



#### REGIONAL MAP GUIDE

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Saints Mary and Josephs Cathedral, Armidale

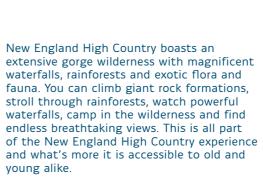
New England High Country straddles the Great Dividing Range in north eastern NSW. Its capital, Armidale, is located halfway between Sydney and Brisbane and 2 hours from the coast.

Bald Rock

The heritage-steeped High Country is bursting at the seams with charming country towns, natural wonders and gourmet attractions, not to mention big open roads that reveal the region's beautiful scenery at Starting at around 1000 metres above sea

level, New England High Country offers visitors a truly evocative and unique experience with four distinct seasons. The city of Armidale and the towns of Glen Innes, Guyra, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha share a rich history and stunning natural environment.





When it comes to discovering things to do in New England High Country, the possibilities for adventure and new experiences are endless. Visit an eclectic array of art galleries and museums; rediscover a land rich in history; gracious cathedrals and stately buildings. Explore the region at a leisurely pace and discover inspiring stories of the earliest Aboriginal inhabitants, European explorers, Chinese gold diggers, bushrangers and generations of pastoralists.

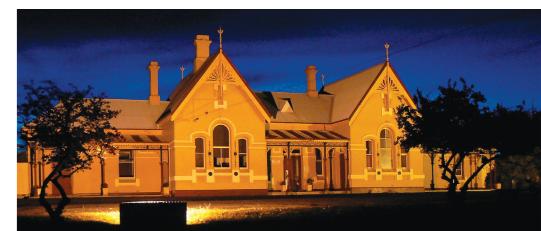
Perhaps the best way to experience this region is just to indulge in an old fashioned road trip, from Walcha in the south to Tenterfield in the north, there is so much to see and do – we invite you to come



Thunderbolt's Grave, Uralla PHOTOGRAPHER: Simon Scott







Tenterfield Railway Museum PHOTOGRAPHER: Fay Pampling

**Thunderbolts Way** 

**Entering New England High Country from** 

the south via Walcha, Thunderbolts Way

tops the list for its wide-open vistas of

rolling farmland. Running from Gloucester

in the pretty hinterland of the Mid-North

Great Diving Range, climbs to 1400m and

provides spectacular scenery at every turn.

border, this 290km odyssey weaves over the

Coast to Goondiwindi on the QLD/NSW

### natural wonders

New England High Country - where you can climb giant rock formations, stroll through rainforests, watch powerful waterfalls and find endless breathtaking views.



You will find dramatic waterfalls in many of the National Parks in the region Those iconic falls not to be missed include Apsley and Tia Falls east of Walcha; Wollomombi Gorge and Ebor Falls along the aptly named Waterfall Way; Dangars Gorge south east of Armidale (TD19) and Boonoo Boonoo Falls near Tenterfield. IMAGE: Stoney Creek Falls , Oxley Wild Rivers National Park

Discover breathtaking views as you journey through the region from Raspberry Lookout east of Glen Innes to Point Lookout in the New England National Park. For the more adventurous a scramble up Cathedral Rock near Ebor or Bald Rock near Tenterfield will be rewarded with extensive views of unique granite outcrops and views across the wilderness landscape IMAGE: Oxley Wild Rivers, Walcha



New England High Country boasts 20 National Parks with 6 having acquired World-Heritage status including Oxley Wild Rivers, Gibraltar Range, Washpool, Tooloom, Koreelah and New England National Park. IMAGE: Boundary Falls



Visitors will discover that the lookouts, waterfalls and views of the gorges are easily accessible from the carparks along well maintained walking tracks. There are many fabulous bushwalking trails with rewarding views. From short walks to multi-day hikes there is something for everyone. If you are seeking something more challenging then check out the Green Gully Track, Washpool World Heritage Walk and the New England Wilderness Walk. IMAGE: Bald Rock National Park

The region has a lot to offer mountain bikers with 80km of scenic trails in Washpool National Park, as well as tracks in Bald Rock, Boonoo Boonoo and Basket Swamp National Parks. The Bicentennial Trail traverses through the region offering mountain bikers and horse riders a unique expedition local clubs in Armidale and Guyra have over 100km of purpose built competition biking tracks to explore.





