

Leave parking bay turn right along Moorundie St to Eudunda Rd, turn right.

Leave Truro along bitumen road.

1. **Land Sales.** Land in this area was sold to farmers in the mid 1850-60s.
2. From hill view of Dutton Plain right. Bluish flat section between hills on right in the distance is the Murray Flats.

At bottom of hill turn right at Valley Farm Road.

3. **Farm House** (left). Note number of separate buildings (with chimneys) used as sleeping quarters. House built c. 1900.

PINE HUT

4. Division fence line (left) before reaching house on right is **Site of Pine Hut Church—School**. Lutheran church services held here 1865-71. School 1863 to 1879.
5. **Farm complex** right. Old home and stone sheds with newer home built 1912, dam, windmill and former vegetable & fruit garden.

At T-junction turn left.

6. **Farm complex**, left. Old home built 1850s. This home was originally a two roomed cottage, then 2 more rooms added and additions on the back. The room on the front right and the room behind were first. The older construction has no brick surrounds around the windows and doors as the later section on left has. The wall division is easily seen. Lutheran church services were held in this home from 1863 until 1865 when they were held in the church-school. On left is 1890s home with additional home built at rear a decade or so later. The two homes did not join. Whole complex has been empty for 50 years.

Mt. Rufus Range in the distance, front left. Mt Rufus with towers.

Continue to next road and turn left to Dutton (not signposted). Township is hidden in trees.

DUTTON named after Francis Dutton, pastoralist of Anlaby who had a pastoral lease in this area. Township surveyed in 1866, first homes in 1869.

7. **First House**, right, Minister's residence built 1892.
8. **Church complex**. L to R, school, teacher's residence, bell tower, church, cemetery at rear. **School**, Lutheran 1876-1917 reopened as Government School 1917 to 1955. **Teacher's residence** 1876. **Belltower** 1891. Two bells brought out from Germany. Has religious symbols on weather vane. Bells set in gum tree posts. **Church**. St John's Lutheran, built 1871. Interior still has old German mural on front wall and pulpit above the altar. **Cemetery** has a number of old iron railings around graves and steel crosses made at local blacksmith.
9. **House**, right. Described as the "first substantial home in Dutton", built in 1869. Was first Lutheran Minister's residence.
10. **House**, left. Former carpenter shop and residence.

11. **Blacksmith**, right 1875-1940s. Note buttresses for wall support on back wall.

At T-junction turn right over Pine Hut Creek

12. **Memorial**, left—erected for SA Jubilee 150, 1986.
13. **Cottage**, right 1870s
14. **Former store**, built in 1869, closed 1955, included post office 1873-1955 and telephone exchange 1921-1955.
15. **House**, storekeeper's residence.

Turn right into Habel Street. Several old original and restored cottages.

16. **Former Church**, left. Congregational Church 1879-1958. All the other buildings on this site are 1970s-90s construction.

Turn around and return to Eudunda Road, cross over toward St Kitts.

17. **Former Church**, right. Holy Cross Lutheran Church 1900-1972.. A school was conducted in the stone room at the rear of the church 1900-1913.
18. **Three pine trees**, left. Site of Government school 1880-1903. This was a transportable wood and iron building.
19. **Stock route** right. The land between the Eudunda bitumen road and the next on right was a Travelling Stock Route (road) which came from the north of SA. It was surveyed into working men's blocks in the mid 1880s, as these wide roads were no longer used for travelling stock due to the inland railway system built by then.
20. **Water reserve** left. There are permanent springs in the Pine Hut Creek and the Government proclaimed this area as a large water reserve for the use of the townspeople and the herds of cattle and sheep using the stock route.

To right in distance, Mt Rufus with towers.

Continue on—turn at first left (not up hill) and over creek for 3 km, turn right at Noack Road (three pine trees near corner). Continue on Noack Road to cross road at Tableland Road. Mt Rufus with tower on right.

This area is **ST KITTS NORTH**.

ST KITTS was settled by farmers who were Sorbs (or Wends as they were known in Australia) from Saxony in Germany in the mid 1850s-60s.

The Wends had their own language and culture, but to assimilate with other German neighbours and attend the Lutheran church they learnt German. No evidence of Wendish culture is left.

There are a number of tombstones in both cemeteries bearing Wendish names (with inscriptions in German) —Biar, Biele, Doecke, Freund, Jenke, Kleinig and Noack .

St. Kitts is high country and was very intensely farmed. Every bit of arable land was cleared and trees were only left along the creeks, rocky hill tops and roads. The hilltops and creeks were fenced off to allow the cows and horses to graze and not get into the crops, thus utilizing every piece of ground.

Another feature of this area is a number of the farms are of the European design with a courtyard—houses and sheds face into a central yard and not with the house facing road, with sheds to side and rear (see 22 below).

At Tableland Road junction turn left. As you travel this road views of the Barossa range are seen in the distance to the front.

21. **Stone Arch bridge** (down hill). Built in 1868 it is a monument to the stonemason and is a tradesman's work of art. It is typical of a number in the district. (Unfortunately it is difficult to see under the bridge because of shrubbery.)
22. **Farm complex**, right. Excellent example of European courtyard complex. House does not face road but to stone sheds. Of note is stone square tank, well and detached kitchen from house on right
23. **Farm complex** in paddock, left, courtyard. These homes were built in the 1870s.

Past cross road to top of hill .5km. Paddocks on both sides have evidence of hillsides being fenced off.

