



ESCAPE
TO THE
DILLY

Picton & Surrounds
4 DAYS | 3 NIGHTS
SELF GUIDED ITINERARY

WELCOME TO PICTON



The Hills of Picton

HISTORIC PICTON

The historic township of Picton is the heart of the Wollondilly or the Dilly as it is affectionately referred to by the locals. Located just over an hour from Sydney, 40 minutes from the Illawarra, the Macarthur and Western Sydney, it is a great place to get away and unwind.

As one of the earliest European settlements, Picton was “discovered” when a number of cattle went missing in the early days of the colony and were found in 1795 by a convict near the Nepean River. The area became known as Cowpastures and then Stonequarry until 1841 where the name Picton was established. Picton is believed to have been chosen to honour a soldier, Sir Thomas Picton.

A wonderful story of the past captured in its architecture, picturesque agricultural land and significant footprint in locomotive history. Visitors to our rural region will enjoy the change of pace, country charm and unique experiences unlike anywhere else.

Whether you’re a nature lover, adventure seeker, shopping enthusiast or foodie, there is something for everyone to enjoy in our region.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and the living culture and spiritual connections to the land for the Dharawal and Gundungurra peoples.

Picton

FAST FACTS

Picton was established in **1841**
and today has a population of **5,423**

The region's name Wollondilly comes
from its earliest known inhabitants, the
indigenous people of the
Gundungurra Tribe and means
'water trickling over rocks'

The region is spread across
34 unique towns and villages

Wollondilly is home to 5 dams, some of
which are the largest in NSW

Population: **Over 54,000**

Area: **2,560 SQ KM**

Picton is located

60 minutes
from Sydney

45 minutes
from Wollongong

40 minutes
from the Southern Highlands

2 hours 40 minutes
from Canberra

The region will have a new neighbour
in 2026, the Western Sydney
International Airport

4 DAY | 3 NIGHT FAMILY ITINERARY



Perfect for Families

There are lots of things to see and do in the Dilly to help you Find your Something. To help you plan, we have hand-picked some great places to visit from our most popular day trip itineraries, Farming Dilly, Historic Dilly, Active Dilly, Nature Dilly and Boutique Dilly.

Follow our specially curated four-day, three-night driving itinerary and discover food fresh from the farm, a little adventure, some historic sites and enjoy the fresh air and wide-open spaces that is the Wollondilly region. Don't rush, take your time to explore.

The Cottage Picton

STAY IN THE DILLY

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SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE DILLY

From luxury estates, pub style inns, quaint B&Bs right through to unique farm stay experiences, Wollondilly has a range of accommodation options available. If you're looking for a romantic getaway, family road trip or desire to get away you're sure to find the perfect option to suit your needs and budget.

FARM EXPERIENCES, AIRBNB & LUXURY STAYS

A taste of country life

You don't need to drive to the middle of nowhere to get a taste of the country life when we have it all right here in the Dilly. Take in the serenity and spend time with animals at Mowbray Park Farm, feel secluded on 30 acres of rainforest at the Flower Farm Guest House in Oakdale or settle into a tiny house with spectacular uninterrupted views at the Razorback Ridge Retreat. For a luxury stay, the award winning Kalinya Estate in Bargo offers exclusive use of the 6-acre property and high-end facilities.

MOTELS & INNS

Enjoy a classic stay

A motel, inn or pub-style stay is always a cosy and cost-effective way to spend a night in the Dilly. There are a number of options to suit your budget, style and location preference to ensure you're close to family and friends, tourist attractions and local shops. George IV Inn, Tahmore Inn, Hotel Bargo, Picton Valley Motel are all popular choices. .

RV SITES

Accommodation behind the wheel

If you're on the road exploring the Dilly behind the wheel of your RV or just passing through there are a few different places to stop overnight. The RV sites available are either free of charge or low cost. There are also a number of RV Dump Points located around the Dilly in Picton, Appin and Warragamba which are free to access. Check out the RV Short Stay Site in Warragamba or K Ranch Arena in Mount Hunter who offer 120 powered sites for you and your four-legged horse companion.

