

Mole Creek – Wilderness, on the Edge

Suggested Itinerary

North West big day out : Sheffield – Leven Canyon – Gunns Plains – Penguin – Devonport – Mole Creek

- About 4 km west of Mole Creek, take the right fork past the Mole Creek Caravan Park and admire the views of the Gog Range ahead
- Cross the Mersey River and commence your ascent through the Gog State Forest and enjoy the winding drive through a mix of native forest and plantation through to Paradise, which will afford you spectacular views of magnificent Mount Roland
- When you reach the Cradle Mountain Road junction, turn right towards Sheffield, the Town of Murals; a walk around the town will give you the flavour of the wonderful energy invested in this country town and you will find a good choice of coffee options among the many cafés
- Continue through Sheffield towards Devonport and, at the signpost to Palooa Dam, turn left; the drive through Wilmot, Upper Castra and Nietta is scenic and interesting and lunch at the Kaydale Gardens is a must; meet one of the area's great families, enjoy a generous home-cooked country lunch, check out their stunning garden and enjoy a walk down Leven Canyon before leaving the area
- Return now to Nietta and take the left turn to Gunns Plains, where one of Tasmania's most beautiful valleys opens up before you; continue through the valley and, if you still have time, take the left turn to Penguin and enjoy the coastal gardens and railway line along Tasmania's picturesque northern coastline
- Return to Mole Creek along Bass Highway via Devonport – approximately one and a half hours
- If you still have time, stop in at Anvers Chocolates in Latrobe for a delicious energy booster on your way back to Mole Creek