

Directions to Blue Wren Cottage 31 Sullivan Street, Towong

Travel Tips to Towong via Corryong

The drive from Melbourne to Towong will take between 4.75 & 5 hours, following the Hume Freeway and the Murray Valley Highway. This is by the far the quickest and easiest route from Melbourne. From Melbourne, get onto the Western Ring Road and then onto the Hume highway. I recommend a break in your drive just past Glenrowan, at the BP garage and McDonalds (should be about 2.5 hours from your place). That way you may not need to stop again.

Options as you approach Wodonga

If it's after 8.00pm and you need petrol:

- Take the first turn-off to Wodonga and stay on the main road. Pass straight through a round-about and after about 1km there is a 24hr Mobile garage on the left, opposite a Toyota dealer. After you've filled up, continue along the main road in the same direction and pass through several round-about. Turn right at the T – intersection and left at the main round-about towards 'Snowfields, Tallangatta and Mt Beauty'. Follow the signs towards Tallangatta and then Corryong.

If you don't need to stop or it's before 8.00pm and you need petrol:

- Don't take the first Wodonga turn off - keep heading towards Albury. At the second Wodonga turn off (also to Albury) turn right (you go under the bridge and head towards Wodonga and Tallangatta). After 800m, turn left at the first traffic lights (towards 'Tallangatta' and 'the snowfields'), unless you need the shops. In that case go straight through the lights. The last garage for petrol is a Caltex at a round-a-bout, just before you leave the outskirts of Wodonga (it closes around 8.00pm). Follow the signs towards Tallangatta - eventually you see a Corryong sign (you won't have to make any further turns)!

You won't get petrol between Wodonga & Corryong before 8 am and after about 6 pm. LPG is available at Corryong at the Caltex on the Wodonga edge of town.

Depending on weather and traffic, Corryong takes between 75 & 90 minutes from Wodonga. Towong is a further 7 mins past Corryong. Local radio stations are 104.9, 105.7, 106.5 (ABC) & 99.7 (ABC).

If travelling past Wodonga as dusk approaches (or later), take special care on the section of road after Tallangatta, especially between Bulioh and Shelly. It is notorious for many forms of wildlife including roo's, emus, wombats and deer. Many locals won't drive through there at night. It's not that bad, but Pete recommends reduces your speed through there (70-80)! The worst of it is over after the long descent.

In winter, the previous section of road (between Koetong and Shelly) is subject to heavy fog, ice and snow. Many of the corners can be slippery all day. Just be a bit cautious. In the warmer weather it's a great drive!

You will lose mobile reception for some of the drive across to Corryong. Unless you have a CDMA phone, you will not get reception at Towong. Our cabin phone number is (02) 6076 8390. *Pete & Sandy's mobiles do not get reception at their cabin.*

When you get to Corryong, stay on the main road and pass through the town without making any turns.

About 5km out of Corryong you will see a main road turn-off on your right (sign posted Snowy Mountains Area and Khancoban). **Don't turn here** – keep going straight ahead. After another 5km the road makes a sharp left hand turn towards Walwa. Don't follow the main road, but go straight ahead towards Tumbarumba.

After 700m (before you come to a bridge across the Murray River) turn right into Sullivan St. Our property is number 31 which is on the left hand side, about 750m from the intersection.

From the north

If you are approaching Towong from Tumut and Tumbarumba, head towards Khancoban. 21km from Khancoban turn right into Towong Rd. This intersection is sign posted 'Corryong 15k' and 'Towong 5k'.

Cross over the Murray River on a wooden bridge, turn right and then left into Sullivan St after 150 metres.

Happy and safe driving.....