

Mole Creek – Wilderness, on the Edge

Suggested Itinerary

Central Plateau Circuit Drive

- Set off from Mole Creek along Caveside Road and enjoy a drive along the foothills of the Great Western Tiers, through the villages of Caveside and Western Creek – joining the Lakes Highway just south of Deloraine
- Make your way through Golden Valley, starting your ascent up to the Central Plateau and turn left at the sign to Liffey Falls, where you may like to enjoy a picnic morning tea and a one and a half hour return walk through the Tasmanian Myrtle and Man Fern forest alongside the Liffey Fall cascades
- Continue your drive up to the Central Plateau and, on a clear day, enjoy wonderful views across the appropriately named Golden Valley
- At the start of the Central Plateau, you will discover the largest of Tasmania's Hydro Electric dams – the Great Lake - set in the stark and beautiful mountain heath that characterizes the plant life of the Central Highlands
- The unsealed road on the western side of Great Lake takes you to Miena junction, where you may continue your exploration of the area by taking a right turn towards Bronte Park and Derwent Bridge, where a not to be missed highlight is the wonderful Huon Pine carvings of 'The Wall'; the entrance to the Lake St Clair National Park is 10 minutes from here and light lunches and refreshments are served at the Park café
- Return to Miena and continue the circuit around Great Lake, making your descent from the Plateau via Poatina, then on to trout-themed Cressy, then Longford where afternoon tea awaits at the famous historic Woolmers Estate, which also boasts the wonderful National Rose Garden (best viewed late November through March)
- Return to Mole Creek via the old Bass Highway and enjoy the villages of Carrick - home to the Aladdin's Cave-like Tasmanian Copper and Metal Art Gallery, Westbury and Deloraine basking in the magical late afternoon light adorning the island