

The Tarkine Drive

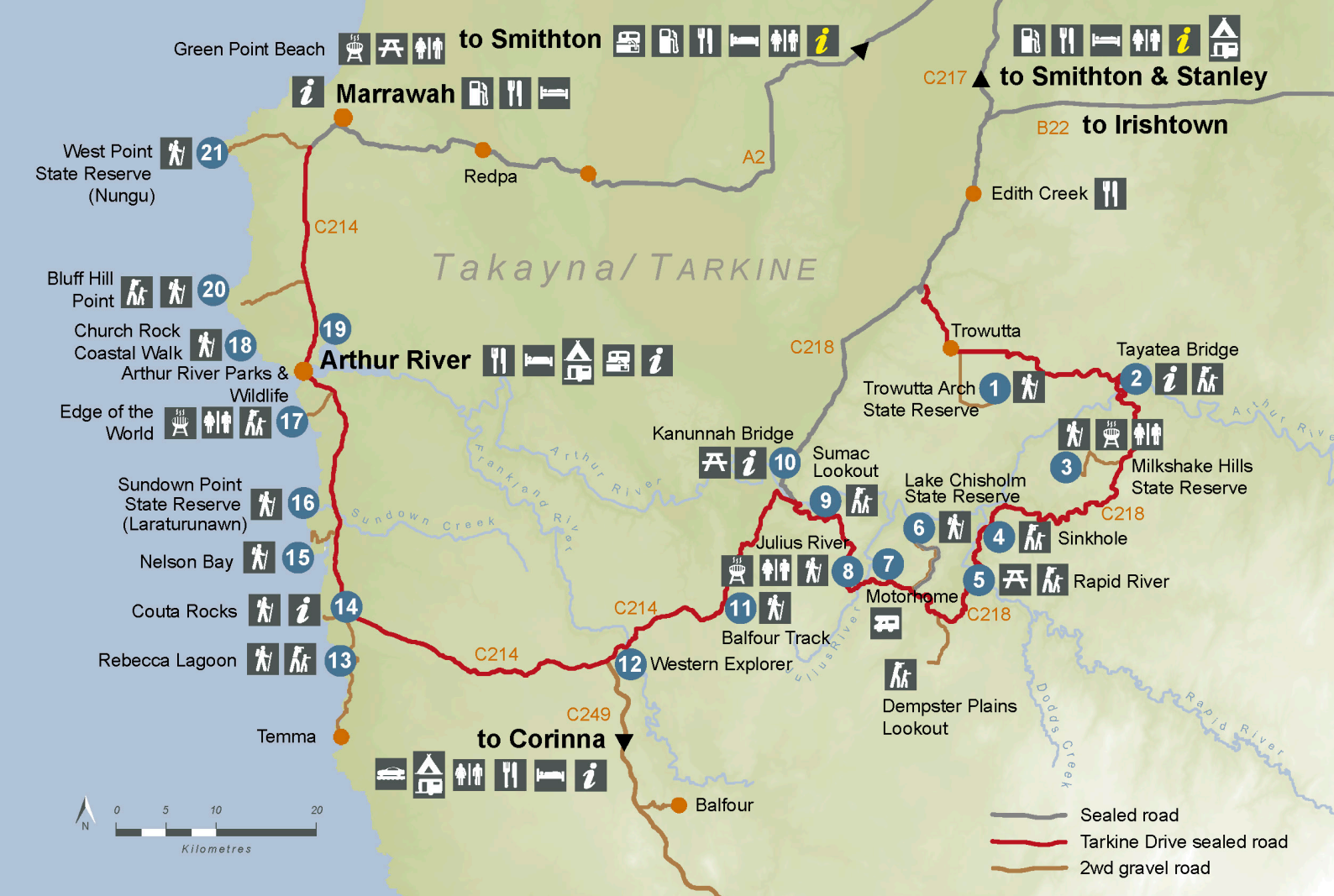
Every stop tells a story



The Tarkine Drive leads you through Tasmania's Tarkine region – home to the largest cool temperate rainforest in Australia and the second largest in the world.

