

Tourist Drive 15

West Pennant Hills to Wisemans Ferry



LOCATION: West Pennant Hills to Wisemans Ferry

In Sydney's northwest, Tourist Drive 15 begins at the corner of Pennant Hills and Castle Hill Roads just off the Castle Hill exit from the M2 Hills Motorway. It continues through rural villages to the historic town of Wisemans Ferry on the Hawkesbury River.

DISTANCE: 51 Km Allow minimum driving time of 45 minutes

TOWNS AND VILLAGES:

1

West Pennant Hills

A suburban setting that hides Australia's only State Forest in a metropolitan area - Cumberland Forest.

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Dural

Semi rural townships forming the "Garden Gateway" to the region, with more than 60 nurseries in the area - many with exquisite garden cafes.

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Glenorie, Canoelands and Maroota

Small rural villages dotted with roadside stalls of home-grown fruit, vegetables and flowers.

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Wisemans Ferry

Named after Solomon Wiseman, the first ferry master on this Hawkesbury River crossing. Set against a backdrop of towering sandstone cliffs, the ferry still operates across the Hawkesbury River 7 days a week - a time honoured tradition since 1827.

ACCOMMODATION:

Motel, resort, caravan, cabin and bed & breakfast accommodation available in:

- Castle Hill
- Dural
- Wisemans Ferry

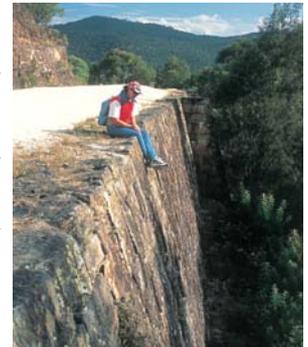
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MUST SEE, MUST DO...

- Historic Roughley House
- Cumberland State Forest
- Hawkins Lookout over the Hawkesbury River
- Nurseries and Galleries
- The Convict Trail - Great North Road

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cumberland State Forest is an oasis for birdlife and native animals. The Forest has walking tracks, a sensory trail, picnic facilities and an information centre.
- The Pines and Roughley House dates back to 1856 and follows the story of the Roughley family across 200 years from convict beginnings.
- Butterfly and Secret Garden Nursery Cafes provide private gardens with outdoor dining and are ideal for peaceful breakfasts, a catch up over coffee by the log fire or secluded evening dining.
- Dural Putt Putt in the Gardens is a great spot to relax over a coffee while the kids play mini-golf on a 36 hole course amongst beautifully landscaped gardens.
- Ambarwell Gallery is a studio gallery within a farmhouse barn displaying original artworks of traditional and Japanese pottery.
- Hawkins Lookout provides panoramic views over the Hawkesbury River.
- Wisemans Ferry Reserve provides the best spot for a picnic alongside the Hawkesbury River. Enjoy a BBQ, play in the playground or just watch the ferry crossing the river.
- Walk in the steps of convicts from over 175 years ago on the Great Northern Road at Wisemans Ferry. See stone buttresses, bridges and carved sandstone walls - a testament to colonial engineering.



For further information, contact the Sydney Hills Visitor Centre at 656a Old Northern Road, Dural.

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Length 52km

(West Pennant Hills to Wisemans Ferry)



LEGEND

- Tourist Drive 15
- Major road, tertiary road
- Unsealed road, walking track
- Railway
- Visitor information centre, cafe
- Hospital, gallery, cafe
- Hotel, picnic facilities, barbeque
- Caravan park, bed & breakfast
- Toilet, camping, lookout
- Bushwalking, petrol, boatramp
- Club, nursery, winery
- Fresh produce open seasonally

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Webbs Creek Ferry operates 24hrs 7 days a week. Closed 1st Tuesday of each month 9:30am-11:30am

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TOURING TIP!
 Please help us keep this region tidy by disposing of rubbish thoughtfully or pick up your free car litter bag from Sydney Hills Visitors Centre situated along this Tourist Drive.

This road was first built by convicts



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