

SCENIC AND HISTORIC DRIVES

ROUTE 3 THE TABLELANDS WAY

DRIVE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Macarthur country. With stunning views of the Blue Mountains this scenic drive takes you from Goulburn, Australia's first inland city, all the way to Bummaroo Ford on the Abercrombie River, an ideal picnic spot.

POINTS OF INTEREST

• Goulburn to Taralga

As you head out of Goulburn on the Taralga Road you will drive through some of the prettiest scenery the Southern Tablelands have to offer. Enjoy a leisurely cruise through gently undulating hills with lush green paddocks interspersed with extensive stands of natural bushland. Taralga sits at an elevation of around 830 m and you will notice the countryside becoming greener and lusher as your drive takes you up into the high country. Keep an eye out for possible local wildlife along the way!

• Taralga

Located just 45 km north of Goulburn on the Tablelands Way, the historic village of Taralga is famous for its many beautiful stone buildings including the heritage listed Catholic Church of Christ the King. The village was originally planned for workers on the Macarthur estate, "Richlands", and dates back to the 1820s. Taralga has a very active historical society who run the Taralga Historical Museum, in the former Wesleyan Methodist Church and its grounds. Here you can see a Nissen hut, old school house, settler's cottage, slab dairy and other fascinating historical buildings and artefacts. If you feel like a break from driving, there are no less than 42 "places of interest" listed on the Taralga visitor guide, so there's no shortage of things to see! Check into the Taralga Visitor Information Centre when you arrive for more details. Taralga also features some great specialty gift shops.

If you're ready for a cup of tea and cake or hanging out for something more substantial there are some excellent food outlets. Enjoy brunch or lunch made from fresh local produce at one of the cafés or pubs. It's a great place to enjoy some retail therapy and delicious country food! If you have kids with you, check out the Taralga Wildlife Park. It's open Thursdays to Mondays, and every day during school holidays, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

• Bummaroo Ford

Leaving Taralga on the road to Oberon, you will soon be driving through lush countryside. As you get closer to Bummaroo Ford the country becomes more rugged and you will drive past extensive tracts of Eucalypt and forest. It's around 30 km from Taralga and the drive will take approximately 25 minutes.

Bummaroo Ford Campground is set on the Abercrombie River, surrounded by bushland teeming with wildlife. You'll probably encounter a wallaby or two and you may even see a platypus in the river. It's a top spot for a tranquil picnic. If you are visiting in summer, be sure to bring your swimmers and enjoy a refreshing dip. You can fish here, or bring a kayak for a paddle. A wonderful place to get away from the city hustle and bustle and get back to nature!

DISTANCE

75 km

Driving Time

Approximately 1 hour (remember to take it easy on country roads!)



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