



DRIVES

IN THE HAWKESBURY

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Ham Common (opp. Richmond RAAF Base)

Hawkesbury Valley Way

CLARENDON NSW 2756

www.131500.info for bus and rail timetables

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DRIVES

With so much to see and do in the Hawkesbury – beautiful scenery, national parks, majestic rivers, quiet secret places, historic townships, heritage buildings – we offer you directions for self drive tours which highlight what the area has to offer. All of the drives radiate from Windsor, an easy drive one hour north-west of Sydney. Make sure you take time to relax and experience the special things that the Hawkesbury has to offer – visit the galleries and artist studios, buy direct from the grower, enjoy a picnic or one of our many restaurants.



PITT TOWN DRIVE 3



WISEMANS FERRY DRIVE 3



VIEW FROM KURRAJONG HEIGHTS DRIVE 1



HAWKESBURY VALLEY WAY, CLARENDON DRIVE 1

DRIVE

1

Gateway to the Mountains

Wind your way from the historic towns on the Hawkesbury plains to the cool mountain climate of Mt Tomah.

2½ HOURS DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

Follow Windsor Road to Windsor, turning left at Macquarie Street and then right onto the Hawkesbury Valley Way to Richmond (you will pass the Visitor Information Centre on the left, opposite the RAAF Base). From Richmond follow the signs to Lithgow passing over the Hawkesbury River and then through North Richmond. From North Richmond the road is called Bells Line of Road. Continue onto Kurrajong Heights (Bellbird Lookout is on the right), Bilpin and Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens.

HIGHLIGHTS

MAP REF H9

WINDSOR A picturesque meeting place for locals and visitors, Thompson Square is surrounded by colonial Georgian buildings including the Macquarie Arms Hotel (1815). At the other end of town visit Francis Greenway's masterpiece St Matthews Anglican Church (1817) adjacent to McQuade Park. If you have time, pop into the Hawkesbury Regional Museum on Baker Street for an introduction to our local history. FREE ADMISSION.

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CLARENDON Home of the RAAF Base Richmond, the first Air Force base to be established in New South Wales (1925) and the second in Australia. Pick up some maps at the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre, whilst watching the planes.

MAP REF G8

RICHMOND Approach by an avenue of mature London Plane trees, take the opportunity to have a relaxing picnic in Richmond Park, admire the town's many historic homes, churches and commercial buildings.

MAP REF E7

KURRAJONG VILLAGE Just off Bells Line of Road, the friendly village has panoramic views, galleries, roadside stalls and eateries.

MAP REF C6

BILPIN Whilst driving up Bells Line of Road through Bellbird Hill, roll down your car windows and listen to the bellbirds. The small village of Bilpin is renowned for its apples and fruit stalls.

MAP REF A7

MT TOMAH The cool climate Mt Tomah Botanic Garden features views of Wollemi National Park, ancestral home of the Wollemi Pine. Experience the beauty of these ancient and rare trees on the Garden's 'rainforest walk'.

DRIVE

2

Riverland History

Explore historic riverside villages on the doorstep of Windsor.

1½ HOURS DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

Cross the Hawkesbury River at Windsor Bridge. Continue along Wilberforce Road and turn right into King Road. After a few kms turn right into Tizzana Road and then right into Coromandel Road to visit Ebenezer Church. Returning to Tizzana Road, turn right and follow it to Sackville Ferry. Turn left into Sackville Road and return to Wilberforce.

HIGHLIGHTS

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WINDSOR SEE DRIVE 1

MAP REF J8

WILBERFORCE Pass through rich agricultural flats first farmed in the 1790s to feed a starving colony. Wilberforce is home to St Johns Church (1859) and Rose Cottage (1810) the oldest timber slab cottage in Australia on its original site.

MAP REF K7

EBENEZER Home of Ebenezer Church (1809) Australia's oldest existing church. Explore the cemetery and schoolmaster's house and enjoy a Devonshire tea on the banks of the Hawkesbury River.

MAP REF K6

SACKVILLE Visit nearby historic Jubilee Vineyard and Tizzana Winery, where you can taste our local wine, or explore the old churches including St Thomas Anglican Church and the Methodist Church and Manse (viewed across the river on Mud Island).



ROSE COTTAGE, WILBERFORCE DRIVE 3



TIZZANA VINEYARDS DRIVE 2

DRIVE

3

Wisemans Ferry Meander

Combine history, scenic bush views and two Hawkesbury River ferry crossings.

