



TRAVEL THE MINING TRAIL

From heritage-listed pubs to remnants of abandoned gold-mining towns, The Isaac Region's mining corridor offers a treasure-trove of historical destinations and insightful places.

01 Mackay to Mt Britton: Travel inland from Mackay along the Peak Downs Highway and take a right on to the Suttor Development Road, just before you arrive in Nebo. Follow the signs to the abandoned mining town of Mt Britton. Only remnants are left, including gold mining machinery. Isaac Regional Council maintains markers on the original streets, and displays historic photographs to give you a glimpse of the town in the 1880s.
2 hrs travel.

02 Mt Britton to Lake Elphinstone: Explore further inland along the Suttor Development Road towards Lake Elphinstone, a natural lake which once supported the nearby town of Elphinstone, long since disappeared. The lake is a popular destination for fishing, kayaking and water skiing and there's free camping and amenities.
1 hr travel.

03 Lake Elphinstone to Nebo: Return to the Peak Downs Highway and make your way towards the pioneering cattle town of Nebo,

with its heritage-listed pub built in 1862. It's the ideal place to stop for lunch for a taste of true Australian hospitality and some good tucker. The Nebo museum is also well worth a look for an insight into the changing character of this country town.
40 mins travel.

04 Nebo to Moranbah: As you arrive in Moranbah, follow the one-kilometre Federation Walk at the town's entrance to the well-known Big Red Rhino Bucket – a representation of Moranbah's rich mining industry. The Big Red Bucket was purchased from Peak Downs Mine for \$1 in 1999 and is the highlight of the walk.
1 hr travel.

05 Moranbah to Clermont: Gold was discovered in Clermont in 1861. Ever since, the town has found prosperity in precious metals, coal and agriculture, however it has also suffered its fair share of tragedy – from devastating floods to the anguishes of Australia's earliest gold rushes. Visit the Clermont Historical

Centre, located 2km north of Clermont along the Gregory Highway. It displays more than 8000 artefacts reflecting the dramatic history of the town.

The old gold mining district surrounding Clermont attracts interest from fossickers and metal detector enthusiasts. Fossickers require a QLD fossicking licence and a GPA fossicking kit.

Visit isaac.qld.gov.au for more details.

TIP: See the iconic 'Piano in the Tree', which marks the height of the 1916 floodwaters on the corner of Capricorn and Drummond Street.
1.5 hrs travel.

06 Clermont to Theresa Creek Dam: Theresa Creek Dam is located off the Peakvale Road, 22km from the town of Clermont. The Dam is fully stocked with barramundi, golden perch, eel-tailed catfish, sleepy cod, silver perch and bony bream, as well as redclaw crayfish. You will need to obtain a fishing permit to fish here, which can be purchased at the dam kiosk.
Camping is permitted for a small fee per night.
20 mins travel.