24. **Former school site**, left. Government School 1919-1962. School yard was rough and hilly. Wall remains is of tennis court. Children played through the fence in neighbour's paddock.
25. **St Paul's Cemetery and church**, right. Church 1904-1949.
26. **St Petri Lutheran Church** left, 1910-2000. This church replaced an original church/school of 1869 on this site. In front of church is natural bush, never been cleared.

At corner, turn left (not through creek).

27. **Cemetery**. Through gate on corner, drive up hill. Old graves of Wendish pioneers of this area.

From cemetery gate corner travel to T at Wendish Road, turn right on St Kitts West Road, through ford St Kitts Creek.

28. **Stand of native pine trees**, right. These trees were used extensively for house building 150 years ago.

Continue through creek again to road on right (Kapunda 26); .5 km further on were phosphate quarries).

At Kapunda 26 (road name not signposted) turn right and continue along this road not turning onto side roads.

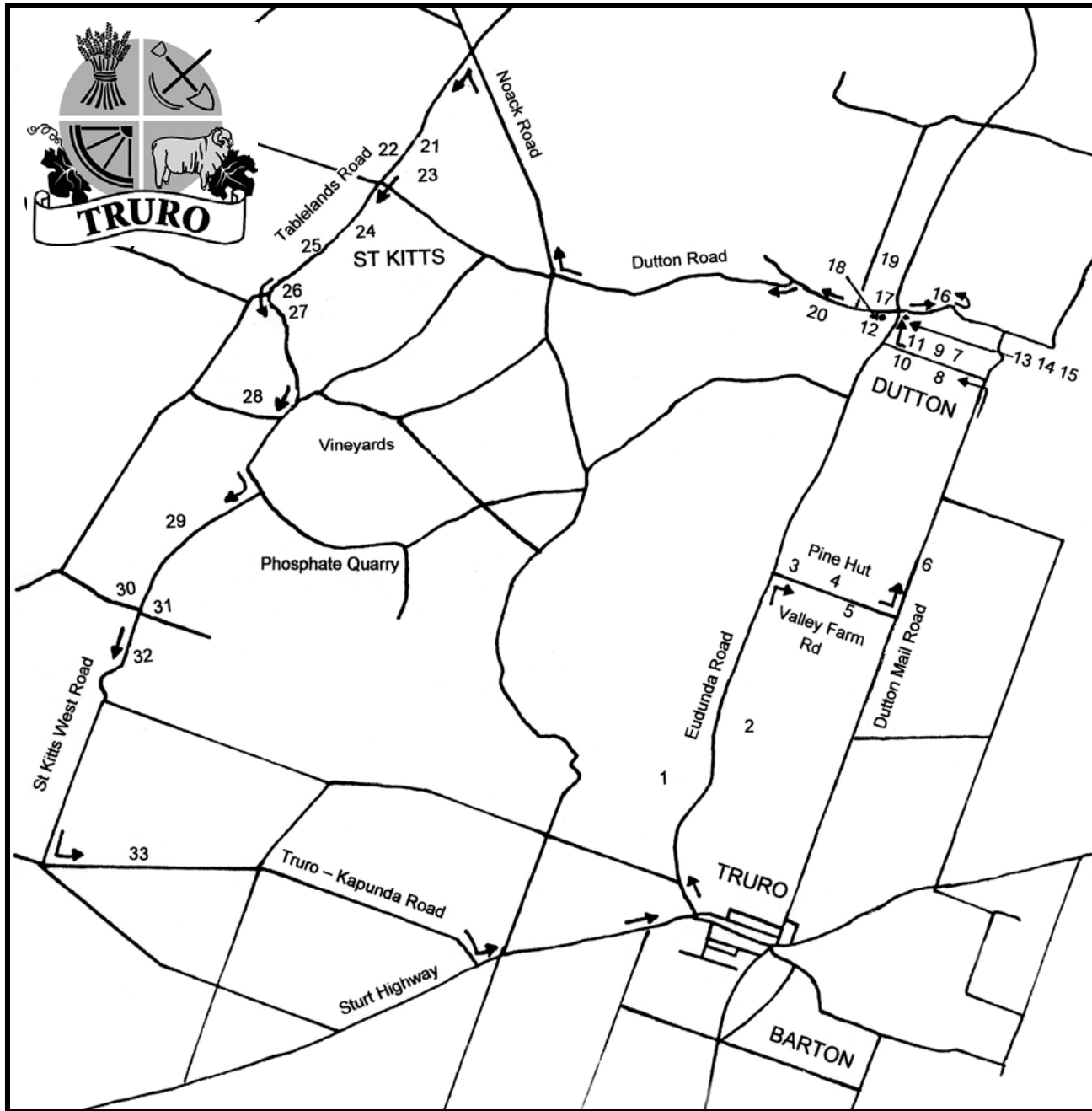
29. **House** on right. Note built of distinctive local reddish stone.
30. **House** on right is old home of 1850s built very close to the St Kitts Creek. There is a permanent spring here from

which many settlers carted water.

- 31. **Farm complex**, left. Courtyard. Note old stone and straw sheds.
- 32. **Old house** built 1860s, left. Note high stone shed and stone wall in front of house.

At bitumen (Truro-Kapunda Road) turn left.

- 33. **Ruins** of old home, left. Note room built into hillside, fruit trees and shrubs. Home built near creek because of water availability.



Drive to the Unique Historic township of **Dutton** and Wendish Settlement of **St Kitts**



St John's Lutheran Church, Dutton, Built 1871. (Photo c. 1900)

Length: 31.5 km Driving Time: approx 50 min

Note: 20km of this drive is on good gravel road. Care to be taken.
In winter some sections to be taken with care.
No back tracks on this drive.

Further information available in the book:
"Truro The Travellers Rest" by Reg Munchenberg
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