For more overnight suggestions go to VisitWollondilly.com.au

Camden Valley Inn



Razor Ridge Retreat

DAY ONE

Day one has something for everything. This exciting itinerary will have you cuddling gorgeous highland cows, delving into rich Australian history and browsing local boutiques with treasures you won't find anywhere else.

And of course there's a few stops for delicious meals and comfortable accommodation with stunning country views.

And if you can't fit it all into one day, don't rush. Just skip a stop and come back for a second day trip. You're always welcome in the Dilly.



1. Bon Rean Highlands

835 Werombi Road, Theresa Park
bonreanhighlands.com.au | 0407 944 525

Pat, feed, take a selfie, and fall in love with the friendliest herd of adorable, shaggy highland cows in Wollondilly shire. Bon Rean farm also harvests their very own fresh, sweet honey for you to take home. Bookings required.
Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

2. Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum

43 Edward Street, The Oaks
wollondillymuseum.org.au | (02) 4657 1796

The Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum houses an award-winning collection of significant items that tell the story of the region. It includes an original timber slab cottage, a functioning blacksmith, the history of the Gundungurra people and more. Please note the Museum is open weekends, public holidays and Thursdays.
Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

3. Moses Barnes

89-91 Argyle Street, Picton
[facebook.com/whoismosesbarnes](https://www.facebook.com/whoismosesbarnes)

From brekky classics and kid friendly options, lunch delights, cocktails, baked goods right through to the ultimate pairing of burgers and beers there is something for everyone at Moses Barnes.

4. Wander Boutique Shops

Argyle Street, Picton

Wander Argyle Street and discover antique treasures at Collectables at Picton, browse stylish labels at Pixie & Stone, find something colourful at Hippy Luxe, pick up a sweet treat at The Candy Train and more!
Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

5. Camden Valley Inn

290 Remembrance Drive, Cawdor
camdenvalleyinn.com.au | (02) 4655 8413

Enjoy a delicious dinner at the tudor-style heritage-listed Camden Valley Inn overlooking picturesque views of the Razorback Mountains with a cocktail in hand.



Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum



Picton Boutiques



Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum

DAY TWO

Day two is perfect for those who love a little bit of adrenaline filled adventure and historic hidden gems.

Explore some of the historic stops in Picton with significant rail heritage, take the karting track at your own pace and enjoy culinary delights along the way.



1. Stonequarry Creek Railway Viaduct

Webster Street, Picton

Built 1863 to 1867, this is the oldest existing stone viaduct in NSW and the second oldest in the country. The Viaduct crosses an 84m wide gorge with sandstone arches that rise 12.2 metres above the creek. Despite being 160 years old, it's still in use today.

Your next stop is 20 minutes by foot or 5 minutes by car. All day parking and an EV charger is available on Walton Lane, Picton.

2. Old Picton Post Office

26 Menangle Street, Picton

The Old Picton Post Office was completed in July 1892 and operated by a number of post masters over the years. The clock tower was added in 1982 and the building operated as the local Picton Post Office until 1994.

Your next stop is 5 minutes by foot.

3. St Mark's Anglican Church

7 Menangle Street, Picton

Opened in 1856, this beautifully quaint church sits surrounded by the Pioneers' Cemetery. Scan the audio tour and walk through the grounds whilst uncovering the stories of Wollondilly's first Pioneers.

Your next stop is 5 minutes by car.

4. Mushroom Tunnel

229 Argyle Street, Picton

Formally known as the Redbank Range Railway tunnel, this was the very first tunnel used by NSW Railways. The structure is a fine example of 1800s stonemasonry and design. The Mushroom tunnel is one of the few remaining structures of the Great Southern Railway which was used for defence storage during World War II.

Your next stop is 5 minutes by car.

5. Picton Social

Shop 3, 135 Argyle Street, Picton
pictonsocial.com | (02) 4677 5865

Picton Social offers coffee and cocktails to pair with a delicious all day sweet and savoury brunch menu. The cafe also features the 'Artists Wall' showcasing pieces from upcoming local talent.

Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

6. Picton Karting

200 Picton Road, Picton
pkt.net.au | (02) 4677 3330

Picton Karting offers both rookie and pro circuits to suit any kind of driver. There's a fleet of junior karts for kids with all the bells and whistles to ensure safety, and 17-horse power adult karts for the seasoned experts.

Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

7. Vaby's Restaurant

2 Station Street, Picton
vabys.com | (02) 4677 1018

Enjoy a delicious dinner menu featuring a collection of modern-Australian cuisine accompanied by a number of dishes from around the world.



Old Picton Post Office

DAY THREE

Day three is packed with locomotive history and outdoor adventure.

Marvel the museum, board a steam train, walk the ancient lakes and settle in for a meal at one of Australia's oldest pubs.



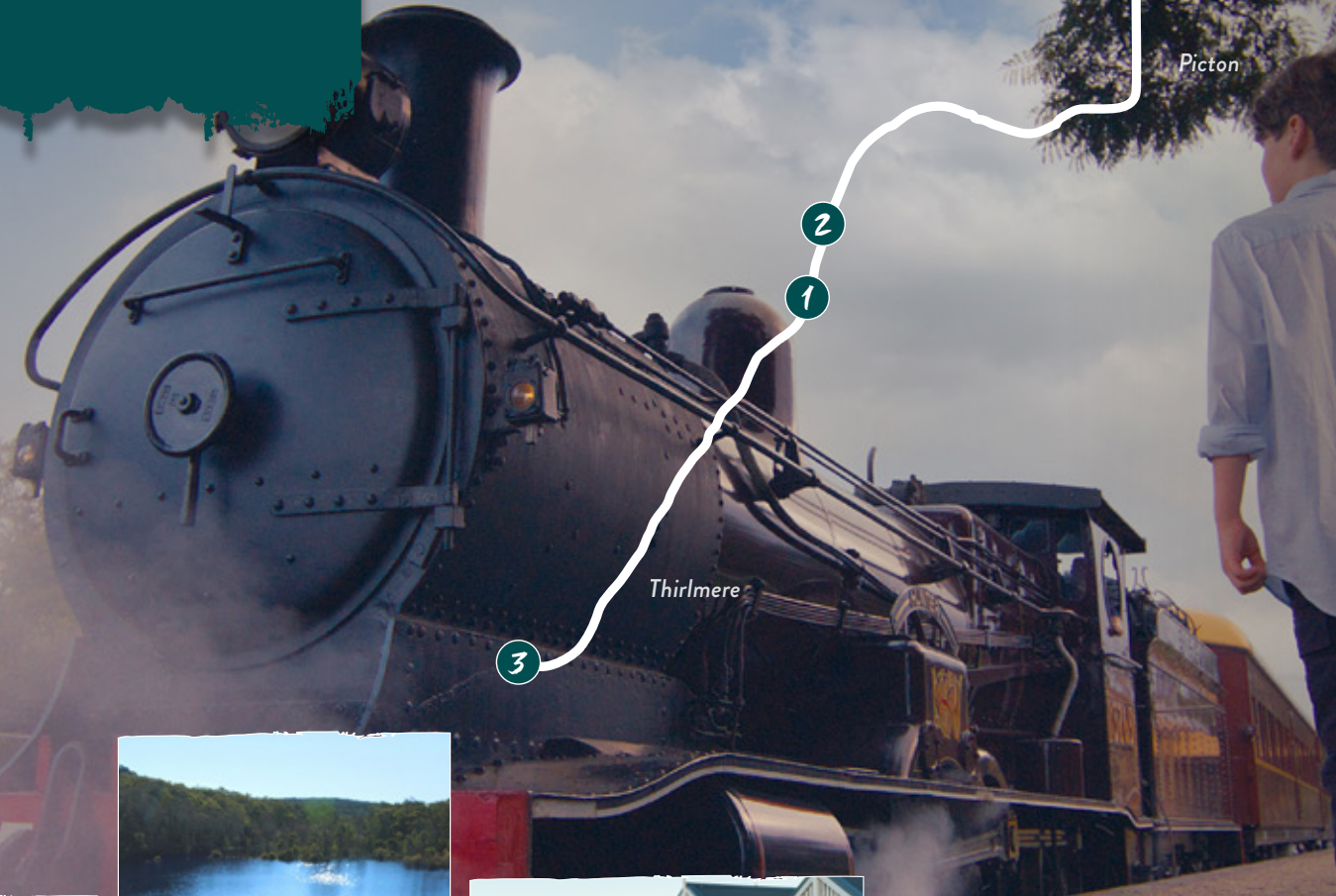
George IV Inn



Thirlmere Lakes



The Cottage Picton



1. NSW Rail Museum

10 Barbour Rd, Thirlmere
nswrailmuseum.com.au | 1300 11 55 99

The NSW Rail Museum is home to Australia's largest collection of rolling stock, including over 100 locomotives associated with the history of railways in New South Wales. The Museum also offers the opportunity to ride aboard a steam, heritage or diesel locomotive, depending on the season, and experience the incredible historic rolling stock first hand. There is parking on site and you can leave your car here while you walk to your lunch stop.

2. Loopline Pies

89 Westbourne Avenue, Thirlmere

There is something about pie shops in rural towns! Loop-Line Pies bake a selection of gourmet baked goodies and serve up a top notch espresso to wash them down. If you're in the mood for something sweet, head around the corner to Deliciousleigh Cakes for a specialty cupcake or slice. Your next stop is 10 minutes by car.

3. Thirlmere Lakes

Thirlmere Lakes National Park, Thirlmere

Thought to be 15 million years old, the reed-fringed Thirlmere Lakes are a birdwatcher and nature enthusiast paradise. Pack your walking shoes for the 6km track, canoe for a peaceful paddle on the open water or your mountain bike to explore the trails. Your next stop is 10 minutes by car.

4. George IV Inn

180 Argyle Street, Picton
georgeiv.com.au | (02) 4601 7730

