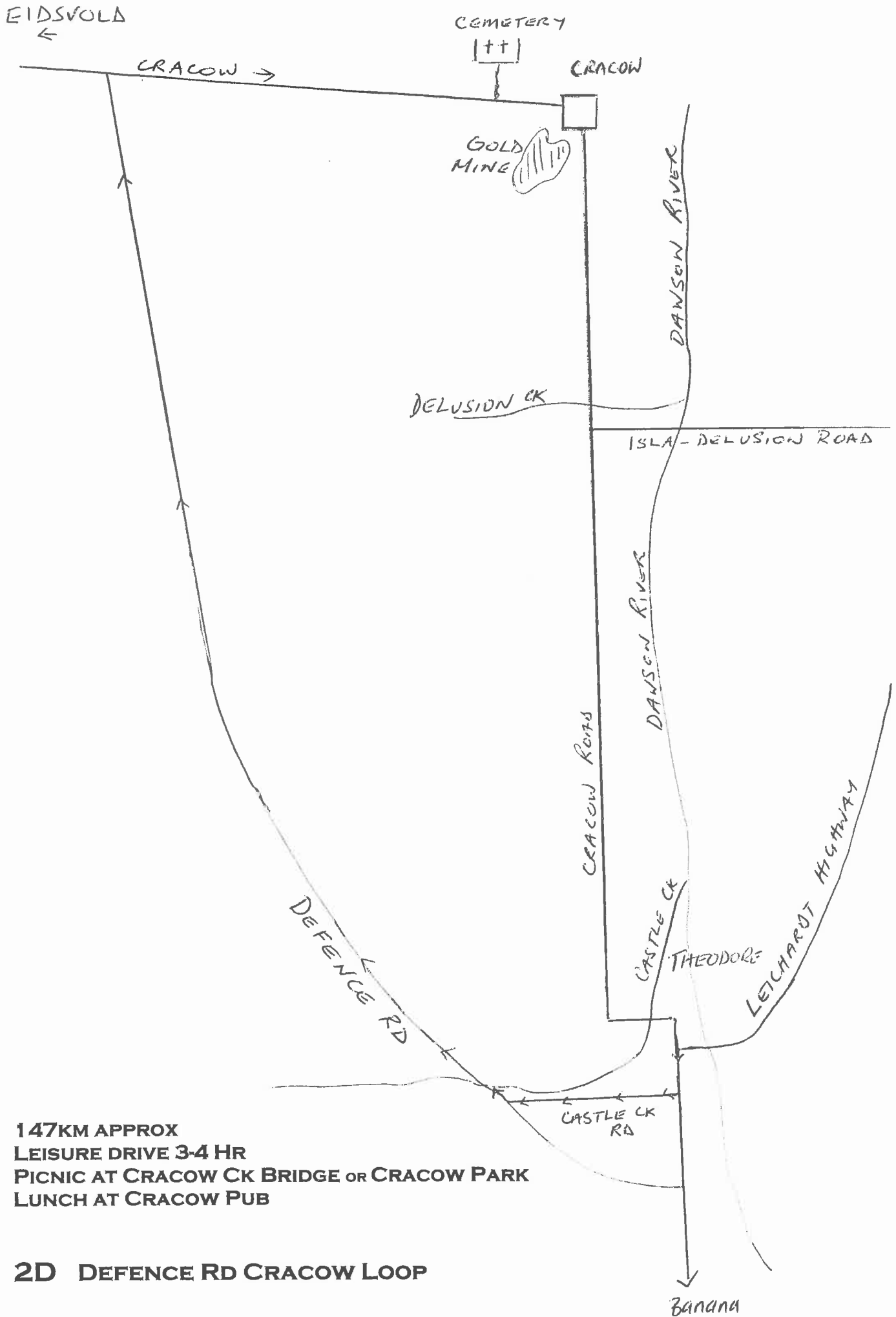


DEFENCE RD CRACOW LOOP



147KM APPROX
LEISURE DRIVE 3-4 HR
PICNIC AT CRACOW CK BRIDGE OR CRACOW PARK
LUNCH AT CRACOW PUB

2D DEFENCE RD CRACOW LOOP

- 00.0 Post Office
- 1.2 Leichhardt Hwy (Taroom turn off on left)/Native strip on right planted by Cotton Growers
- 2.4 Old Cheese Factory on left (Crn Freeman's Rd)/Irrigated cotton on left & right
- 3.5 Partridge Drive (named after the Commissioner of Irrigation who frequently visited the town in it's development of Queensland's first Irrigation Scheme) series of canals along this strip.
- 4.7 Gulara Train Siding -Wheat Silo's were built in 1974 to house grain. These days they are privately owned.
- 5.7 TURN RIGHT Castle Creek Road. This is the original road out of town, built about 1955. What you see as the main road now was sheep country with a dog proof fence.
- 8.7 Letchford Road on right named after local cotton growers.
Napier's property on the left was one of the original sheep farms over 70 years ago.
- 13.7 Monkey Gully got it's name from a circus tipping over and monkey's were on the loose, but all were caught, in the early 1930's.
- 16.0 Leucaena paddocks. This tree legume is a native of Mexico. Recognised for over 400 years as an excellent fodder, leucaena was introduced into Australia in the late 1800's.
- 18.0 TURN RIGHT to Defence Road. This road was built by the Interns during WW2, who lived by the roadside in movable camps.
- 19.3 Scott's Road on Left. Castle Creek bridge.
- 19.5 Old Walloon Station. In 1940's cattle yards. Pig/cattle sales on designed stock route—through Acacia station – Terrence Vale station.
- 21.0 Cross over grid on sealed road, see Woolton Station sign at grid. See Banana Range on left. Terrance Vale on right. Baldie Mt on right.
- 27.5 Woolton Homestead on right.
- 27.7 Boam Creek head waters. Bridge built by Interns.
- 30.0 Gravel Road.
- 31.1 Unused bridge—built by Interns. Go through gully. Windmill on right.
- 32.1 Hutchinson's Road on Right./Kandoona Station on left.
- 33.3 Hamilton's Road on left.
- 34.3 Grid. (house on hill on left)
- 36.9 VI Mile Station
- 38.7 Grid (flash one)
- 39.0 Bridge (rough with dirt on it). Cattle on both sides of road.
- 45.5 Photo opportunity of old bridge—no name, built by Interns. Phone coverage good
- 46.4 Grid Unfenced Road.
- 46.7 Old unused bridge, built by Interns, no name—water under bridge.
- 48.8 Camboon turn off on left. Gravel Road.
- 50.2 Grid. Cattle on road.
- 52.6 Mt View Station.
- 52.7 Old unused bridge, built by Interns.
- 53.0 Moocorooba Station./Glencoe Station t/o, on left.
