGE (436KM)

Travel south along the Carnarvon Highway to Injune, a thriving country town with some 450 residents. Continue south to St George, Queensland's inland fishing capital, then visit Riversands Winery for a personalised wine tasting and meal at their onsite café. Call in to the Unique Egg to see a world-class collection of hand-crafted emu eggs, then join a sunset cruise on the Balonne River with its 230 species of birdlife.

Overnight Riverland Motor Inn, St George

DAY 6-7: ST GEORGE TO WYBERBA (432KM)

Take a break at the historic Nindigully Pub, Queensland's oldest hotel, on the banks of the Moonie River. If time permits, join a cotton farm tour in Goondiwindi. Visit Coolmunda Organic Olives near Inglewood, walk through the olive grove and taste organic olives. Follow a selection of bushwalks from your private bush chalet surrounded by Girraween National Park with its intriguing balancing boulders, cascading waterfalls and cool rock pools. See quiet kangaroos grazing in open fields, brilliant turquoise parrots, yellow-tufted honeyeaters and red-necked wallabies as you explore over 17km of walking tracks to suit all levels of fitness. Visit nearby award-winning wineries, restaurants and local producers just a short drive from the National Park.

Stay 2 nights at Girraween Environmental Lodge

DAY 8: WYBERBA TO TOOWOOMBA (179KM) OR WYBERBA TO BRISBANE (265KM)

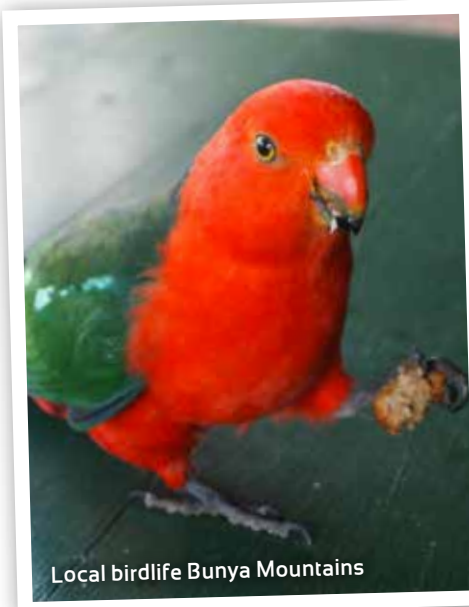
Travel north to Stanthorpe and explore Queensland's premier food and wine region. Sample cider and apple pie at Suttons Apple Farm and visit Stanthorpe Cheese for hand-made farmhouse cheese. Call in to the Rose and Rodeo city of Warwick with its beautiful sandstone buildings. Return to Toowoomba via Glengallan Homestead and Allora, the childhood home of Mary Poppins creator P.L. Travers. Alternatively, follow the Cunningham Highway through Main Range National Park back to Brisbane.



Suttons Farm Apple Pie



Carnarvon Gorge Wildlife



Local birdlife Bunya Mountains