Along this scenic drive, you'll uncover more than just breathtaking views. Walk among towering ferns and myrtle trees. Stand in awe at the eerie beauty of the Trowutta Arch, a natural sinkhole carved by time. Watch the ocean crash against shores littered with driftwood stacked like forgotten sculptures, and a coastline so raw and rugged it's called the Edge of the World. This is a place where every stop tells a story – of deep time, resilience, and natural wonder.

The Tarkine Drive can be completed in a day or savoured over two – with many visitors choosing to explore the rainforest and coastal sections separately. Throughout your journey, you'll find peaceful picnic spots, scenic lookouts, and walks that lead into hidden pockets of wilderness. Use the map inside to plan your route and drive times. However long you stay, the Tarkine will stay with you – wild, timeless, and unforgettable.



Smithton Visitor Information Centre

Drop into the Smithton Visitor Centre for up-to-date road conditions, local advice, brochures, maps, and help planning your itinerary. Find us at 12 Nelson Street, Smithton. Call 03 6413 5333 or email info@stanleyandtarkine.com.au



1. Trowutta Arch State Reserve

Walk (No dogs permitted)

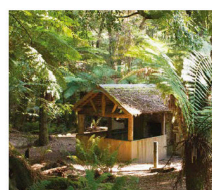
A short walk through lovely rainforest takes you to an extraordinary and rare geological feature (via Reynolds Road). Easy, 30 minutes return.



2. Tayatea Bridge

Information Board, lookout

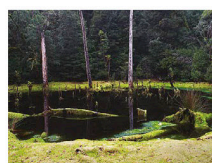
A great spot to view the wild Arthur River



3. Milkshake Hills State Reserve

Walks, BBQ, Toilet (No dogs permitted)

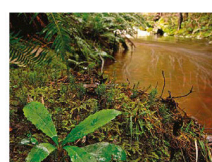
Stop for a BBQ in this wet eucalypt forest and walk the easy 15 minute forest walk or continue to the summit lookout (1 hour moderate return) and experience buttongrass moorlands and views into the Tarkine Forest. Easy, 15 mins or moderate, 1 hour return.



4. Sinkhole

Lookout

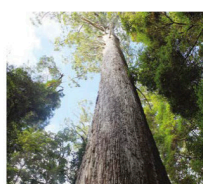
An intriguing flooded artificial sinkhole with its dark waters and stunning reflections.



5. Rapid River

Lookout, picnic area

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



6. Lake Chisohlm State Reserve

Walk (No dogs permitted)

A picturesque short walk through tall trees and diverse 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.

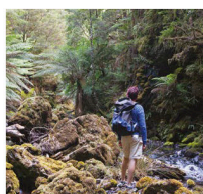


7. Julius River

Motorhome site

Caravan / Motorhome parking site

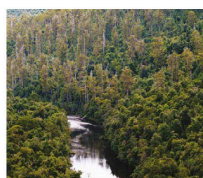
Self contained camping only.



8. Julius River

Walks, BBQ, toilet

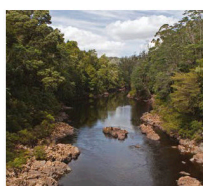
Enjoy a barbecue or picnic at this enchanting rainforest and river site where there are two rainforest walks. Moderate, 30 and 40 min walks.



9. Sumac Lookout

Lookout

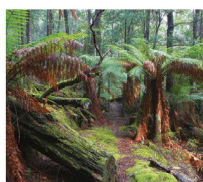
A breathtaking view over the majestic Arthur River and the surrounding cool temperate rainforest. Easy, 5 minutes return.



10. Kanunnah Bridge

Information, picnic area

A lovely spot for a picnic and to view the rapids and reflections of the Arthur River.



11. Balfour Packhorse track

Walk

Follow an old packhorse track through stunning cool temperate rainforest. Difficult, 3 hours return. Experienced walkers only with navigation skills. Contact Parks and Wildlife Arthur River or Smithton Visitor Information Centre for more information.

