

Rural Safari 2019

Guide



What is it?

Based in Crows Nest (QLD), the Rural Safari 2018 is a family friendly GPS based navigation event consisting of waypoints distributed along a course of over 200 km of some of South East Queensland's best and least travelled rural shire roads.

Where is it?

The event will be based at Crows Nest Caravan Park. Teams will set off and return to the Caravan park.



Rolling Countryside

When is it?

First car will leave at 8am on Saturday 3rd August 2019. Expected to be out all day. Although the event is open to everyone, we will be camping from Friday through to Sunday at the caravan park, and encourage you to do the same to make the best of the social aspect of the weekend.

How do I do it?

With your team of enthusiastic helpers, you will be given a list of waypoints to self-navigate around (they are in a logical sequential order) and a question and answer sheet (road book).



Fierce Competition

Other Facts and Fiction

Bonus Clues

Each correct standard answer will earn the team some essential points. There will also be some secret bonus clues to top up your account, after the excitement of last year, I daren't tell you how exciting it's going to be.

You will need to keep be awake on the day and ensure your crew is fully charged overnight too.

Trust No one, Observe Everything

People in the past (and present) seem to believe that I have a bit of an evil streak, and may setup hidden bonuses. To prove them all wrong, just make sure you look properly at everything and together we can put those rumors to rest.

Fuel

Please make sure you have plenty of fuel on board to power your Geo-Wagon for the duration, remember the course runs in excess of 200kms and that is before you all start squabbling and want to backtrack. Having said that, there are a couple of emergency fuel stops just off course, which are way pointed in the GPX file.

Low on Power

There are very few emergency chocolate stops along the way, so would encourage you to come well prepared. Last minute rations can be picked up at the beginning of the event from Crows Nest itself. There will be one other option, but it is very limited and will require a 10 minute detour each way. Time will be a factor for this event.

Photography

I will again trying out my photography skills, I will attempt to mingle through the convoy for the duration of the event in an effort to get photos of everybody having fun, please ensure that you smile and travel past slowly so as not to blur the shot.



Vehicles

It is recommended that a high clearance vehicle capable of driving gravel roads is used. This year's event has brought out a few rougher roads, so **EXTRA CARE IS REQUIRED** through some sections. Drive within your own abilities. The course was set on one of the regions wettest days, so the roads should stand up well even in the event of rain leading up to the event. A briefing on road conditions will precede the event.

Speed

Definitely Not! This event is designed to allow participants to drive comfortably within the speed limits for each of the roads required. There is provision for breaks, however if you do find that you have been lingering over the view for too long, simply stop lingering so long. Distance to completion is marked on your road books, so you will be able to keep an eye on how you are progressing.



Public Roads

All roads to be traversed are public roads. This means that other road users **WILL** be on the road, **AND WILL** be coming the other way. Some of the local traffic may not expect you to be coming the other way so make sure you leave plenty of room. **DO NOT STOP** in hazardous locations. Any place that you may need to get out of your vehicle will have space for you to do so safely, but keep your eyes open.

Waypoints

All waypoints are plotted from within the vehicle. The waypoints are not pin-point accurate, they are at locations in the proximity of the clue. Once a waypoint is reached, look out of the window, not at the GPS. The question in your road book should help you narrow down what you are looking for. There are a few locations where you will need to get out of your vehicle, ensure you pull over safely to the side of the road and you watch for your passengers exiting.