- 55.8 Glenview Station. Dirt road, conditions ok.
- 58.7 Remnants of old bridge on left, built by Interns. Kurrajong tree on right.
- 68.6 Cracow Creek bridge. Phone coverage good.
- 69.7 Gnarl's Gully—water. Road conditions vary.
- 76.1 State Forest. Beware Timber/Cattle trucks.
- 80.0 TURN RIGHT at junction of Defence Rd—Eidsvold Rd—Cracow Rd. Sealed Rd. Phone coverage good..
- 82.5 Gravel Road. Condition ok.
- 85.8 View of Cracow from hill
- 91.1 Old Sawmill on right
- 91.2 Tawarri Station
- 92.4 Old Slaughter House on right..
- 92.8 Cracow Cemetery turn left go 200 m (3 graves face east). Return to Cracow Rd. TURN LEFT..
- 94.3 Entrance to Cracow—sealed road.
- 94.7 14th Avenue to old Cracow Hospital est 1933. Nathan Gorge Rd to left before hospital.
- 95.7 Return to Main Rd continue to George Hamilton Park (opp Pub) turn right to entrance off 10th Avenue, for a cuppa.
- 96.2 TURN RIGHT out of Park onto 10th Avenue/1st Avenue drive past old Mine Shaft (on right) remains of 1st gold mine. Left into 6th Ave on right see stand of bottle trees. Right into 3rd Ave, at top make note of unusual fence—black drums that contained crusher balls. On right note Old Operating Theatre in front of old Court House (purple). Old Dental Clinic behind Tennis Courts as turning right into 6th Avenue go over hill, good view, go to New Crest Gold Mine Accommodation at bottom of hill on right as the road turns.
- 98.0 TURN RIGHT at road junction to Theodore. Over Range New Crest Gold Mine on right. Bee Hives to right are Core Sample Trays.
- 107.2 Note on left view of Isla Gorge
- 109.3 Mt Steel on left/View to Mt Ox on right
- 115.2 Delusion Creek bridge.
- 118.0 Carmody Rd on right
- 118.6 Lagoon Station on left
- 121.1 Woolshed Station on right/Palm tree in middle of paddock on left is a flood marker.
- 122.7 Otrack Creek bridge
- 125.3 Amaroo Station on right.
- 127.2 Girrahween Station on left
- 128.0 Mt Ox on right/View to Isla Gorge on left/View to Dawson Valley-River is in the middle distance on left.
- 129.8 Mount Ox Station on right
- 130.0 Acacia Station on left.
- 131.9 Boam Creek bridge
- 133.8 Bungaree Station on right/Woolthorpe Rd on right.
- 138.0 Old Cracow Rd, on right - note gate & lane way. Before Airport.
- 138.3 Theodore Airport on right.
- 140.0 French's Rd on right/note black soil up on left, reminded immigrants of Russian soils.
- 142.8 Mackenna's Rd on right, original farmers.
- 144.7 Gibb's Rd to right/Schultz Rd on left
- 145.2 Woothorpe Rd on right
- 145.7 Castle Creek bridge.
- 146.1 Turn right at 5th Avenue/The Boulevard to Post Office.

Time: 3-4 hours.

Distance: 146.1km approx