Fossicking for gemstones and gold is an age old pastime. During the boom of the 1970s, Inverell was supplying 75% of the world's sapphire market. Other areas you may try your luck are in the rivers around Uralla and Glen Innes. Whilst you are in the region pop into the Emmaville Mining Museum with over 4,000 gem and mineral specimens and displays of the old mines.

In New England High Country, Rainbow and Brown Trout thrive in lightly-fished streams and purposebuilt dams. Copeton Dam is three times the size of Sydney Harbour and one of the only inland waterways that has no closed season on Murray Cod. IMAGE: Copeton Dam, Inverell



#### inverell

Discover over 100 years of transport in Australia with exhibits from around the nation. The museum is home to over 120 vintage, veteran and classic cars and motorcycles.

Inverell Pioneer Village
From the moment you walk through the magnificent gateway of the Pioneer Village,
you immediately sense the history that surrounds you. The authentic buildings of the
village represent the lifestyle and pioneering spirit of our forebears.

Copeton Dam
Copeton dam is a fisherman's paradise being one of two inland waterways in NSW with no closed season on Murray Cod. Many come chasing these massive metre long plus monsters with great success. The area is tranquil and the perfect place to set up camp whilst resetting and getting back to nature.

rich pool and a 6- person spa (filled with artesian spring water and rain water). Massage suites, sauna, beautiful views, beverages and delicious homemade food are just some of what makes for an incredible experience.

Come and fossick for the magnificent deep blue sapphires that Inverell is famous for. ere are options for complete beginners and seasoned fossickers. Crystals and other ons and minerals are available too. Don't miss a chance to take a part of the Sapphire

nverell Visitor Information Centre



other National Parks, including Boonoo Boonoo, Koreelah, Torrington, Tooloom and Basket

 Tenterfield Saddler Operated as a saddlery for over 100 years and immortalised by Tenterfield-born Aussie entertainment legend, Peter Allen, through his well-known song 'Tenterfield Saddler'. The saddlery was no stranger to famous faces, with iconic Australian bush poet and author,

Explore Tenterfield's Rich History and Heritage

Visit the Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum, Tenterfield Railway Museum and

Centenary Cottage. Tip: download the Soundtrails app and listen to stories of a bygone era

while exploring the history of this Federation town (allow approx. 1 hour).

Mount Mackenzie Drive and Lookout

Marvel at Granite Country formations, Doctors Nose, Little Bald Rock and Draining Rock.

Pack a picnic to enjoy at Mount Mackenzie Lookout. utique Shops, Cafés, Restaurants and Country Pubs te your way around the region as you discover local food, wine, beer and other



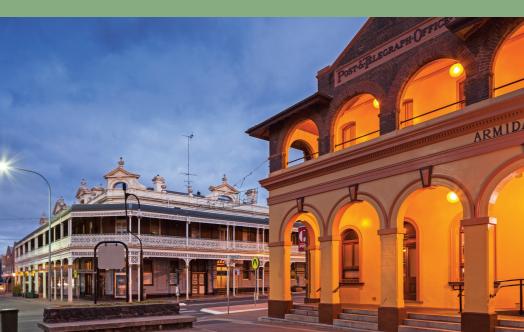
• World Heritage Gibraltar Range and Washpool National Parks
An outdoor adventurer's dream with combined 80km of scenic trails great for hiking, mountain biking, birdwatching, kayaking and canoeing.

 Australian Standing Stones
 The national monument honouring The national monument honouring Celtic people, past and present. The calendar formation of the stones marks the change of seasons and the site is home to many celebrations throughout the year including the Australian Celtic Festival in May.

**Scenic Country Drive**Take Tourist Drive 11, a picturesque loop through prime New England farmland from Glen Innes passing through the smaller historic villages of Emmaville and Deepwater.

Explore the Glen Innes township with over 30 heritage buildings in the main street. Envisage living history on a CBD walking tour or town driving tour, download the 'heritage tour' app for an interactive map.

