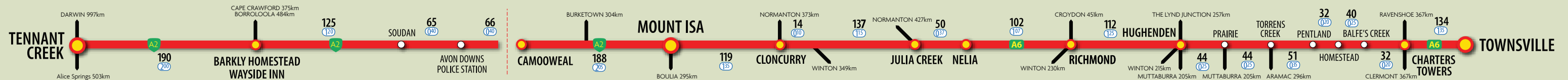


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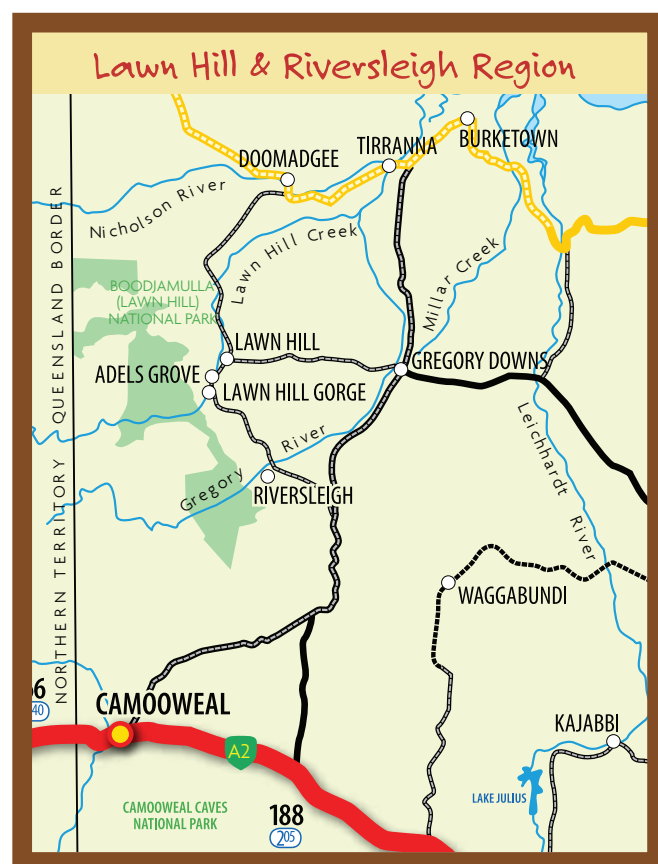
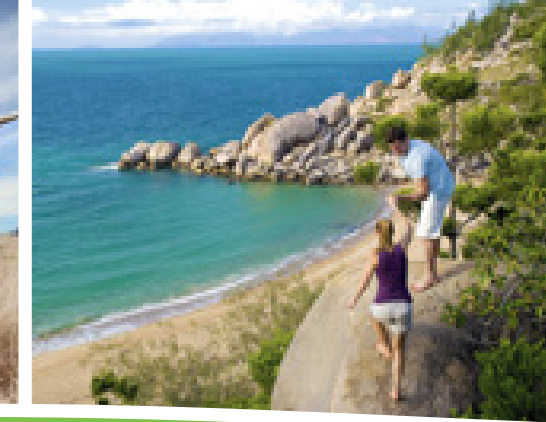
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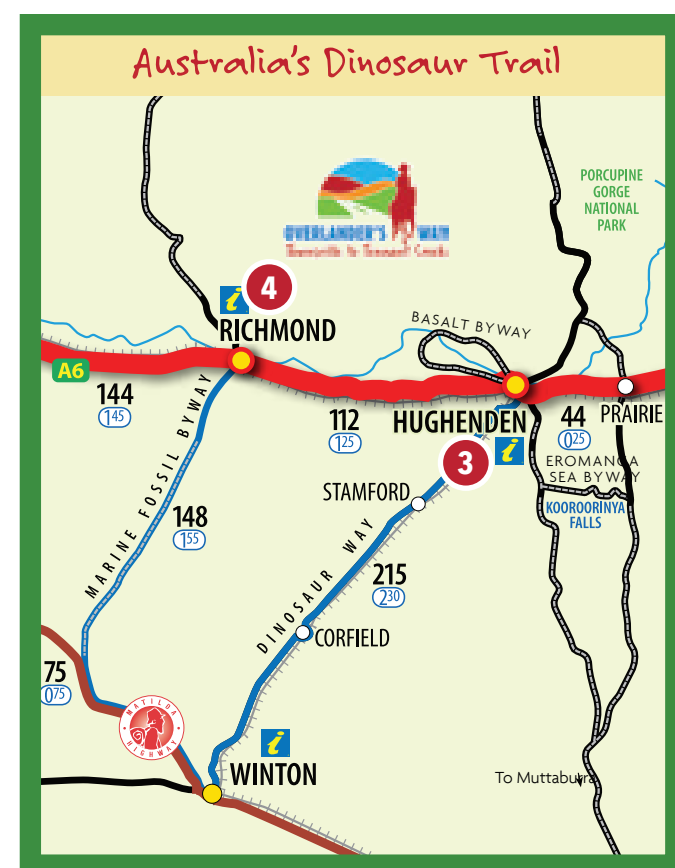
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*Outback Queensland's ancient landforms hold the secrets of the cretaceous age, a time when the Outback was part of a vast inland sea with marine reptiles and prehistoric creatures roamed the earth.*

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## Points of Interest

The Overlander's Way is rich in authentic heritage experiences that explore the legends, characters and rich landscapes of our fascinating past.

