

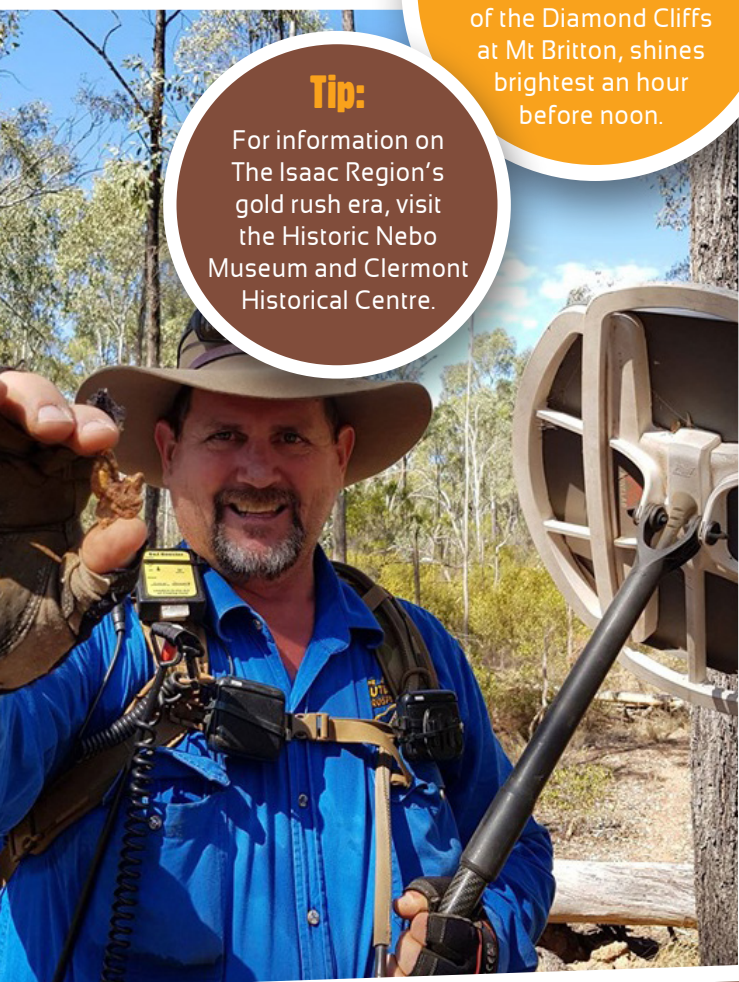


Fun fact:

The sparkling star-like crystal embedded in the black rock face of the Diamond Cliffs at Mt Britton, shines brightest an hour before noon.

Tip:

For information on The Isaac Region's gold rush era, visit the Historic Nebo Museum and Clermont Historical Centre.



STRIKING GOLD IN The Isaac Region

Reconnect with The Isaac Region's resource heritage and try your hand at striking fortune in Queensland's famous gold rush town.

For nearly 160 years, the lure of gold has drawn eager prospectors to the central Queensland town of Clermont.

The discovery triggered one of Queensland's major gold rushes. 290km south-west of Mackay, Clermont's heritage, with its tales of tragedy, triumph and treasure continue to intrigue visitors both young and old. This is Queensland's most accessible goldfields and with their alluvial gravels, makes it ideal to strike it lucky and win the gold from the ground.