Boutique Shopping and Country Hospitality
Glen Innes is home to a range of boutique stores, cafés, restaurants and pubs that showcase the best of our local produce with warm and welcoming hospitality.



#### Gostwyck Chape

 Gostwyck Chapel & Deeargee Woolshed One of Australia's most picturesque and photographed sites – picnic under the 3 avenues

of 100 year old elm trees and enjoy the views – give full rein to your inner photographer. Heritage Walk, Soundtrail & Aniwan Cultural Collection Explore historic Uralla – listen to local characters and stories as you walk around town, exploring the past and enjoying the present. Call into the Visitor Information Centre to view rare and ancient artefacts and stories in the Aniwan Cultural Collection.

**McCrossin's Mill Museum and Function Centre** This award winning museum will keep you fascinated for hours, whether you're interested in Captain Thunderbolt, early machinery, history of local gold mining or Ned Trickett -Australia's first world champion in any sport (rowing).

Dangar's Falls, Lagoons and Bird Watching Natural beauty is a key signature of the New England High Country. Short walks, long tramps and bird watching are all readily accessible. Call in to the Visitor Information Centre for maps and assistance.

Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries and Eateries There is something for everyone; award winning Dobsons Distillery; New England Brewing Co; Merilba Estate Winery and Why Worry Wines. Sample some fresh goat cheese from Sunhill Dairy, seasonal fruit from Greenhills Orchard (est.1865) or explore the many cafés, bakeries, pubs and restaurants.

culture, heritage,

Download the **Soundtrails App** and listen to stories of a bygone era while exploring the

McCrossins Mill Museum in Uralla houses an eclectic collection of early Australian

memorabilia. This award winning museum will delight visitors of all ages.

Explore **Walcha's Open Air Gallery** of sculpture and public art by renowned artists and take a

Whilst in Armidale plan a visit to historic Saumarez Homestead. The Aboriginal Cultural

Inverell's Pioneer Village & National Transport Museum are both guaranteed to transport

you back in time. For a special experience see a master wood turner at work at New England

Wood Turning and view the range of Australian made Didgeridoos and Oddgeridoos in their

Get lost in time at the **Land of the Beardies History House Museum,** boasting over 10,000

items showcasing Glen Innes' history, or visit **Gawura Gallery** the home of internationally

Visit the **Tenterfield Saddler**, immortalised in song by Peter Allen. Discover local artisans at

And finally for a true country experience pop in to a local boutique gallery, meet the artists,

Centre and the New England Regional Art Museum. Don't forget to book a seat on the

Experience the fascinating and diverse heritage, arts and culture offering of New England High Country. Award winning art galleries, bespoke museums, antique shops and quaint bookstores wait to be discovered.

history of Tenterfield, Inverell, Uralla, Walcha and Armidale

step back in time at the Walcha Pioneer Cottage Museum.

acclaimed Aboriginal Artist Lloyd Gawura Hornsby.

and maybe find a fabulous memento of your holiday!

Make It Tenterfield and the Artists' Collective Studio.

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New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale



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Within a 1 hours drive from Armidale you can experience spectacular gorges, waterfalls and World Heritage National Parks including Oxley Wild Rivers, Cathedral Rock, Guy Fawkes and the New England National Park.

New England Regional Art Museum A leading arts tourism destination in regional NSW with a \$42 million collection of ove 5000 works of historical, modern and contemporary art.

**Saumarez Homestead**Take a guided tour through the White family's 30 room Edwardian mansion followed by a stroll through the expansive gardens including the magnificent heritage rose garden. Armidale Heritage Bus Tour

A lively 2 ½ hour taster tour of Armidale incorporating some of Armidale's finest heritage buildings; the New England Regional Art Museum; The Aboriginal Cultural Centre; Armidale Railway Museum and Booloominbah. The tour departs Monday-Saturday at 10am from the Visitor Information Centre. Bookings Essential 02 6770

**Art, Wineries and Waterfalls**Tourist Drive 19 is a very pleasant scenic drive encompassing New England Regional Art Museum, Petersons Winery, Dangars Gorge, Gostwyck Chapel and the village of



#### walcha

Apsley Falls, Oxley Wild Rivers NP Where the meandering Apsley River drops off the lofty New England tablelands, over an impressive sheer-faced cliff into the pools below. The Apsley Gorge is a dramatically deep and narrow ravine. Sealed access suitable for all vehicles.