3 HOURS DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

Turn off Windsor Road at McGraths Hill and head along the Pitt Town Road following the signs to Wisemans Ferry. At Wisemans Ferry, go past the village shops and cross the Hawkesbury River on the ferry. Turn left and follow Settlers Road for 20 km along the picturesque valley road to St Albans. When you return cross the Macdonald River at St Albans, turn left and follow the St Albans Road to the Webbs Creek Ferry. Cross the ferry back to the village of Wisemans Ferry and retrace your steps to McGraths Hill. Alternatively, turn right at the Sackville Ferry Road at South Maroota where you can pick up **DRIVE 2 Riverland History at Sackville Ferry.**

HIGHLIGHTS

MAP REF J8

PITT TOWN Overlooking the Hawkesbury River flood plains, Pitt Town's Streets are lined with 19th century buildings. Notable buildings include Huxley's Blacksmith's Shop, Mulgrave Place, *Bird in the Hand* Inn and St James Anglican Church.

MAP REF K7

CATTAI Located within Cattai National Park, Arndell House was built in 1821 and provides an insight into our colonial past.

MAP REF M4

WISEMANS FERRY Enjoy the picturesque village with awe inspiring views of the sandstone escarpments of the Yengo and Dharug National Park, riverside picnics, barbecues and water sports. Don't miss a walk along the UNESCO World Heritage listed **Great North Road**, built by convict labour between 1825 and 1836.

MAP REF L1

ST ALBANS A meandering drive beside the Macdonald River will lead you through this secluded valley with its steep sandstone cliffs to the village of St Albans. Have a break at the *Settlers Arms* Inn which has provided hospitality for weary travellers since 1836.



ST ALBANS DRIVE 3

DRIVE

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DRIVE

5

Link between drives 1, 2 and 3**Foothill Villages**

Rolling hills, rural vistas and quaint villages with a Blue Mountains backdrop.

1½ HOURS DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

Follow the signposts to Richmond and then to Bells Line of Road, crossing the Hawkesbury River to North Richmond. At the traffic lights turn left at Grose Vale Road then follow it through Grose Vale and then onto Kurrajong Village. Make sure you stop to explore the village, then drive for 1 km through it until you come to the Bells Line of Road traffic lights. Turn right to return to Windsor or turn left to meet up with **DRIVE 1 Gateway to the Mountains.**

HIGHLIGHTS

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RICHMOND SEE DRIVE 1

MAP REF E7

KURRAJONG VILLAGE SEE DRIVE 1**WANT TO EXTEND YOUR DRIVE?**

MAP REF F9

NAVUA RESERVE Turn off at Grose River Road and continue to Ashtons Road. A left turn takes you to Navua Reserve where you can swim in the Grose River or picnic on the sandy beaches.

MAP REF E8

BOWEN MOUNTAIN Just beyond Grose Vale take the sign posted left turn to Bowen Mountain. Proceed along Bowen Mountain Road and right into Wattle Street and follow to Lt Bowen Road. Walking trails can be found at both ends of Lt Bowen Road.



RICHMOND DRIVE 5



CATTAI HOMESTEAD DRIVE 3

DRIVE

6

Windsor Richmond Explorer

Explore the Hawkesbury's two largest historic towns with this scenic loop drive.

1 HOUR DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

Proceed along the Windsor Road and cross the Hawkesbury River on the Windsor Bridge. Turn left into Freemans Reach Road, continue to Gorricks Lane, turn right at the roundabout and proceed past Freemans Reach School. Follow Kurmond Road to Terrace Road, turn left into Terrace Road. Follow Terrace Road to the Bells Line of Road at North Richmond, turn left and cross the Hawkesbury River. Turn left into Old Kurrajong Road passing by the beautiful Pughs Lagoon, turn right to continue along Old Kurrajong Road and then into Windsor Street. After driving through Richmond shops turn left into Pitt Street, left at Clarendon Street and then right into Dight Street. Continue past the back of the RAAF Base and turn left into Cupitts Lane. Continue, then turn right into Cornwallis Road. A couple of kms on you'll come to a fork in the road – veer to the right. This eventually becomes Greenway Crescent. At Moses Street, turn left and proceed to Tebbutt Street where a right turn is taken. Proceed down Tebbutt Street as far as George Street, turn left continue to Windsor Mall. Turn right into Fitzgerald Street, left at Macquarie Street and continue to Windsor Road, where the route ends.

HIGHLIGHTS

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RICHMOND SEE DRIVE 1

MAP REF H9

WINDSOR SEE DRIVE 1

WINDSOR MALL DRIVES 1 2 6



RICHMOND PARK DRIVES 1 5 6

The Edge of the Wollemi

Pack a picnic and enjoy rural vistas and the wild bushland of the Colo River and Wollemi National Park (some gravel road sections).

2½ HOURS DRIVING PLUS BREAKS

COLO RIVER Starting at Wilberforce, follow the Singleton (Putty) Road until you reach the Colo River where you'll find picnic spots, canoeing, swimming and walking. Just before crossing the river, turn left to the Upper Colo Road. Under the bridge you'll find Colo Park a great spot for a break.

UPPER COLO AND COMLERoy ROAD

Continue along the Upper Colo Road as it winds past secluded valleys surrounded by the jagged cliffs of Wollemi National Park. After 13 km you will reach an intersection. Take the right turn to Colo Heights Road go over a bridge giving access to the Colo River. About 200 m past the bridge there is a sharp left hand turn that takes you to the Council operated camping ground at Upper Colo Reserve ☎ 02 4560 4528 for bookings.

