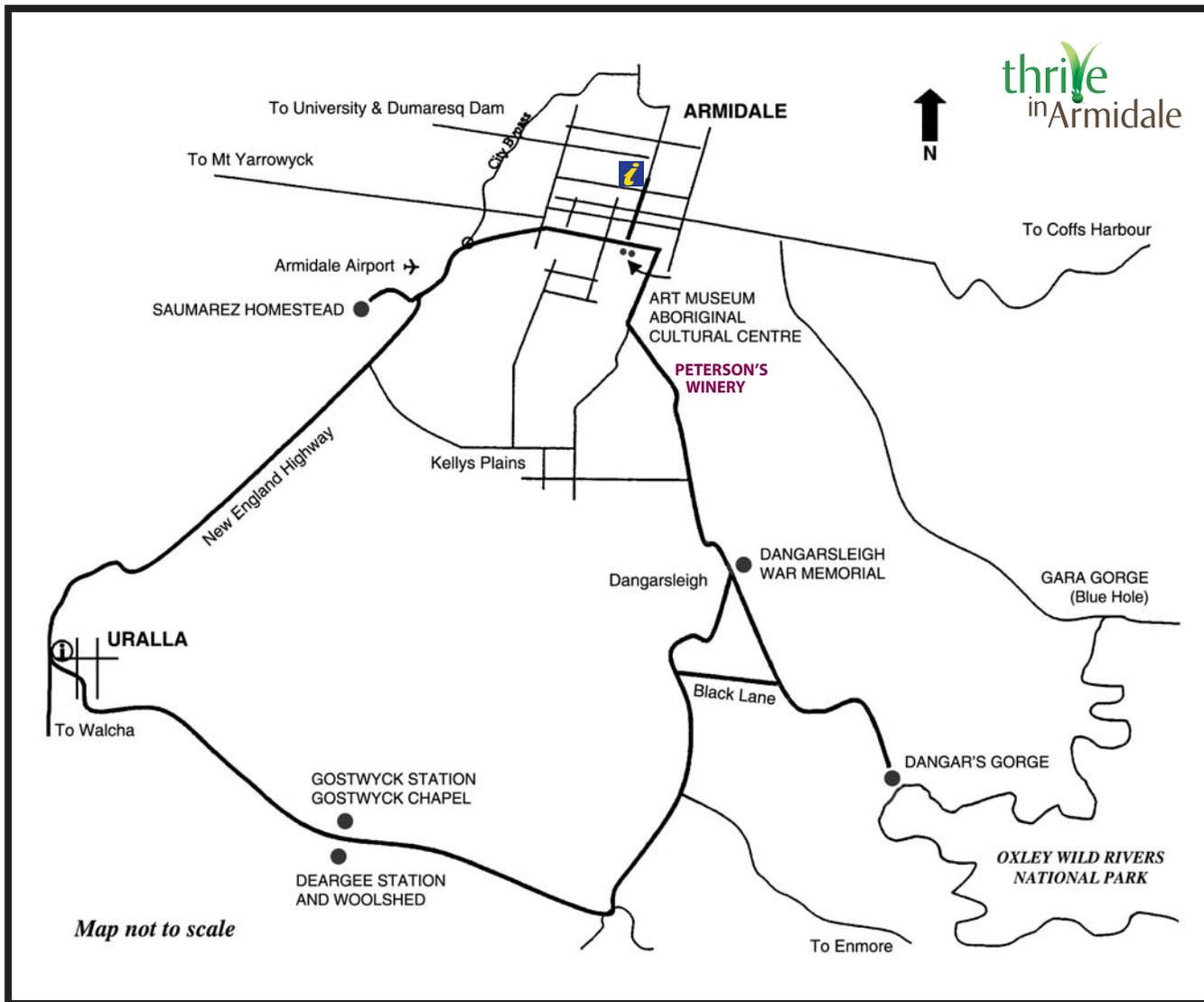


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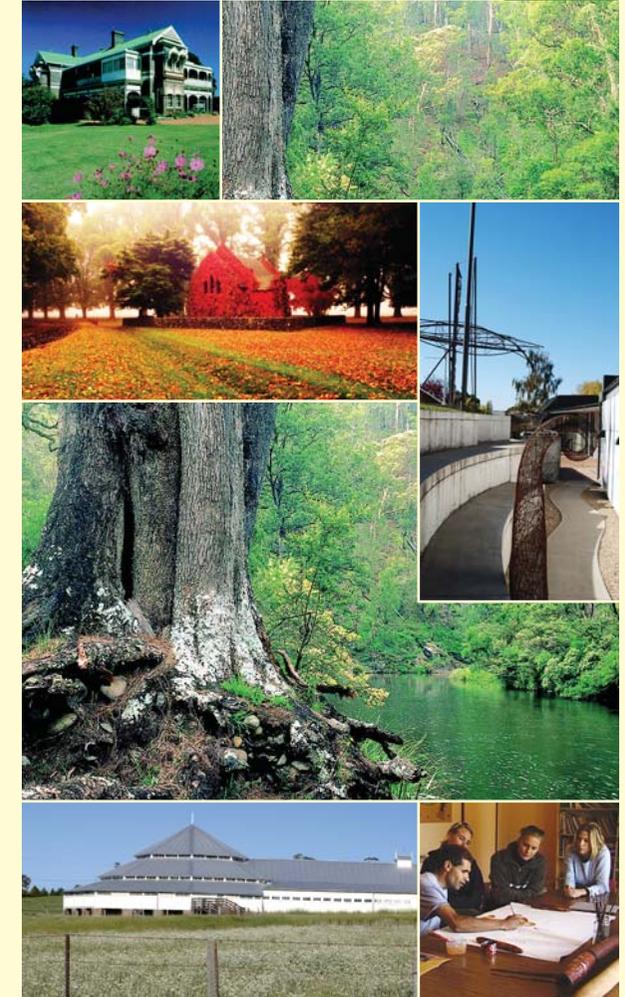
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Drop into the Armidale, Uralla and Walcha Visitor Information Centres or Guyra Council for more information on the beautiful New England region.



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Half/Full Day Tour 86km (20km unsealed)

New England Regional Art Museum,  
Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Dangar's  
Gorge & Falls, Gostwyck Chapel, Uralla  
& Saumarez Homestead

## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ART MUSEUM & ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

Commencing at the Visitor Information Centre, follow Marsh Street south until a T intersection. Turn left into Kentucky Street and on the right is the **New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)**.

Described by a leading art critic as, "the jewel in the Regional Galleries' crown". NERAM houses 4 outstanding permanent collections of works by significant Australian artists: **The Howard Hinton Collection, The Chandler Coventry Collection, The Armidale City Collection and NERAM's own collection.**

Artists featured include: Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Norman Lindsay, Lionel Lindsay, Julian Ashton, Margaret Preston, Thea Proctor, Brett Whiteley, Salvatore Zoffrea and many more. Each year the Museum's management and staff bring to Armidale a diverse and exciting range of exhibitions.

*Open 6 days a week 10am to 5pm (Closed Monday).  
The Café opens Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.*

To the east of the New England Regional Art Museum is the **Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place** with a gallery, craft boutique, conference facility and amphitheatre. The centre plays an important part in the preservation, interpretation and display of culture of the Aboriginal people from the New England region.

Exhibitions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and design, craft and performing arts are a vital part of the centre's life in its role as a place of learning and serves the local community as well as international and Australasian artists.

*Open Monday to Friday 10am to 4.30pm.  
