GREAT WESTERN TIERS

The Great Western Tiers is a place of diverse beauty with spectacular natural features, history and heritage and amazing geological features.

START: Launceston
DURATION: 1 to 2 days
NATIONAL PARKS ON THIS ROUTE:
- Mole Creek Karst National Park

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Launceston - Deloraine

- Depart Launceston
- Driving west, visit the historic towns of Carrick, Hadspen and Hagley.
- At Hadspen, wander through Entally House, one of Tasmania’s oldest National Trust properties.
- Travel through Hagley and on to Westbury, renowned for its English country character with its variety of wonderful colonial architecture
- Opposite the White House is the town’s original Village Green, complete with maypole and stocks.
- The legacy of Westbury’s 19th century rural and town settlement is also evident in an extensive array of vintage machinery at Pearn’s Steam World and the Vintage Tractor Museum.
- Near Westbury is Liffey Falls, a series of picturesque waterfalls in a beautiful rainforest setting, with easy walking tracks and good picnic facilities.
- From Liffey Falls, travel on to Deloraine or return to Westbury.
- Deloraine is a classified historic town on the pretty Meander River, located in the foothills of the Great Western Tiers. The town is well known for its classic Tasmanian crafts, artwork and quality designs in fabric, glass, stoneware and jewellery, all available at local galleries.
- Look out for the sculpture that forms the start of the Sculpture Trail comprising 15 unique artworks in Deloraine, Mole Creek and the surrounding areas.
- As an afternoon treat, sample raspberries and cheeses at the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm and Ashgrove Cheese on the main highway via Elizabeth Town.

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Deloraine is an established major arts and craft centre, hosting Australia’s largest working craft fair in late October-early November each year. (Book well in advance if you intend to stay in the vicinity during the fair.)

There are various accommodation options in Deloraine, Westbury, Mole Creek and the surrounding areas, and a number of friendly restaurants, cafes and hotels.

Deloraine - Cradle Mountain

From Deloraine drop into the 41 Degrees South Salmon and Ginseng Farm at Redhills. Take a self-guided walk around the grounds and feed the fish, plus there’s a café and tasting area.

Then on to Melita Honey Farm in Chudleigh (closed Saturdays) and taste some of its 50 delicious honey varieties and watch the busy bees in the glass beehive inside.

Between Chudleigh and Mole Creek, is the Alum Cliffs State Reserve, where you can take a quiet country stroll to a forest lookout perched high above the Mersey River.

Further along the road, you’ll pass through Mole Creek which has a number of eateries to stop for lunch or enjoy a picnic on the grassed area on the main street.

Next, be amazed by the Mole Creek Caves in the Mole Creek Karst National Park. Marakoopa and King Solomon’s caves both contain age-old formations — a visit to one or both is a must.

Marakoopa Cave is an extensive lime wet-stone cave featuring underground streams, glow worms, a rim pool and stone formations. King Solomon’s is a dry cave featuring spectacular shawls, stalactites and stalagmites. Guided tours of the caves take about 45 minutes each.

Above ground, take another beautiful short walk to Devils Gullet. Even the 14 km drive along the Marakoopa Caves, Mole Creek Karst National Park unsealed road to the start of the walk is picturesque, with stunning views over cliffs to the Fisher River valley.

From the lookout at the end of the walk, an amazing 180-degree panorama spreads out before you, extending all the way to the famous peaks of the Cradle Mountain–Lake St Clair National Park. The walk is approximately 40 minutes return.

If returning via Mole Creek, complete your day at Trowunna Wildlife Park, a little more than halfway to Chudleigh. As well as many other native species, you’ll see Tasmanian devils being hand-fed, get to pat a koala and hold a baby wombat.

Alternatively, finish your day at Cradle Mountain via Paradise, an additional 90-minute drive from Mole Creek.