

Stroud - 55km South

The historic village of Stroud was settled in 1826 by the Australian Agricultural Company. Take a walking tour through the town to view some of the oldest buildings in NSW.

The Courthouse - First constructed in the 1840s, with the present convict built building completed in 1876. The courthouse remained in regular use until 1974, with the police residence and cells having been removed in the 1930s. **Quambi House** circa 1831- was originally built as a two roomed schoolhouse (originally known as Lady Parry's School) to accommodate 40 children. A second storey was added to serve as a teachers residence in 1841. **St Johns Anglican Church** - built by convicts in 1833 and is one of the oldest churches in NSW. **Stroud House** - (private residence) constructed in 1832 and is the most stately of the AA Company buildings. Constructed from brick and rendered with lime cement. Other historic buildings, which are now private residences include; the Post Office, Orchard cottage and the Old Bank building.

Courthouse museum

Open Sundays from 11am to 1pm.

Quambi School House museum

Open Sundays from 1.10pm to 3pm

Dungog - 80km South West

Dungog is nestled in the southern foothills of the Barrington Tops on the Williams River and the name Dungog comes from the local Aboriginal Gringai word meaning thinly wooded. Time your visit with a movie at The James Theatre, the oldest fully enclosed purpose-built cinema still operating in Australia. Down Memory Lane at the James screens classic old movies throughout the year and are not to be missed. A walk down the main street will uncover quaint antique shops and excellent cafes.

Regional Maps

The Manning Valley - Taree, Elands, Wingham, Comboyne, Nabiac, Krumbach.

Great Lakes Region - Stroud, Dungog, Paterson, Clarence Town, Bulahdelah, Karuah, Nabiac, Krumbach.

NPWS - Gloucester Tops, Barrington Tops, Moonan .



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Things to do Day trip from Gloucester

Barrington Tops - 65km West

The Barrington Tops wilderness area forms part of the Gondwana Rainforest network, extending past Newcastle to the south-east of Queensland. The Gondwana Rainforests of Australia are World Heritage-listed, thriving with plants and wildlife, and an outstanding example of the major stages of Earth's evolution.

Walk through the Antarctic Beech forest which is one of only a few pockets left in the world of these ancient trees. Devils Hole lookout and Thunderbolts lookout do not disappoint and provide the perfect point to view the Barrington Tops plateau. For a full list of things to do in this amazing part of the world pick up the NPWS visitor guide.

Gloucester Tops - 65km South West

The drive to Gloucester Tops takes you through magnificent countryside crossing seven causeways along the way. Stop for a picnic at the base of the Gloucester Tops at the Gloucester River Campground.

Driving up to Gloucester Tops weaves you in and over the ridges of the south eastern part of the Barrington Tops range. A highlight of this trip is the walk to Gloucester Falls. Beginning at the at the Gloucester Tops picnic area, a mostly easy 1.5km walk - a small section near the falls is steep and rocky. The track provides glimpses of the Gloucester River before it tumbles over the escarpment.

Moonan Flat - 93km West

If you've made the journey across the Tops on the Scone Road you've earned a beer at The Victoria Hotel. The pub was established in 1849 with legends saying it was a favourite haunt of the local bushranger 'Captain Thunderbolt'.

We've been told the meals at the Red Dog Café & Restaurant are delicious.

Elands - 105km North

Elands is located on the Bulga Plateau to the north of Gloucester and north west of Wingham, home of the spectacular Ellenborough Falls. The drop of the falls is 200 metres, and is one of the longest single drop waterfalls in the Southern Hemisphere.

If you have time take the timbered walkway (641 steps) to the bottom of the falls, which takes approximately 30 minutes. Alternatively the short 10 minute walk to The Knoll offers the perfect vantage point to view the Falls.

From Elands continue on to Glenwarrin, Dingo Tops and on to the gorgeous Potoroo Falls in Tapin Tops National Park an awesome spot to take a dip in the waterhole.

Note: Greater Taree City Council does not recommend that you take caravans or large trailers past the town of Bobin.

Comboyne - 105km North

The rolling hills of the Comboyne Plateau make for a delightful drive while the small village of Comboyne offers the perfect spot to stop for a bite to eat.

If you're still hungry make the short trip down to Waitui and visit the Brackenridge Blueberry Farm.

Krambach - 36km East

You'll find Krambach on the Bucketts Way approximately halfway between Taree and Gloucester.

This small village boasts a 9-hole Golf Course, a friendly pub and the Krambach Cottage where Devonshire Tea is the order of the day.

Nabiac - 50km East

Nabiac is a surprise package if you're into motorcycles be sure to stop by the 'National Motorcycle Museum'. The museum has a collection of 800 motorcycles together with an enormous array of motorcycle memorabilia, toys, an extensive private library and a motorcycle orientated gift shop.

Honeycomb Valley Farm is all about the bees, it's the ultimate farm experience, they specialise in farm stays, farming workshops and bee keeping workshops. If you want to get in touch with your inner farmer look no further.

Tinonee - 65km North East

Tinonee is situated on the Manning river and back in the 1900's was an important shipping and trade destination, with tallships frequently making their way up the river. Tinonee's name comes from the local Aboriginal word 'Tinobi' meaning deep water with sharks.

Tinonee itself is one of the Manning Valley's most historic villages and has a great little museum, which is well worth a visit.

Tinonee Museum

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am to 2pm

Open Saturday 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Wingham - 67km North East

Wingham is a enjoyable country drive from Gloucester. The countryside is simply beautiful, with rich farmland amidst rolling green hills.

The village of Wingham is an English-style with a village green surrounded by National Trust-listed Federation buildings. You'll enjoy a taste of the good life at comfortable guesthouses, cafes and shops selling fresh, local produce, with several artists' retreats nearby.

Bulahdelah - 90km South East

Bulahdelah is an Aboriginal word thought to mean *the meeting of the waters*. Set on the banks of the Myall River and near its junction with the Crawford River, Bulahdelah is the gateway to natural wonders including Myall Lakes National Park and *Grandis*, the tallest known tree in NSW.

The Bass Bash every February is an all weekend fishing competition for beginners and experts who like to get out on the water and throw in a line.

Karuah - 90km South

Karuah is best known for it's succulent oysters. Take a break at Longworth Park by the river and pick up a dozen of Karuah's finest. You'll find picnic facilities at the park with a child's playground and a tidal river swimming pool.

If you're a keen fisherman don't forget to bring your rod, the local boat ramp is a popular spot with anglers.

The *Lost Highway Bluegrass Festival* is a weekend long music festival held in May and the *Oyster & Timber Festival* in October has all the fun and fan fair of a country show with an abundance of oysters.