

WELLINGTON DISCOVERY TRAILS

1 Mount Arthur Reserve

Start your day by immersing yourself in the serenity of Wellington's countryside. There are several trails to explore on Mt Arthur Reserve, all providing the discerning traveller with breathtaking views of the Wellington Valley along with ample opportunities to view native flora and fauna. The Reserve contains more than 400 species of native plants, including some that are rare or threatened, as well as unique and endangered vegetation communities. If you are feeling adventurous to take a hike, the 3.5 kilometres APEX Trail is the most popular and gentlest of the trails.

ACCESSIBILITY: Trails are not wheelchair accessible.

LOCATION: 1km on the right after the Showground on Bushrangers Creek Road, Wellington.

OPEN: Daily.

PHONE: 1800 621 614 (Wellington Visitor Information Centre).

2 Wellington Caves & Phosphate Mine

View the enchanting beauty of the gigantic stalagmite, a lime-stone structure measuring 15 metres high and 32 metres around its base in the Cathedral Cave. The Caves contain the largest deposit of Plio-Pleistocene mammal fossils in Australia and are the site of the discovery of marsupial fossils in 1830. 1 hour tours are available daily for the Cathedral Cave and Phosphate Mine, and 45 minute tours for the magnificent cave coral in Gaden Cave.

ACCESSIBILITY: Wheelchair accessible to the Phosphate Mine.

LOCATION: Caves Road, Wellington.

OPEN: Daily except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Anzac Day & Good Friday – closed.

PHONE: (02) 6845 1418.

3 Osawano Japanese Gardens

Enthral in the peaceful tranquillity of water trickling down these beautifully manicured gardens. One of the main features is a man-made 'mountain' from which water cascades down a stream through ponds before winding its way under several bridges to a reflection pool.

ACCESSIBILITY: Wheelchair accessible.

LOCATION: Caves Road, Wellington.

OPEN: Daily.

PHONE: 1800 621 614 (Wellington Visitor Information Centre).

4 Wellington Gateway Sculpture

Be entranced by the raw beauty of this unique visual art spectacle. The Wellington Gateway Sculpture is an interpretation of the identity and spirit of Wellington and its people. The main sculpture which comprises of the tripod and wind chimes is actually constructed from a significant event in Wellington's history – The Collapsing of the Old Wellington Bridge, which fell down in 1989.

ACCESSIBILITY: Wheelchair accessible.

LOCATION: Corner of Mitchell Highway and Caves Road, Wellington.

OPEN: Daily

PHONE: 1800 621 614 (Wellington Visitor Information Centre).



5 Bell River Estate

Ignite your senses and indulge in locally grown, quality wine. This family owned and operated winery offers tastings of both table and fortified wines within a quaint underground cellar, which adds a vintage, European air to the whole sensory experience.

LOCATION: Mitchell Highway, Neurea.

OPEN: 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 2pm to 6pm first and third Saturday of the month, 9am to 6pm other Saturdays, and 10am to 6pm Sunday.

PHONE: (02) 6846 7277.

6 Via Dripstone – Stuart Town history

On-route to Stuart Town, you will pass several historic buildings in the tiny village of Dripstone, which provides you with photo opportunities of historic buildings including the old Dripstone Butcher and 'St Agnes of the Springs' Catholic Church. On arrival into Stuart Town take a leisurely browse through the main street to explore the rich Chinese Heritage as a result of the Gold Rush in the 1850's. After a bite to eat at the Rural Transaction Centre, or Ironbark Inn drive to the Open Air Museum which showcases historical agricultural equipment.

LOCATION: Approximately 34km south of Wellington.

PHONE: 1800 621 614 (Wellington Visitor Information Centre).

7 Gold Panning at Mookerawa

For the gold fossicking enthusiast or for the amateurs that just want to try their luck, Muckerwa Creek regularly produces alluvial gold. Bring your own detection units or hire a pan from Mookerawa Waters Caravan Park.

LOCATION: Mookerawa Waters Caravan Park, Mookerawa Road, Mookerawa.

OPEN: Daily.

PHONE: (02) 6846 8426.

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8 Burrendong Botanic Garden & Arboretum

Burrendong Botanic Garden & Arboretum offers a captivating experience removed from the everyday. Gently touch velvety stems and smell the fragrance of the different flowers and plants through the large area which covers approximately 164ha. A self-drive car tour allows you to explore the gardens at your own pace, or bring your pushbike or walking shoes and immerse in nature. There is also a free guided tour every third Sunday of each month from March to November (11am-3pm).

ACCESSIBILITY: Self-drive trails, together with some wheelchair accessible trails.

LOCATION: Tara Road, off Fashions Mount Road, Burrendong Way.

OPEN: Daily 8am – 6pm.

PHONE: (02) 6846 7454.

One of a Kind

The Burrendong Arboretum covers 164 hectares and features a remarkable man-made rainforest known as Fern Gully.

9 Lake Burrendong

Lake Burrendong is three times the size of Sydney Harbour at its full capacity, so chances are you'll feel the serenity of the lake, no matter where you choose to stop. Take a leisurely dip, or cast your line for some superb fishing opportunities. There is a waterslide near the main kiosk, a playground and skate-park for the kids and a nine-hole golf course for the adults. Fantastic photo opportunities of the lake are available when following the signs to Burrendong Dam Wall.

LOCATION: Tara Road, off Fashions Mount Road, Burrendong Way.

OPEN: Daily.

PHONE: (02) 6846 7435.

10 Wellington Convict Station - Maynggu Ganai

View the way of life at a remote rural convict settlement. Maynggu Ganai is a rare cultural landscape with extensive physical evidence of the second colonial outpost established on the frontier west of the Blue Mountains. It is a symbol of reconciliation and holds an important role in defining the cultural identity of the town of Wellington. It was established in the early 1820's as a convict agricultural station and was the centre of ongoing first contact between the Wiradjuri and the British settlers. The site was taken over by the Anglican Church Missionary Society as a mission to the Wiradjuri.

ACCESSIBILITY: Soon to be accessible again to the general public.

LOCATION: Corner of Mitchell Highway and Barton St.

OPEN: Viewable from the Mitchell Highway.

PHONE: 1800 621 614 (Wellington Visitor Information Centre).

Rich History

Wellington was the 2nd town established west of the Blue Mountains in 1823, situated in a picturesque location where the Mount Arthur Reserve meets the twin rivers, the Bell and the Macquarie.

EATING OUT IN WELLINGTON

Cactus Café & Gallery

33-35 Warne St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 4647

Cow & Calf

135 Lee St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 2710

Kimbells Kitchen

44 Warne St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 1110

21 Teaspoons

94 Lee St Wellington

PHONE: 0427 277 987

Lion of Waterloo Tavern

89 Montefiores St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 3636

Federal Hotel Brassiere

Cnr Maughan and Arthur St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 2914

Wellington Soldiers Club

Arthur Street Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 3145

Grand Hotel Restaurant

111 Lee St Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 2487

Palki Indian Restaurant

29 Nanima Crescent Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 4665

Wellington Chinese Restaurant

112 Lee Street Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 1229

Wellington Hotel Bistro

Cnr Arthur and Swift Streets Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 2083

Wellington Mandarin Court

22 Maughan Street Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 1757

Glenfinlass Wines

Elysian Farm Renshaw McGirr Way Wellington

PHONE: (02) 6845 2221