### 1 North Queensland Gateway, Townsville

Visit the Townsville Museum of Tropical Queensland where interactive displays provide visitors with an entertaining introduction to life in the tropics, or Jezzine Barracks and Townsville Military Tours to explore the rich military history of our region.

### 2 Charters Towers – “Ghosts of Gold”

When gold was discovered in Charters Towers more than 140 years ago, the ensuing gold rush saw it grow to become the second largest city in Queensland. Charters Towers – ‘Ghosts of Gold’ has breathed new life into the city's magnificent civic buildings, including the Stock Exchange and World Theatre.

Feel the history come alive by taking a guided tour around the heart of the town where your guide will take you inside some of these prominent buildings. There are daily tours (seasonal timetables) or if you dare, try a guided night ‘Ghost Tour’, just for fun! The activities and spectacular views on Towers Hill are also a must so allow yourself enough time. The stories and authenticity will amaze you.

### 3 Hughenden – Porcupine Gorge National Park

The Porcupine Gorge National Park is known as Australia's ‘Little Grand Canyon’. Towering cliffs of vibrantly coloured sandstone and dense vegetation dwarf its clear, cool flowing creek.

The Gorge is best viewed from either the lookout or the National Park campsite area. Walk along the track from here to the base of the Gorge - a perfect place for a swim. Bookings essential.

### 4 Kronosaurus Korner, Richmond

Visiting Australia's premier marine fossil museum, Kronosaurus Korner, is an unforgettable prehistoric adventure, where you see some of the most awe inspiring marine creatures such as ‘Penny’ the Richmond plesiosaur – Australia's best vertebrate fossil, ‘Krono’ Kronosaurus queenslandicus – a 10 metre, giant marine reptile and ‘Wanda’ – Australia's largest fossilised fish. Take a hand-held audio guide for a self-paced tour while the kids can entertain themselves at the Krono Kids Korner. Start with a theatrette presentation where you can step back in time and watch our prehistoric sea monsters come back to life.

Kronosaurus Korner is an accredited visitor information centre; the friendly staff can provide you with both local & regional information. The souvenir shop stocks a wide range of toys, gifts and apparel for both adults and children.

### 5 Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre

Make ‘At the Creek’, your first stop when visiting Julia Creek. Located on the main street, ‘At the Creek’ is a tourist attraction offering an authentic snapshot into outback living. The friendly local staff are dedicated to helping you experience all that Julia Creek, the McKinlay Shire and Outback Queensland has to offer. Make sure you're there for the daily Live Dunnart feeding show.

### 6 Cloncurry Unearthed VIC and Museum

Cloncurry Unearthed VIC and Museum houses history and memorabilia of Cloncurry, Mary Kathleen and the surrounding district. See the Burke and Wills history display which includes Burke's water bottle. The mineral and gem collection is ranked by experts as one of the most comprehensive in Australia.

Aboriginal artefacts are also on display, along with outdoor historic machinery and the Ford Rail Ambulance.

### 7 Outback at Isa, Mount Isa

The Outback at Isa Visitor Information Centre is an award winning tourism facility and any visit to Mount Isa should start here. Outback at Isa is a stone's throw from some of the city's most popular attractions including The City Lookout and Buchanan Park, home to the Mount Isa Rotary Rodeo. The Hard Times Underground Mine Tour, Isa Experience Gallery and Riversleigh Fossil Centre are all also located here.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff at Outback at Isa can provide you with information about attractions, shopping, dining, accommodation and things to see and do while in the Isa.

Outback at Isa has the latest information on roads and weather, plus advice on where to go when starting your outback journey. Enjoy the free WIFI facilities, a café serving meals and coffee, or find something unique in their Explorers Gift Shop.

### 8 Battery Hill Mining Centre, Tennant Creek

The 1930's Battery Hill mining site overlooks the township of Tennant Creek. The Underground Gold Mine echoes the soul and spirit of the miners with its operational machinery and authentic sound and lighting displays. Daily tours let you experience the past and present methods of mining and you can even indulge in some gold panning. The Social History Museum and Minerals Museum are also worth a visit.