

Full Day—Discovering History

Walk in the footsteps of both the indigenous peoples of this land and the early pioneers as you explore the many natural and man-made wonders of the Upper Lachlan region.

The indigenous Wiradjuri, Gundungurra and Ngannawal people appear to have used the region as travelling routes, however with its proximity to the early colony and its strategic location, the area was experiencing permanent European settlement within 20 years of the First Fleet.

Arable land and reliable rainfall remain at the heart of our region and are reflected in much of the built and natural environment. When you add gold and silver, major transport routes and country ingenuity, famous authors and famous bushrangers you have a wonderful tapestry of stories with hidden gems everywhere—literally!

10.00am—The **Taralga** Historical Society Museum is simply one of the best regional experiences of its kind and there is no better place to start your history quest. Celebrating its 200th birthday in 2019, the town is a historian's heaven—filled with Australian wool industry pioneer Macarthur family history, beautifully preserved original blue stone buildings and churches.

12.30pm—Arrive in **Crookwell** in time for lunch then head to the Visitor Information Centre to pick up a copy of the Self-Guided Historical Walk of Crookwell. The walk takes you past all the key landmarks in this beautiful Tablelands town, including the Crookwell Heritage Railway Station.

3.30pm—Head on over to **Gunning**, once the 'Limit of Settlement', beyond which the colonial government in Sydney banned settlers from acquiring property. This historic transport hub has stories to tell, especially in the local cemetery! The Self-Guided Historical Walk of Gunning can fill you in!

These are just some suggestions—there are a multitude of fascinating historical sites to visit and tales to tell in the region.... You could visit **Dalton**—home to a 40 million year old fossil leaf deposit!! Or **Tuena**, rich in bushranger stories and gold mining history, given that it was the site of a major gold find in 1851.

Make contact with the friendly staff at the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre who can help you plan a trip to remember!!