If you aren't visiting the reserve, continue straight along the Upper Colo Road for 2 km, then turn left into Comleroy Road. Follow the road winding out of the valley before descending to the camp and picnic grounds at Wheeny Creek, a peaceful spot to enjoy birdlife living in the tall timbers. After passing through the reserve follow Comleroy Road for a further 13 km until you come to the main Bells Line of Road. Turn left to Windsor.

THINGS TO SEE & DO

MAP REF H8 WINDSOR

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery ☎ 02 4560 4441
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery

Hawkesbury Regional Museum ☎ 02 4560 4655
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum

MAP REF H8 CLARENDON

RAAF Base

(observe only) from Ham Common Park

Hawkesbury Agricultural Show ☎ 02 4577 3591
www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

Hawkesbury Racecourse ☎ 02 4577 2263
www.hawkesburyraceclub.com.au

OTHER SELF DRIVE TOURS

Hawkesbury Harvest Farm Gate Trail
(including wine trail)
www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

**Hawkesbury Artists Trail ...
in the Steps of the Masters**
(19th & 20th century painters)
www.hawkesburytourism.com.au

Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail
(tour of galleries & artists studios)
www.hawkesburyartisantrail.com.au

The Botanists Way
(mostly following Bells Line of Road)
www.thebotanistsway.com.au

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Contact Richmond Office ☎ 02 4588 5247
for

- F9 Agnes Banks Nature Reserve
- C7 Blue Mountains National Park
- E6 Wollemi National Park
- E10 Yellomundee Regional Park

Contact Scheyville Office ☎ 02 4572 3100
for

- F9 Cattai National Park & Mitchell Park
- G10 Castlereagh Nature Reserve
- K8 Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre
- J10 Rouse Hill Regional Park
- C10
- K8 Scheyville National Park
- H9 Windsor Downs Nature Reserve

Contact Gosford Office ☎ 02 4320 4200
for

- N4 Dharug National Park
- J3 Parr State Conservation Area
- M1 Yengo National Park

PARKS AND RESERVES INFORMATION

For more information on the following parks and reserves contact
Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre
at www.hawkesburytourism.com.au ☎ 02 4578 0233
Hawkesbury City Council
at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or ☎ 02 4560 4444

Parks and reserves listed below have a map reference for easy location

POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS AND PARKS

WINDSOR

- J8 Governor Phillip Reserve
- H8 Howe Park
- H8 McQuade Park
- H8 Macquarie Park

SURROUNDS

- K7 Ebenezer Church Reserve, Ebenezer
- H9 Ham Common, Clarendon
- G8 Hanna Park, North Richmond
- E7 McMahons Park, Kurrajong
- F9 Navua Reserve, Grose Wold
- L1 St Albans Reserve, St Albans
- G4 Upper Colo Reserve, Upper Colo
- F9 Yarramundi Reserve, Yarramundi

RICHMOND

- G8 Richmond Park
- G8 Smith Park – Pughs Lagoon

POPULAR BUSH CAMPING SITES

Check for fire restrictions, fees, safety information, closures and conditions.

G4 Upper Colo Reserve Hulbert Road Bookings essential ☎ 02 4560 4528 (BH)
Cold showers, toilets, BYO drinking water & firewood
No firewood to be collected from the reserve.
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/environment/

National Parks (NP) camping sites www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nationalparks/

K7 Cattai National Park Bookings essential ☎ 02 4572 3100
Close to the river, bushwalking, bird watching, historic site, toilets, hot showers, BBQ, BYO firewood

F5 Wheeny Creek, Wollemi National Park ☎ 02 4588 5247
Swimming, bushwalking, bird and wildlife watching, toilets, BBQ, BYO drinking water & firewood

D8 Burralow Creek, Blue Mountains National Park ☎ 02 4588 5247
4wd access only, check road conditions, bushwalking, pit toilets, BBQ, BYO drinking water & firewood

N4 Mill Creek, Dharug National Park Bookings essential ☎ 02 4320 4203
Wisemans Ferry Road between Wisemans Ferry and Gunderman
Bushwalking, mountain bike trails, wheelchair accessible toilets, BBQ, BYO drinking water & firewood

SAFETY INFORMATION

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When visiting areas within this map remember:

- In case of emergency dial 000.
NB Not all areas on the map are covered by mobile phone reception.
- Always carry sufficient drinking water for your group.
It is not safe to drink from streams and rivers.
- For longer walks, warm waterproof clothing is essential.
Weather changes can be dramatic and swift.
- Carry extra food for emergencies.
- Know your route and advise friends of your plans.
- Carry a bag for rubbish and encourage others to do the same.
- Wear sensible walking shoes or boots and bring sun protection.
- Keep to the track. Shortcuts are misleading and damage the environment.

