



Metropolitan Speleological Society

GETTING TO CLIEFDEN

[All distances are approximate.]

From Bathurst:

Follow the signs for Cowra. The Great Western Highway ends at a roundabout at the top of Stewart Street. Continue straight ahead (South). The road becomes the Mid Western Highway. The next town you pass through will be Blayney (38 km). You will pass by Carcoar (14 km) and then arrive at Mandurama (11 km).

From Mandurama:

Turn Right — onto the road signposted “Canowindra” — I think it is called the “Belubula Way” (one block past the Mandurama Pub).

Follow for 16 kilometres.

Turn right — onto “Boonderoo Road” (historic ‘Cliefden’ property is opposite on the left hand side – if you cross Limestone Creek you have gone too far).

Follow for approx. 5 km.

[Drive carefully – the road is gravel with blind crests and corners, locals might not be expecting traffic either.]

Turn left — onto “Davies Creek Rd.” The signpost also indicates ‘Woolshed’ and ‘Cliefden Hut’.

Follow for approx. 2 km.

After the second grid, there is a cottage on the right hand side. The ‘Woolshed’ and ‘Cliefden Hut’ are opposite, on the left hand side. (If you drive through a creek you have gone too far).

Turn left — drive through the gate (making sure to close it if it was closed) past the yards and woolshed. The hut is straight ahead.

FUEL: If you need to refuel on the way— if the metropolitan price cycle is at the bottom of the cycle, petrol will be cheapest at Medlow Bath United on the mountains. If the price cycle is at the upper end of the cycle, refuel at the service station at Yetholme (Williamson’s Springs) about 25km east of Bathurst. In Bathurst, United at the corner of Durham (highway) and William Streets, is the next cheapest (at the top of the cycle both these service stations will usually be cheaper than most metropolitan stations). William Street is the main street in Bathurst – there is also a Coles supermarket nearby.

If you are travelling up on Saturday there are some good bakeries along the main street at Blayney and a supermarket one block to the east of the highway. At Mandurama there is a General Store /Cafe; and a service station at the other end of town.

If you are looking for something else to do while in the area, check out the ‘Age of Fishes’ Museum at Canowindra (approx. 27 km further along the Belubula Way).



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