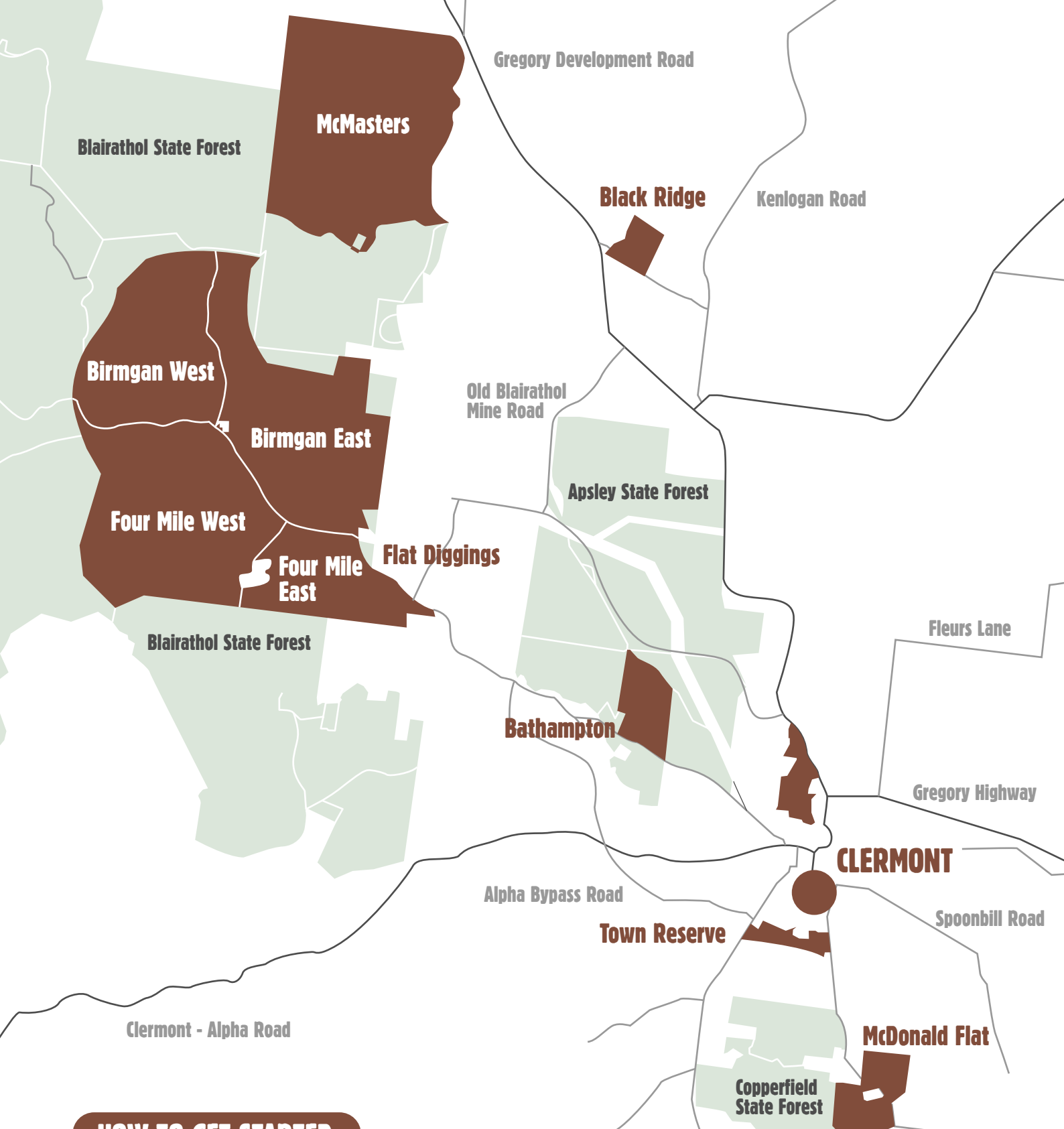
Visitors need only a metal detector, a pick, a fossicking Licence, maps of the local General Permission Areas, basic bush safety gear and an adventurous spirit to take advantage of this modern-day goldrush.

Re-live the gold rush era at Mt Britton - Nebo

Walk in the footsteps of the gold rush pioneers at Mount Britton, a once-thriving gold mining town established in 1880. While the buildings are long gone, the old grid of streets are dotted with interpretive signage that retains a sense of what once existed. Explore the old mining relics and visit the nearby pioneers' cemetery. Rumours have it that Mount Britton's big vein has never been found.

Approximately 35 minutes-drive north-east of Nebo, it's an easily accessible area offering the opportunity for day trippers or self-sufficient campers to pull up, relax and explore more of the area. With no fees or time limits, the expansive grassy camp provides water, picnic shelters and a toilet. Mt Britton's is a relaxing retreat where you can relive a rich history, stoke a campfire and awaken to unbelievable scenes.

A lookout above camp provides great views of the surrounding landmarks that explorer William Landsborough named in 1856: Mount Britton, the Marling Spikes' weather-beaten trio of rock spires, and the dazzling Sydney Heads with sheer cliffs that glow with vibrant yellow and red shades as the sun rises and sets.



HOW TO GET STARTED:

With 11 General Permission Areas (GPAs) in The Isaac Region, recreational prospectors should:

1. Obtain a fossicking licence online;
2. Select equipment. The Outback Prospector in Clermont has a huge range of equipment, as well as advice, training and maps;
3. Take water, food and first aid, and tell someone where they're going;
4. Take a drive to the GPAs and let the fossicking begin!

Fun fact:

It is estimated that more than 7,380 kg of gold was recovered in the Clermont Goldfields between 1861 and 1901.

Get your permit here: qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/areas-facilities/fossicking