One of Australia's oldest pubs built by convict labour in 1835, it now includes Georgian, Edwardian and Art Deco architecture. During restoration work in 2019, builders found shackles, old newspapers, and a previously unknown convict hold hidden beneath the floor since the mid-1800s which is now visible through the glass floor in the main bar area.

DAY FOUR

Your final day in the Dilly will leave you with amazing memories including meeting native Australian animals on a private sanctuary tour, riding a tractor, picking farm fresh local produce to take home and a few coffee and food stops along the way.

And even though you might be parting ways for now, remember you're always welcome back in the Dilly... There's plenty more to see and do!

1. The Australian Wildlife Sanctuary

3105 Remembrance Driveway, Bargo
australianwildlifesanctuary.com.au

Discover your wild side at the Australian Wildlife Sanctuary where you will meet, cuddle and feed some of the residents. See the Bare-Nosed Wombat, Long-Neck Turtle, Emu, wallabies and more! An exclusive private experience will take you on a full tour of the Sanctuary. Bookings required. Your next stop is 15 minutes by car.

2. Off the Rail

17 Oaks Street, Thirlmere
(02) 4623 4131

Pick up a coffee, bite to eat or a little sweet treat at Off the Rail. There also a selection of gourmet salads, burgers, hot BBQ chickens and fresh juices to takeaway. Your next stop is 5 minutes by car.

3. Berrylicious Strawberries

200B West Parade, Thirlmere
facebook.com/berryliciousstrawberries

Pick your own punnet of the juiciest farm fresh strawberries and be amazed by the unique greenhouse tunnels where they grow. Bookings required. Your next stop is 10 minutes by car.

4. Cedar Creek Orchard

269 Mulhollands Road, Thirlmere
cedarcreekorchards.com.au | (02) 4681 8457

With 23,000 trees including apples, peaches, nectarines and persimmons, enjoy a tractor ride of the sprawling orchard during Summer, Spring and Autumn, and appreciate some of the Dilly's finest fruit, juice and cider. Your next stop is 10 minutes by car.

4. The Ark Picton

150 Argyle Street, Picton
facebook.com/thearkpicton | (02) 4677 3680

Locally owned and operated, The Ark is a humble café serving up specialty coffee and simple honest food. Stop in for coffee, lunch or a sweet pick me up treat.



Berrylicious Strawberries



The Ark Picton



Cedar Creek Orchard



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