



Day Trip to Hallett

Discover a different world



Hallett is only 20 minutes from Burra on the way to the Flinders Ranges and Broken Hill - and sits at the hub of three great trails: Heysen (walking), Mawson (cycling) and the Dares Hill Tourist Drive. It's a historic little town, settled in 1842 by John and Alfred Hallett on a pastoral run called "Willogoleche". The main streets of Hallett take the names of the brothers and the side streets the names of their children.

Hallett is the birthplace of the famous explorer and aviator of the northern polar area, Sir Hubert Wilkins. His cottage has been lovingly restored to its former glory and can be visited at Mt Bryan East. Hallett is the hub of a great day trip from Burra, why don't you:



1. Get a packed lunch from the Burra Bakery or the Cook-a-Burra, and maybe some treats from the Burra Lolly Shop.
2. Drive through Burra North and head to Hallett on the Barrier Highway.
3. Stop and take photos of the Midnight Oil house opposite Leighton Road.
4. Drop in and have a drink at the Mt Bryan Hotel (great meals there too, but ring ahead because they're often full). While you're in Mt Bryan, wander over the road and have a look at the Wind Turbine blade – it's HUGE!
5. Head north out of Mt Bryan, the Hallett hills are to your left and Razorback to your right.
6. When you get to Hallett, drop in at the Minimart and pick up a Hallett walking map, a map for the Dares Hill Drive and a key to Hubert Wilkins cottage. Their coffee is good too.
7. If you haven't had lunch, call in at the Wildongoleeche (Wild Dog) Hotel - open Wednesday to Sunday.

There are no services on the Dares Hill Tourist Drive, so make sure you have petrol, food and water the Minimart will help you out (it's open 8-6 weekdays and 9-12 Saturdays).

8. Walk over to the 'Do Drop In' Op Shop – it's a lovely reminder of times past, and you're sure to get a bargain.
9. Drive or walk around Hallett, there are lots of historic buildings, and you're welcome to have a tour of our lovely Hall and History collection, ask at the Minimart.
10. HIDDEN TREASURE – there's a brand new playground, and our pool is open to the public if it's hot. We know you can't see them easily, but we're working on that!
11. Head east on Jessie Street and follow the signs to the Dares Hill Tourist Drive and Sir Hubert Wilkins Cottage. The Dares Hill Drive takes 2-3 hours, but it's worth going slowly and getting a feel for this amazing country. It's a working station, so leave gates as you find them, and don't go into the buildings.
12. When you get to Ketchowla Creek, park the car and go for a walk – there are Aboriginal (Nadgeri) rock carvings all through the creek area, you can feel the spirit of the place.
13. The Dares Hill Tourist Drive finishes at Terowie, which was a large railway town in times gone by. Take a tour of the main street, it's a photographer's paradise.
14. Head back to Hallett, drop your key into the Minimart and let them know you're back safely. Drive around the corner to the Wildongoleeche (Wild Dog) hotel and have cool drink and a bite to eat. There's accommodation too, so stretch your stay to 2 days.
15. It's only 20 minutes back to Burra.

There's a really good guide to the Dares Hill Tourist Drive at:
http://www.exploroz.com/TrekNotes/Adel/Dares_Hill_Tourist_Drive.aspx