

WYNYARD FOSSIL BLUFF & TABLE CAPE



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Start your journey at the Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition and Visitor Information Centre, where the Veteran Car display is a must see. It's Australia's largest private collection of veteran cars and includes the equal oldest Ford in the world. You'll be charmed by the rows of pre-1930 vehicles, and inspired by the passion of one man who restored them all to their former glory. Grab your maps (and some locally made treasures) and head on your way!

DISTANCE: 27km round trip

TIME: 1hr - just to drive and stop for happy snaps along the way

PLUS YOU MAY WANT TO ADD...

Fossil Bluff lookout walk : 15-20mins

Fossil Bluff beach walk and fossicking:
20 -30mins

Table Cape lookout to lighthouse walk :
30mins (return)

Table Cape Lighthouse tour: 20mins

Lobster Ponds Haven - Robins Hill Rd
Flowerdale: (open Thurs-Sun) -30mins

There are around 10km of walking tracks along the Inglis River in Wynyard – ask at the Visitor Information Centre for a map of entry points and walking distances.

DID YOU KNOW ?



FOSSIL BLUFF

The beach and cliff faces at Fossil Bluff reveal millions of years of history, like an ancient, geographical library. There's a 15 minute walk to the lookout that will reward you with spectacular views in all directions. Low tide is the best time to wander along the beach and search for evidence of life from millions of years past.

Fossilised remains found at Fossil Bluff in the mid 1800's were recorded at the time as Australia's oldest known marsupial. Found by an anonymous beachcomber, *Wynyardia Bassiana* has been dated to the early Miocene period making it around 23 million years old.

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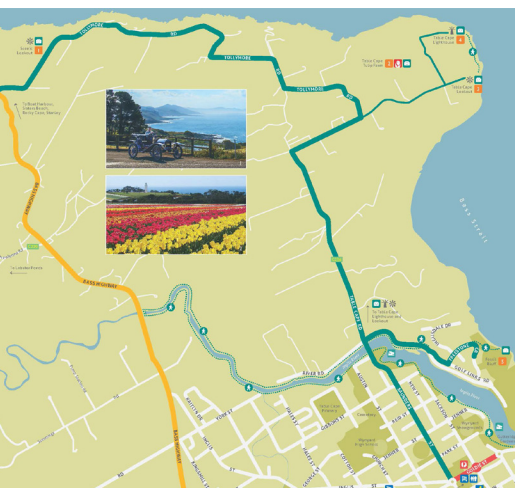


Table Cape is spectacular all year round.

TABLE CAPE LOOKOUT

On the drive up the hill to the lookout you are surrounded by lush green farmland with rich red basalt soils that nourish a multitude of colourful crops. You'll pass the Van Dieman Quality Bulbs, where during flowering season (Sept-Oct), you can call in and literally tiptoe through the tulips! Even if it's not tulip time, chances

are the fields atop Table Cape will be awash with colour from another seasonal crop such as Iris, Lilliums, Hyacinths, Poppies or Pyrethrum. At the Lookout you can literally see for miles – on a good day all the way to the mouth of the Tamar River (90km) to the east and inland to the South is Valentines Peak (45km).



TABLE CAPE LIGHTHOUSE

From the lookout, you can either drive or take the 30 minute return walk to see the Table Cape Lighthouse. Built in 1888, this is the only operating lighthouse open for tours in Tasmania. Interpretive panels tell the history of the Table Cape lighthouse, and the township that formed around it's existence. (Lighthouse precinct open all year, however tours inside the lighthouse operate only from Sept-May).

TOLLYMORE ROAD

When you've had enough of the views (you really can't get enough) head back down the hill and take the first right turn onto Tollymore Rd (C234).

One of the hidden gems of our patch, this drive takes you through rolling farmland that falls off the cliff face into Bass Strait below. Stop at the designated scenic lookout for special views to Boat Harbour and Sisters Beach in the distance.

Drive to the end of Tollymore Rd and make a choice, turn left to head back to Wynyard, (perhaps calling into the Lobster Ponds Haven at Flowerdale for a look at the Giant Freshwater Crayfish) or turn right to Boat Harbour and beyond.

(see the Seaside Villages and Rocky Cape, Dip Falls and Stanley road trips).