

Historic Mount Morgan

Situated on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, Rockhampton is renowned for its elegant streetscapes with majestic sandstone buildings. Rocky is the best of both city and country life, offering authentic and easy-going country hospitality, as well as city-standard shopping, dining and a wide range of entertainment options.

Make the most of your visit to our vibrant City and follow our 'Explore Rockhampton' Trail...



1. Mt Morgan Railway Museum & Visitor Information Centre

(Railway Parade, 35 minute drive from Rockhampton)

The Railway Museum was built in 1898 and gives visitors an insight into the historic buildings and rail memorabilia. Step into a restored railway carriage and watch a 3D screening of the old history of the 'rack' system, used for hauling steam trains up the steep inclines of the Razorback Mountain in the 1800s.

Open 9am -4pm daily.
Rockhampton. Phone: 07 4936 1655.



2. Private Victor Stanley Jones Suspension Bridge

(Byrnes Parade, 2 minutes after the Mount Morgan Railway Museum)

The Dee River, was once lined with a number of Mt Morgan's famous Swinging Bridges, with the first constructed in the 1890s. Six of these unique bridges were constructed over the Dee River; built to ensure easy access between the town and mine site. Sadly, no originals remain today. A replica can be found, however, across the river connecting Byrnes Parade to East Street; giving those who cross a feel for the old mining days.



3. State High School

(2 minute drive from Private Victor Stanley Jones Suspension Bridge)

The Mount Morgan State High School was erected in 1908 to teach the technical skills and trades of mining. The college became a high school in 1912, when the demand for skilled miners decreased. The high school was Queensland's first high school and had 127 pupils. The State High School still operates today on the corner of Central and Dee Streets.

Mine
guided tour only

Mine Entrance



6. Arthur Timms Lookout

(Pattison Street, 5 minute drive from Masonic Temple)

From the Arthur Timms Lookout you get a spectacular view of the town and the mine that was once a mountain. Looking north over the top of town, you can see the Burnett Highway cross the Dee River and head off for Rockhampton. Turn westward until you encounter the Big Stack.



5. Masonic Temple

(Gordon Street, 5 minute drive from Historical Museum)

This 1903 Masonic Temple demonstrates the growth and prominence of Mount Morgan in the early 20th century and the spread of Freemasonry throughout Queensland. The temple was erected for 1,500 pounds by the Newman Brothers of Rockhampton, and can be found on Gordon Street.



7. Mt Morgan Cemetery

(5 minute drive from Arthur Timms Lookout)

The town's cemetery reflects the hard times and numerous disasters that have plagued Mount Morgan over the years. Stories of industrial accidents and disease outbreaks litter the rows of tombstones. The Linda Memorial, located in the cemetery, was erected in 1909 to commemorate the 26 men who died in the mine between 1894 and 1909. The cemetery also contains the Chinese Heung Lew or prayer oven. The cemetery is located just off Coronation Drive.



8. The Big Dam

Before departing Mount Morgan be sure to visit "The Big Dam", the last and largest of seven dams built on the Dee River. The Big Dam, as it is locally known, has always been a favourite picnic area.



4. Historical Museum

(Morgan Street, 2 minute drive from High School)

Located in the main street of Mount Morgan, the Mount Morgan Historical Museum has an extensive collection of classic pieces and photographs tracing the history of Mount Morgan from its early pioneering days through to the gold rush and settlement period.

Open 9am-4pm daily.