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# The Copper Route



## Details



Circuit



Distance - 458km



Pub Stops - 5



Duration - 1-3 days



Drive time - 7hrs

The 'Copper Route' takes you from the Pubs of Cobar through Canbelego to Nymagee, down to the Lachlan River at Euabalong, across to Mount Hope, and back to Cobar.



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The Copper Route travels through some of Australia's most ambitious and expectant copper and gold mining enterprises and the once-bustling settlements which grew up around them.

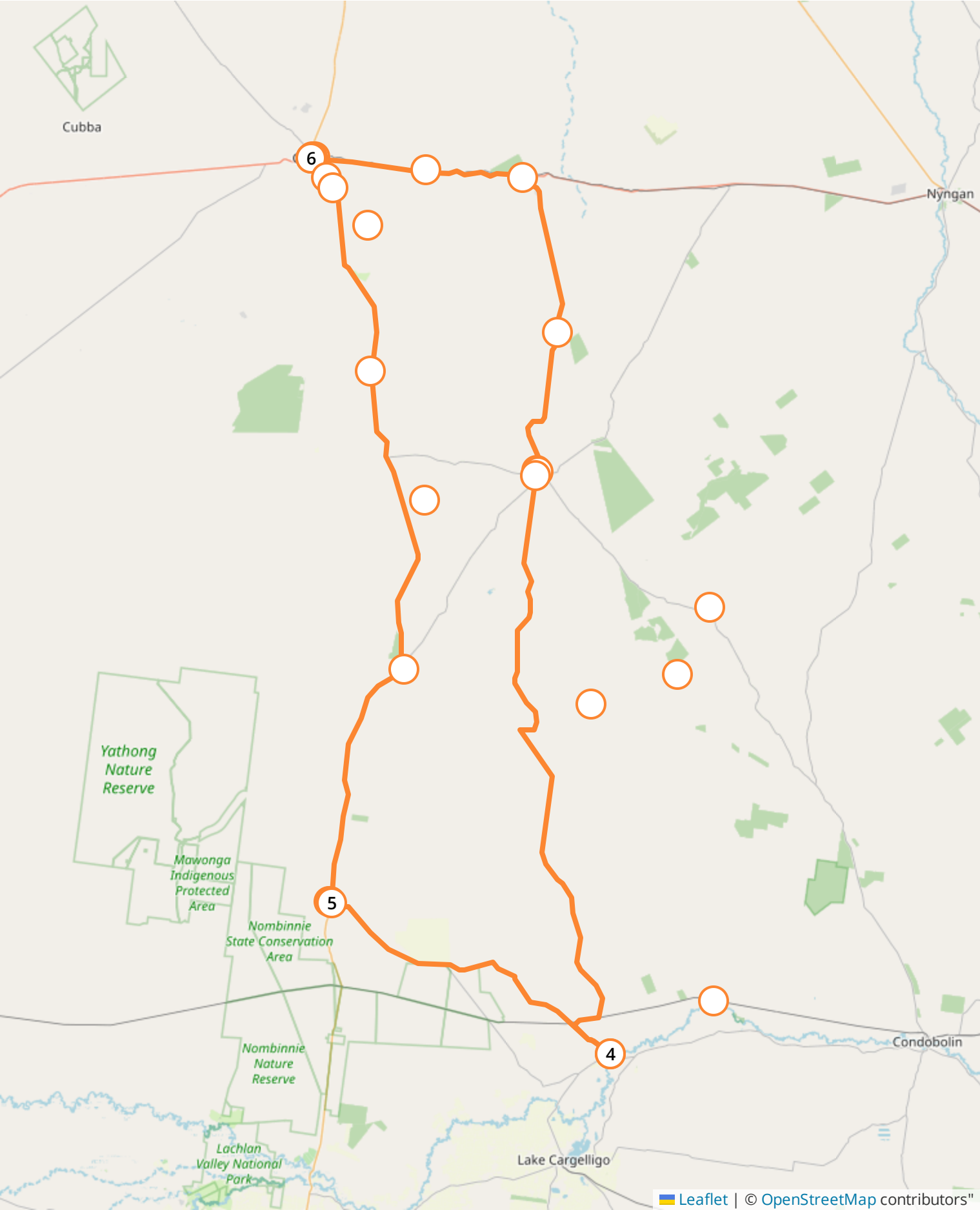
You will visit ghost towns and all-but-abandoned localities, with a few refreshing stops along the way, and of course, historic old pub sites galore. Give some thought to an overnight trip and take in the hospitality at the villages of Nymagee, Euabalong and Mount Hope, where you are guaranteed a cool drink and a good meal.

