

*T*ourist *7* *D*rive

Yass ~ Wee Jasper ~ Tumut

Explore the scenic delights of Tourist Drive 7, winding between Yass and Tumut, taking in rural landscapes, natural bush and the geological treasure trove of Wee Jasper.



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A journey through one of the most diverse geological landscapes in Australia with a mix of broadacre and grazing rural properties. Winding down the valley about 20kms long with the Goodradigbee River running its length.

Yass to Wee Jasper

Distance: 52kms

Allow: 1 hour

Road Condition: Sealed

1. On your left you will pass Gums Lane. Nestled behind the pine trees is Yass Marchmont Racecourse, the venue for the annual Yass Picnic Races.
2. Approaching the Good Hope turn-off you will be in an ancient sea bed which geologists assure us, was the situation millions of years ago. Evidence of the sedimentary rock strata is visible in the unusual knoll or hill to your right, just past the turn-off.
3. As you continue along the Wee Jasper Road, at the top of the hill, glorious views of the Brindabella Ranges will unfold before you.
4. Warroo Creek on your right was the site of Brassils "Harp of Erin" Inn. The old shade and fruit trees are the only indication that a building existed.
5. Panoramic views of the Murrumbidgee Valley and stored waters of Burrinjuck Dam can be seen as you descend Taemas Hill to the bridge. Clear views of limestone rock formations and extensive folding cliffs arising from the lake, to your right. Geologically described as an "Anticline" formed in the Devonian period the formation is estimated to be in the vicinity of 400,000,000 years old.
6. Taemas Bridge - The original bridge was washed away in May 1925. The present bridge was opened 1930. A punt was used during the period 1925 - 30.
7. Continuing along the Wee Jasper Road. Extensive limestone formations are a feature for the next few miles. An alternative route to Canberra leaves the Wee Jasper Road at Mountain Creek. Mountain Creek Road is partially unsealed.
8. "Coodravale Station" - is a private property on your left just before you cross the Goodradigbee River. It was formerly owned by a syndicate, one of whom was A. B. "Banjo" Paterson.
9. Cross the Goodradigbee River and you are in the picturesque village of Wee Jasper. It is not known when the locality was first named, but in 1860 when gold was found at Kiandra, Wee Jasper was named as a point on the track from Yass to the new gold field. There was no village at that time.
10. Situated on the right as you leave the bridge is the former Police Barracks, c1880 now the Wee Jasper Stables Tavern. Further on your right is the School Residence, formerly the Police Station, then at the intersection on your right is the Wee Jasper School opened in 1899. Originally sited on the river's edge, the building was moved to its present location in 1929 when Burrinjuck Dam filled.

7...Yass to Tumut

Australia. The road passes through a range of volcanic and sedimentary g down through fantastic folded limestone belts you will enter a beautiful length, surrounded by hills and containing a wealth of natural features.

Wee Jasper to Tumut

Distance: 68kms

Allow: 1.25 hours

Road Condition:

**Unsealed gravel;
frequent logging traffic;
not suitable for caravans
or larger vehicles;
4WD may be necessary
in persistent wet
weather or snow;
stock and wildlife**

11. Whilst in Wee Jasper, a visit to Carey's Cave is a must. Entry to the cave is only with a tour, and it is best to check the website for opening days and times.

12. Wee Jasper Reserves offer fantastic bush camping opportunities in five spectacular locations.

13. From Wee Jasper to Tumut you pass through dry sclerophyll forest, farming land and pine forests.

Beautiful multi-aged stands of eucalypt with an understory dominated by hard leafed shrubs, grasses, bracken and fern, line the roads and go back into the forest depths.

14. Bushwalkers will enjoy the challenge of the Hume and Hovell Walking Track, with the Fitzpatrick Trackhead located just outside of Wee Jasper.

This particular section of the track is graded as being moderate/hard, is 78 km from the Fitzpatrick Trackhead to the Snowy Mountains Highway.

The track starts with a 6 km climb to the summit of Mt. Wee Jasper in the Buccleuch State Forest. The track then incorporates forestry roads, bridges and boardwalks before descending from the tableland to the Goobarragandra Valley and climbing again to reach the Thomas Boyd Trackhead.

15. Travellers will enjoy the drive through the Bondo State Forest and its pine, the major industry for the Tumut Shire, before entering the tiny village of Bondo. The village is a cluster of homes but does not have any stores.

16. Once reaching the town of Tumut proper, make sure you stop into the Tumut Region Visitors Centre, where the staff can assist you with information on the wealth of things to see and do in the Tumut Region.