KEY

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

Look after yourself and the Tarkine

Plan ahead and prepare

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

- Mobile phone coverage is unreliable
- Walkers are advised to have sturdy shoes, take drinking water and have sun/rain protection
- 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.
- For up to date information on road closures, fire and floods go to TASALERTS alert.tas.gov.au



DRIVE TIMES AND DISTANCES – TARKINE DRIVE

FROM	TO	kms	TIME
Stanley	Smithton	22 km	19 mins
Smithton	Trowutta Arch	31 km	35 mins
Trowutta Arch	Milkshake Hills	26 km	30 mins
Milkshake Hills	Lake Chisolm	31 km	40 mins
Lake Chisolm	Julius River	8 km	11 mins
Julius River	Sumac Lookout	7 km	7 mins
Sumac Lookout	Couta Rocks	36 km	35 mins
Couta Rocks	Arthur River	16 km	15 mins
Arthur River	Marrawah	16 km	14 mins
Marrawah	Smithton	50 km	41 mins
Smithton	Smithton	approx. 200km	3.5 hrs

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

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 sites for shore birds and migratory species. Please ensure you keep below the high tide line whilst accessing the beach to avoid impacting the birdlife.

The Tarkine is a fire-sensitive environment

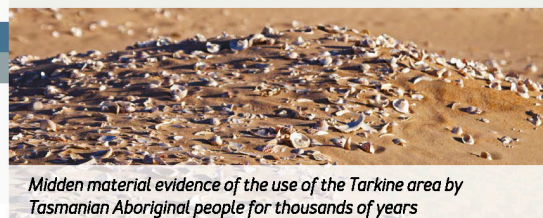
- Do not discard cigarette butts
- Use gas barbecues where available
- Observe all published fire restrictions
- Avoid lighting fires in hot and windy conditions.
- Campfires are permitted in the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area, fires must be elevated off the ground in a fire pot.

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

12. Western Explorer Drive

2WD gravel road to Corinna. Vehicle and weight restrictions apply. Drive to conditions.

13. Rebecca Lagoon Walk

A short walk through coastal paperbark and tea tree to a viewing platform overlooking Rebecca Lagoon. A scenic spot for birdwatching and spring flowers. Easy 20 minute return walk.

14. Couta Rocks

Walk (Shared track, watch for vehicles)
Walk north or south from the shack community to view dramatic coastal rock formations.

15. Nelson Bay

Walk (Shared track, watch for vehicles)
Walk south past the shack community to access the beach. Easy walk 30 minutes return.

16. Sundown Point State Reserve (Laraturunawn)

Walk (no dogs permitted. Shared track, watch for vehicles)
Access is via Nelson Bay, walk north to the southern end of Arthur Beach to view ancient Aboriginal rock carvings. Visit the Arthur River Visitor Centre (19) for more details. Parking/turning circle is not suitable for long vehicles, suitable parking can be found in the Nelson Bay Camping area. 1.5-hour moderate walk return (4km).

17. Edge of the World, Airey Drive

Lookout, BBQ, toilet
This lookout features an exhilarating view of the Tarkine coast. Easy, 1 minute walk from the carpark.

18. Church Rock Coastal Walk

Walk (shared track, watch for vehicles)

Start walk from the beach access north of the Arthur River bridge following the rugged wild coastline to Church Rock. Conditions can change, not always accessible. Visit the Arthur River Visitor Centre (19) for more details. Moderate walk 2.5 hours return (8km).

19. Arthur River Parks and Wildlife Visitor Centre

[Camp fees and 4WD passes]

See the friendly staff for visitor camping, recreational driving and walking information. Small souvenir shop and interactive displays. Open 9am-4pm daily, camping self registration available 24 hours. 1409 Arthur River Road, Arthur River.

20. Bluff Hill Point Lighthouse

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

21. West Point State Reserve (Nungu)

Walk (No dogs permitted. Shared track, watch for vehicles)
West Point State Reserve is a significant Aboriginal Heritage site and a popular surfing spot that is renowned for its massive waves.

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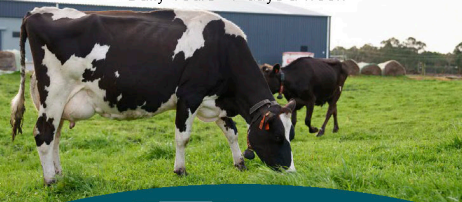
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