Check out the farm-stays and camping options available, including beautiful riverside camps on the Lachlan River near Euabalong, and don't forget to take in some of the amazing stories that live in this memorable landscape.

For the less ambitious there's also a 'half loop' option which can be completed in a few hours circling out to Nymagee and back to Cobar on a mixture of excellent gravel, and mostly sealed road.



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1 Cobar

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## 2 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Cobar

Eighteen hotels are known to have existed in Cobar. Fortunately, they did not all exist at the same time as it may have been harder to get things done.



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### 3 PUB STOP | The Great Western Hotel



The Great Western Hotel a great place to stop and soak up some of the ambience of 'Old Cobar' and have a yarn with the locals. The hotel is family friendly with accommodation, dining facilities and coffee shop open for lunch & dinner seven days a week.



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Marshall St, Cobar, NSW, Australia



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## PUB STOP | Empire Hotel

While it no longer features that grand old facade that was the face of the Empire Hotel for so many years, the pub itself is still a welcoming, comfortable and very popular place to eat and drink in Cobar.



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Arrive via Foot from **PUB STOP | The Great Western Hotel**  
287 m / 942 ft - 3 minutes



5 **Meryula Hotel**

The Meryula Hotel was a long, low wooden building between the mining settlements of Cobar and Mt Boppy (Canbelego). The building had two fireplaces and operated for 28 years and had as a one-time owner or tenant, the writer of one of the most colourful challenges to a fight ever published.



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## 6 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Canbelego/Mt Boppy

Canbelego is closely associated with the nearby gold mining operation of Mount Boppy, and became the service town for the thriving enterprise. At one time the township featured its own railway shop, at least three hotels, and a number of stores and a school.



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Canbelego, NSW, Australia



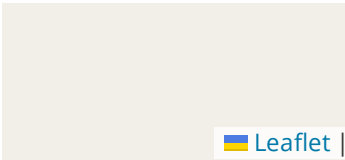
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# Restdown Hotel

The Restdown Hotels occurs in a small number of historical snippets, but is probably just one of the ‘Staging Post’ hotels that sprang up around the exploratory mining in the area.

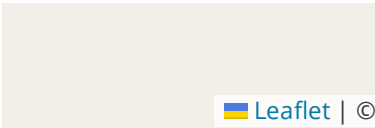


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# Nymagee

Nymagee was built on the back of Cornish, Welsh and Scottish miners and mining engineers and the Graham Street reputedly boasted 4 hotels, one on each corner.



Nymagee, NSW, Australia

## 9 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Nymagee



There are known to have been five hotels in Nymagee with records of : Traveller's Rest, Royal Hotel, Metropolitan Hotel, Commercial Hotel, Club House Hotel, Cardiff's Arms.



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## PUB STOP | Metropolitan Hotel

While the heyday of mining may have left the village of Nymagee, the Metropolitan Hotel is still the centre of a thriving community, and a fantastic spot to call in, catch your breath, and catch up on the local news.



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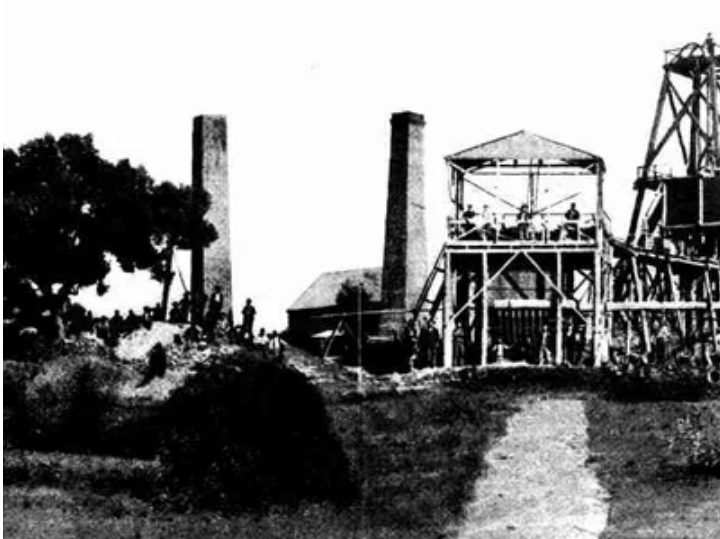


Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Empire Hotel  
109 km / 67.8 mi - 1 hour 4 minutes



## 11 Bobadah Hotel

Bobadah is not on the most direct route between Nymagee and Bobadah and lies 53 Kilometres South-West of Nymagee. The village was originally called Carpina, as proclaimed on the 3rd November, 1897, but the name never stuck and it was always known as Bobadah, but the little village boasted three hotels.



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# Wicklow

Wicklow was likely to have been a Cobb & Co staging location, which is currently situated on the nearby property 'Tara'.

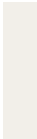


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## Eremerang Pub

Eremerang is known to be a major pastoral station in the region, it is likely that a store-cum-pub was operating within the vicinity. Eremeran was also mentioned as part of the Nangerybone wolfram explorations.



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## 14 Cugong Hotel



The Cugong Hotel is thought to have been located a few kilometres toward Condobolin from where The Pub Route joins the Lachlan River. Keen fans of Cobb & Co memorialised the location with a stone marker for the Cugong Hotel, installed in 2002 as part of the Year of the Outback.

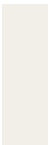


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# Euabalong

Euabalong is a great town for a beer, and always has been – a key stopover for the Lachlan River Cobb and Co route the town is right on the Lachlan River bend, with beautiful water views and picturesque natural landscapes.



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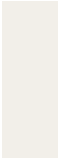
Euabalong, NSW, Australia

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## PUB STOP | Euabalong Royal Hotel



Shady river gums line the banks of the Lachlan River, and make a home for corellas, cockatoos and kookaburras in the sleepy village of Euabalong. Nearby, however, the Royal Hotel is far from sleepy, it's a busy, friendly hob for this small community, and is ready to welcome visitors along with locals through its open doors.



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Arrive via Car from PUB STOP |  
**Metropolitan Hotel**  
137 km / 85.2 mi - 1 hour 54 minutes



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# Mount Hope

Mount Hope is situated on the Kidman Way, 95 kilometres north of Hillston and 150 km south of Cobar. History tells us this was a vibrant mining community, like many others in the surrounding district.



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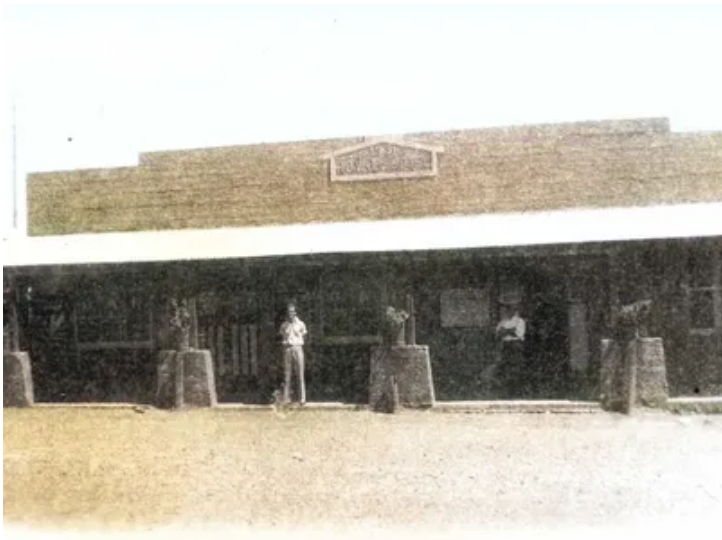
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## 18 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Mount Hope



The first of the licensed premises granted for Mount Hope was the Mount Hope Hotel in March 1881, followed by William Clark's Royal Hotel (July), Thomas Saunders' Albion Hotel (August) and John Lees' Commercial Hotel (November 1881). In September 1882 a license was granted to James Lyell for the Great Central Hotel at South Mount Hope. Today, if you pass through the old mining town of Mount Hope, it is hard to believe it once supported a population in the hundreds, several hotels, and a brewery.