**Walcha's Open Air Gallery** A gallery of permanent sculpture by reputable local, national and international artists. Walcha's Open Air Gallery is a crowd-pleaser in the Australian art scene. A brochure and map are available at walchansw.com.au or Walcha Information Centre.

Walcha Sculpture Soundtrail Complimenting the Open Air Gallery of sculptures and artworks. This audio experience takes you on a virtual tour with contributing artists, as well as hearing stories by local indigenous identities and other people in the community. Download the Soundtrail app

Tia Falls, Oxley Wild Rivers NP The spectacular Tia Falls cascade down the face of the gorge in two main drops. Both visible from the one lookout a short walk (650m) from the carpark. Explore a little further to be rewarded with a different aspect of the gorge; open, vast and spectacular scenery.

**Pioneer Cottage Museum** Step back in time in this well thought out display of yesterday's relics and industrial revolutions. From bespoke teacups made for men with moustaches to the Tigermoth aeroplane which was the first in Australia to spread fertiliser by air.

**Walcha Visitor Information Centre** 

## road trip adventures

The journey to New England High Country promises to be one full of surprises natural wonders and awe inspiring views. Whether you are arriving on motorbike, RV, towing a caravan or in a classic car, you will be able to experience arguably some of the most scenic drives in Australia.

#### **Waterfall Way**

Waterfall Way was recently voted as one of the best scenic drives in NSW, winding through five National Parks starting from beaches at Sawtell (20 mins south of Coffs Harbour) through Bellingen with lush green farm paddocks to the Dorrigo Plateau. Travelling onwards towards Armidale there are stunning waterfalls and World Heritage National Parks along the way. Take a full on time don't miss Wollomombi Gorge, Point Lookout, Ebor Falls and Dorrigo National Park.



Ebor Falls, Guy Fawkes River National Park

#### **Oxley Highway**

Walcha, is possibly the most famous and

with enormous towering trees cloaked in vines, wild orchids and ferns, as well as

both Tia and Apslev Falls.

being dotted with flame trees, lyrebirds and bush turkeys. Be sure to stop off and visit

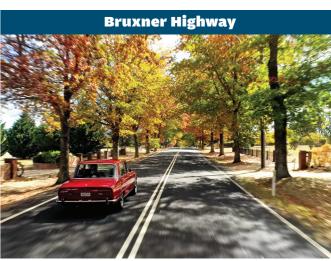
**Gwydir Highway** stretches from Grafton The Oxley Highway, from Port Macquarie to on the coast to Glen Innes and Inverell, where national park leads to national park favoured motorcycling route in Australia. covering an area of some 92,400 hectares. Enjoyed by cars alike, its meandering Highlights include Washpool National Park bends guide you through incredible World and Raspberry Lookout, which has extensive Heritage listed National Parks, abundant views across the gorge country.

**Gwydir Highway** 



Gibraltar Range National Park

Lower Apsley Falls, Oxley Wild Rivers National Park The Bruxner Highway



Dividing Range, starting from the NSW Northern Rivers region and heading west to Tenterfield. The Bruxner Highway climbs over 800 metres, taking you through open farmland, rolling hills, quaint villages and woodland forests. Offering spectacular scenery, you'll want to slow down and enjoy the drive as you cross the Clarence River and follow the Cataract River and gorge up to

winds its way up the Great

# distilleries, wineries, breweries

New England High Country boasts some of the best artisan beers, boutique spirits and cool climate wines. Follow the picturesque roads and enjoy a bounty of delicious locally-grown produce and award winning wines, beers and spirits. There are local delights to be discovered in many of the towns and villages.



Brewing Co

Inverell Toppers Mountain Wines

Tenterfield Reedy Creek Estate; Zappa Wines; 2 Wild Souls Meadery; Splitters Swamp

Vineyard





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