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Camden in the heart of the Macarthur region, is located less than an hours drive from the Sydney CBD, and is the birthplace of the Australian wool, wheat and wine industries.

Combining the magic of the country, historic towns and modern delights Camden is a blend of cosmopolitan dining and rural living.

Visitors to the area can enjoy a wide range of experiences, including scenic balloon or joy flight over the Macarthur region, a tour of Camden town's historic properties, horse riding at the Equestrian Park, a picnic in Australia's largest Botanic Garden, and much more. There truly is something for everyone in the Camden area.

The *Camden Scenic Drive* takes you on a relaxed tour of some of Camden's most spectacular rural and historic locations. See for yourself how Camden has evolved over time yet retained its country charm. You can find out more about these and other locations at www.visitcamden.com.au or talk to one of the friendly staff at Camden Visitor Information centre.



Camden Scenic Drive

Take a leisurely drive through Camden's countryside and explore a region rich in history and natural beauty.



1 JOHN OXLEY COTTAGE: Built in the 1890's as a workman's cottage, this building was one in a row of small houses lining the road into the town of Camden. In the garden stands Oxley's Anchor, believed to be from one of Oxley's ships.

2 COWPASTURE BRIDGE: The bridge crosses the Nepean River and was opened in 1827 as a toll bridge. Near here a herd of 40 cattle was discovered in 1795 - seven years after two bulls and four cows strayed from the First Fleet settlement at Sydney Cove. Governor Hunter therefore named the whole area "The Cowpastures".

TURN RIGHT on to Edward St and you will see the Camden Saleyards on your right. Follow the road around to the left.

3 CAMDEN TOWN FARM: Previously known as Miss Davies' Dairy, this 54 hectare property is an important component of the rural fringe that surrounds the town and reinforces Camden's rural character. Its use as a dairy farm dates back to the 19th century and for a time was used for Chinese market gardening.

4 CAMDEN TOWN CENTRE: Camden is steeped in history as you drive through the Town Centre. Take some time to have a coffee at one of the many dining options available, and explore the historic buildings that line the main street.

Turn left onto John Street, head to the top and turn right

5 ST JOHNS CHURCH: Camden's most visible landmark set on the hill in Menangle Road overlooking the town of Camden with its spire visible for many miles around and is built on land donated by the Macarthurs.

CONTINUE up Menangle Rd.

6 MACARTHUR PARK: Mrs. Elizabeth Macarthur-Onslow, a granddaughter of John Macarthur, gifted the tranquil oasis of Macarthur Park to the people of Camden in 1905. It is named Macarthur Park in honour of Elizabeth's father James Macarthur.



CONTINUE up Menangle Road and on the right you will see CAMDEN HOSPITAL, TURN RIGHT and follow down to the main street and turn left onto Cawdor Road.

7 ONSLOW PARK: On the right adjacent to the roundabout is Camden Showground and Oval. Continuing south along Argyle Street you pass the Camden Bowling Club on the right and the RSL Bowling Club on the left.

8 CAMDEN BICENTENNIAL EQUESTRIAN PARK: Officially opened in August 2000. Since then it has developed into a home for many equestrian and non-equestrian groups.

TURN RIGHT at the Sheathers Lane roundabout the road crosses the flood plain and then proceeds up the hill.

9 CARRINGTON CENTENNIAL HOSPITAL: Is on the right as you proceed through the next roundabout into Werombi Road. Opened in August 1890, this was the first public convalescent hospital established in NSW.

TURN RIGHT onto Cobbitty Road and pass over Cobbitty Bridge which crosses the Nepean River to enter the historic village of Cobbitty.

10 COBBITTY WINES: Open seven days a week, this winery is worth a visit. Take time to sample some wines at the cellar door.

11 COBBITTY VILLAGE: Governor Macquarie named this area Cobbedee, and when Gregory Blaxland was granted land here in 1812, he called it Cubbady Farm. The village of Cobbitty, nestled on the Nepean River, attracts much interest because of the lush country views and beautifully kept historic buildings. Stroll through the markets, held on the first Saturday of the month at Cobbitty Public School.

12 ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, HEBER CHAPEL and ST. PAUL'S RECTORY: Designed by architects John Verge & John Bibb, St. Paul's Church was completed in 1842. It is surrounded by a historic graveyard & many fine mature trees.

13 TEEN RANCH: A holiday camp for children and young adults. Earlier it was a very fashionable guest house owned by the Hassall family called "POMARE". In its early years; families would arrive by train at Camden and be transported by horse and buggy around town. *TURN RIGHT into Macquarie Grove Road and experience a typical Australian beautiful tree-lined country road.*

14 WIVENHOE HISTORIC HOUSE: In the distance on the right side of Macquarie Grove Road is historic "Wivenhoe", originally the home of Charles Cowper, Member of Parliament.

Turn left onto Kirkham Lane

15 CAMELOT: "Camelot" stands on the site of explorer John Oxley's Kirkham Mill and was built with the winnings from "Chester", a racehorse which won the Melbourne Cup in 1877, owned by James White. Camelot is featured on Foxtel's television series "A Place to Call Home".