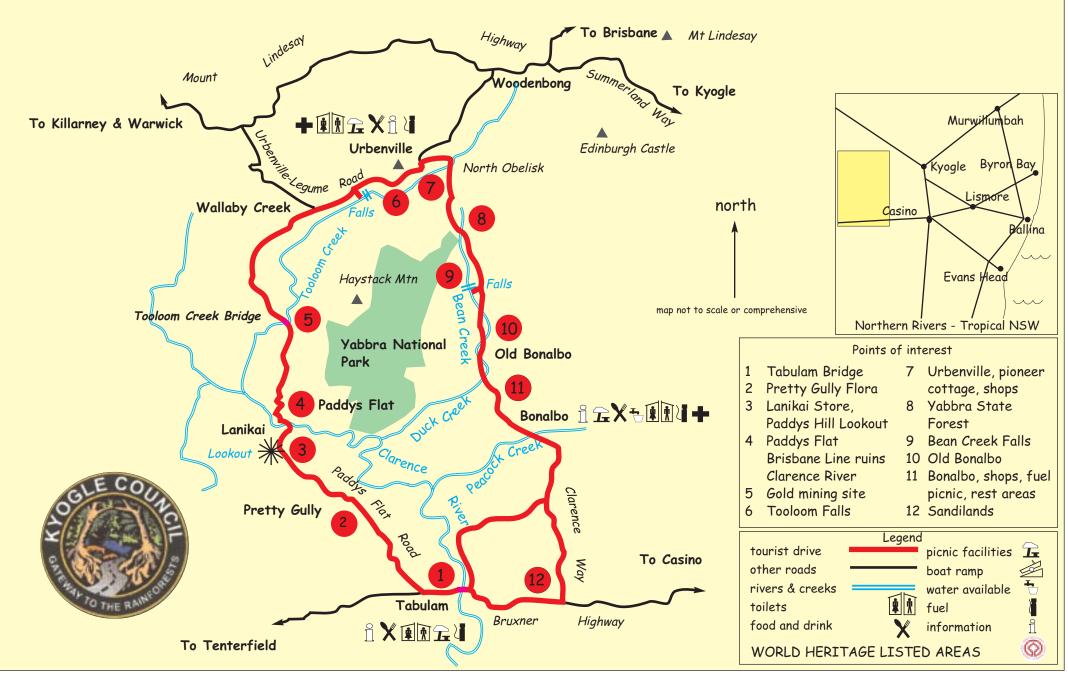
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This drive is accessed from the Mt Lindesay Highway or the Bruxner Highway. Total distance is 131 km - a 1 day drive with 45km of gravel road suitable for vehicles which have reasonable clearance. From Tabulam, travel west over **Tabulam Bridge** (1902), one of the longest timber truss bridges ever built in Australia. At the river look for beautiful black swans. Travel 3km on the Bruxner Highway, watching on the left for jabirus. Turn right along Paddys Flat Road, and after 21km come to **Pretty Gully**, which was named for the subtropical rainforest forming a lush canopy over this spring fed creek. Four hundred metres from the start of the bitumen is the entrance to Pretty Gully Flora Reserve. Two kilometres further on the crest of the hill gain glimpses of Mt Barney to the north. Descend carefully to the Clarence River. 2km down the hill, **Lanikai** has a small shop selling local arts and crafts, and also has camping facilities with bush walks, birdwatching and gold panning. Phone 6666 1272. View the scenery from Paddys Hill. On your right large grass trees (Xanthorrhoea sp) grace the rocky outcrop. After a 4km descent to the river, World War II "tank traps", which are concrete pyramids, can be seen downstream of the bridge. The Clarence River west from Paddys Flat was part of the "Brisbane Line", to protect people living south of this area from invasion. As the road climbs to the top of the Tooloom Range pass the Clarence River Wilderness Lodge, with canoeing, bush walks and gold panning, phone 6665 1337. 15km from Paddys Flat is a low level timber bridge crossing **Tooloom Creek**, a major tributary of the Clarence River. Gold strikes were made in the 1880s and even today the odd "colour" can be found. Continue through farmland and forest plantations to the Urbenville/Legume Road. Turn right, and after 10 km reach **Tooloom Falls** on your right. The NPWS maintain a picnic and camping area at the spectacular Tooloom Falls, which are 8 metres high and drop into a broad deep pool. Tooloom Falls, a significant site, in the area, has been declared an Aboriginal place. Approaching Urbenville, view the Ford Timbers Mill on the left hand side. The timber industry has been an economic mainstay of the

region for generations. Entering the village, on the right is the **Pioneer Cottage**; to inspect ring 6634 1254. Period buildings

add to the village's unique character. You will find fuel, groceries, hotel and arts and crafts. Remains of the Focal Peak Volcano dominate the Urbenville countryside, and the imposing peaks of Sth Obelisk, Nth Obelisk and Edinburgh Castle break the skyline. Leaving the town follow the signs to Tabulam. After 6 km, enter Yabbra State Forest where stately flooded gums (E. grandis) stand like ghosts with their white trunks. On the left 1km into the forest is a picnic stop with BBQ and toilets. Take a 10 minute walk to view stately figs and a large red cedar. 14km from Urbenville turn right to Bean Creek Falls. 1km down this road, the falls give a spectacular view, remnant rainforest being a magnificent backdrop. Old Bonalbo is a picturesque village with an interpretation board with a regional map, and views of Nooligah, or Haystack Mountain, a heritage site for Aboriginal people. Bonalbo is 13km south from Old Bonalbo, with old growth red gums on the Village Common and Showground, home to many bird species. Fuel, food, picnic tables and toilet facilities in town are available. 10km south of Bonalbo turn right onto Tabulam Road to return to Tabulam, or continue to Sandilands locality, to meet the Bruxner Highway. Here are picnic tables and a disabled access toilet. Inspect the artistry of the carved Peace Totems. For further info visit the website: www.cleanandgreen.com.au

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PART OF THE RICHMOND & CLARENCE VALLEYS.

'GATEWAY TO THE RAINFORESTS'

Kyogle Council area is unique, with many National Parks including the Border Rangers offering wonderful opportunities to enjoy Australia's natural beauty. The upper reaches of the Richmond and Clarence Rivers make this a stunning area to visit. Join the many people experiencing the beauty of Kyogle, the Gateway to the Rainforests, superb scenic drives, great picnic grounds, bush walking, camping and off road experiences.

Just two hours from most north coast seaside centres will find you in the heart of the rainforest!

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