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Cooloola Drive Dean Miller

Joining a 4WD club is a great way for amateur drivers to build up their confidence off-road. The Cooloola 4WD Club welcomes new members and organizes regular rides throughout the Fraser Coast region.



One of the most popular drives is along Teewah Beach to Double Island Point. The drive passes well-known landmarks such as the rainbow coloured sands and Freshwater Creek. Continue over the Leisha Track and you can drive all the way to Rainbow Beach on low tide.

Accommodation options are abound in Rainbow Beach. The Rainbow Sea Resort is the newest hotel in town. It offers luxurious one, two and three bedroom apartments with views out to Wide Bay. Prices start at \$270 per night.

Rainbow Sands is family-friendly accommodation only a short walk from the beach. It offers both one and two bedroom apartments starting at \$89 a night.

Contact Rainbow Sea Resort
www.rainbowsea.com.au
1800 833 588

Contact Rainbow Sands Resort
1800 633 516

Contact Cooloola 4WD Club
07 5482 9968

Currumbin Sanctuary Bridget Adams

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is on the Gold Coast at Currumbin, which is about a 20-minute drive south of Surfers Paradise. The Sanctuary's Wildnight Adventure is the best way to see our native Australian nocturnal animals at play. The tour is two and a half hours long and it starts with a cuddle of a snake and a three year old crocodile. After dark is definitely the time to look at native animals. There are sugar gliders and a golden brush tail in the nocturnal house, Northern Bettongs, a very active Tasmanian tiger and a cuddly looking wombat. Wildnight Adventure operates seven nights a week with the tour starting at 7pm. Bookings are essential and entry will cost you \$52 for adults and \$27 for kids.



If you're planning to make a weekend at Currumbin you'll find plenty of good family style accommodation options locally. Just walking distance around the corner from the Sanctuary, and with absolute beachfront, is Sandcastles on Currumbin. It has a heated pool, uninterrupted views, a great BBQ area and a park for the kids right next door. Visit their website or call to enquire about room rates.

Contact Wildnight Adventure
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Tomewin Street, Currumbin
www.cws.org.au
1300 886 511

Contact Sandcastles on Currumbin
www.scastlescurrumbin.com.au
07 5598 2999

Stockman's Camp Taryn Onofaro

Whether you're an experienced rider or not, Mountain Lake Adventures has a horse riding adventure to fit.



You'll find them about an hour from town in the Brisbane Valley.

You can choose from a number of horse trail rides but if you really want to live the experience, an overnight Stockman's Camp might be for you.

It includes a two-day ride, dinner by the campfire, hot cooked breakfast as well as all your camping gear. It's terrific value at just \$145 per person.

Contact Mountain Lake Adventures
www.horserides.com.au
07 5423 1645

Where the Heck Is..... Stanley Island?

It's one of seven islands that make up the Flinders Island Group, around 350km north of Cairns.

Stanley's sandstone cliffs tower high above the water and are home to an impressive example of ancient aboriginal rock art. The paintings were created by the Yiithuwarra people and document the arrival of Asian and European ships to Australian shores.

Visitors can take in this rare and amazing sight on one of the many walking tracks around the island.

Contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

Northern Regional Office – Cairns
www.epa.qld.gov.au
07 4046 6600

QLD Event – Festival of Sport

If you're going to push yourself to your physical limit... why not do it in paradise?

Held on the doorstep of the Whitsundays, next weekend the Airlie Beach Festival of Sport is sure to please any fitness fanatic.

Sign up as a junior or senior to compete in the famous Airlie Beach Triathlon, have a go at the open water swim or try your hand at a game of volleyball. You can register right up until the day before, so check out the website for entry fees and the finer details.

Contact Airlie Beach Festival of Sport

13 – 14 September
Throughout Airlie Beach
whitsundaytriclub.com
07 4946 5256

Stanthorpe Old & New Buddha Handy

Stanthorpe is well known for its fabulous fruit of the vine, but did you know that this lovely town in the Granite Belt has some great attractions that have nothing to do with wine? Stanthorpe's historical museum is a real eye-opener, with 10 heritage buildings and more than 20,000 items of memorabilia, collected over 40 years.



Among its displays are railway signs bearing the names of infamous World War I battlefields like Pozieres and Amiens. The names are the legacy of a post-war settlement program for returned service men in which the government of the day relocated diggers to farmland north of Stanthorpe. The new settlers decided to name the settlements in honour of those who died in battle in France and Belgium.

A drive along the Armistice Way will take you through peaceful farmlands and orchards. It'll also take you to Eagles Produce, one of the biggest growers of vegetables in southern Queensland. You can take a tour of the farm, covering the journey of the seed from germination to market, onboard an unusual contraption called The Shed.

Accommodation options in the area are many, but if you're looking for contemporary styling, try Alure Villas, just five kilometres from town. Not a chintz cushion is in sight at these modern and luxuriously appointed villas, featuring fireplace, full kitchen and private courtyard Jacuzzi.

Contact Stanthorpe Museum

07 4681 1711

Contact Eagles Produce

'Seed to Salad' Tours

07 4683 3351

Contact Alure Villas

07 4681 4476

Contact e-Road Ahead

Register at www.racq.com/emagazine

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Motorama Prize Give-Away

We're giving you the opportunity on Queensland Weekender to win a vehicle of your choice from The Motorama Group to the value of \$50,000. All you have to do is listen to the show to hear the weekly keyword and then log onto the Motorama website.

Click on the used cars icon, then on the special Motorama Giveaway logo and you'll come up with an entry form. All the terms and conditions are on Motorama's website... cool bananas!

Contact Motorama

www.motorama.com.au