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## PUB STOP | Royal Hotel – Mount Hope

Cresting the hill at Mount Hope it’s impossible to miss the Royal Hotel, perched on the roadside with large parking bays beside and across the street. The pub features a huge, square bar which feels like an old saloon, and with plenty of Mt Hope memorabilia around the walls you’ll soon be back in the hey day of the copper mining boom.



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Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Euabalong  
Royal Hotel  
68.8 km / 42.8 mi - 42 minutes



## 20 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Gilgunnia

The name Gilgunnia literally means 'swamp with Aboriginal huts around it' as there was once a spring in the area, a key resource for traditional owners and of great interest to settlers moving onto their lands. A hotel was established at Gilgunnia in 1873, it's founder envisaged it as a stopping place north of the Lachlan river.



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## 21 Peak Hotel

Relatively close to the current 'Peak Gold Mine', the Peak Hotel recorded a brief history in the heady days of 'opening up' the country around Cobar.



## 22 Pubs & Breweries of Shuttleton



The township of Shuttleton was founded after copper was discovered there in the late 1890s. The township grew quickly and soon had two pubs, Tattersall's Hotel and the Commercial Hotel. In 1902, it boasted seven stores, including a bakery and a wine shop. Lying a little distance from the town, the Priory Hotel also served the stage coaches and other thirsty travellers.

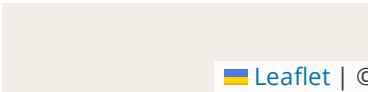


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23 **Shearlegs Hotel**

The Shearlegs Hotel is another site that lives only in memory, and is almost certainly located at or near the current location of the pastoral property 'Shearlegs'.



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## 24 Bee Mountain Hotel - Illawong



As so often happened, the development of mining led to the development of a village. The scatter of houses and businesses at Bee Mountain, serving the Queen Bee and other small mining ventures, was proclaimed a village in 1906 with the name Illewong bestowed upon it.



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## 25 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Wrightville

A mining town of 3,000 souls needs to quench its thirst. Wrightville had four hotels offering food, drink, accommodation and a great deal of merriment.



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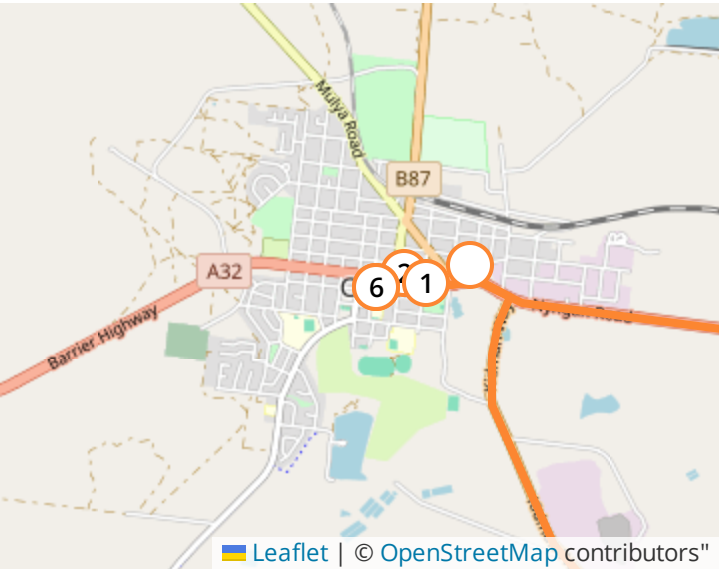
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- Mount Hope  
162 km / 101 mi - 1 hour 36 minutes



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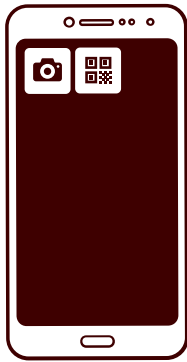


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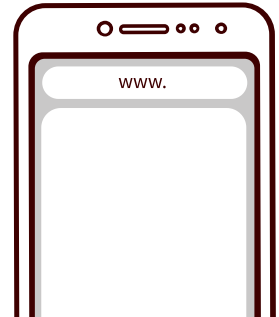
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