Weekends by appointment. Phone (02) 6772 1249.*

### PETERSON'S WINERY

Continue east along Kentucky Street, turning right into Kennedy Street which becomes Dangarsleigh Road.

Travelling 2km along this road you can visit one of Armidale's cool climate vineyards established in 1998.

Set on the historic property of "Palmerston", the Peterson family has established this 12 hectare vineyard with both red and white grapes. The wine from the vineyard has already won awards at the major wine shows. The cellar door is located in the old stables which have been refurbished to provide a unique setting for tastings and meals.

*Cellar door open daily 10am to 4pm. Lunch available  
Saturday and Sunday. Phone: (02) 6772 0422.*

### ARMIDALE TO DANGAR'S GORGE

Follow Dangarsleigh Road for 7.5km through undulating grazing country until reaching the **Dangarsleigh War Memorial** on the left. The Perrott family erected this monument in memory of those who were killed in World War One.

Turn left at the monument and follow the unsealed road that leads to **Dangar's Gorge**.

The spectacular gorge country is believed to have been formed over the last 12 to 15 million years as the rivers and streams cut their way down through the rock which forms the New England Tableland.

A short walk from the car park and picnic area provides access to a view from two well positioned lookouts. Salisbury Waters flow over **Dangar's Falls** and drop 120 meters into a large pool in the gorge below.

A longer walk on the well-marked trail leads to **Rock Wallaby Lookout** and follows the rim of the gorge to **McDirty's Lookout**, which is also part of **Oxley Wild Rivers National Park**.

### DANGAR'S GORGE TO GOSTWYCK

On leaving Dangar's Gorge, turn left into **Black Lane** for 2.3km and then left again, back on to Enmore Road.

Continue the scenic drive through typical New England farming country where many farms date back several generations. At 'Mihi' Station 12km further on, turn right heading west towards the old rural settlement of **Gostwyck**, a popular spot for autumn visitors. On the left approaching Gostwyck stands a curiosity of rural

building design, the octagonal woolshed of Deargee Station, still in full-time use today. Gostwyck Station with its elm drive and beautiful small chapel covered with Boston ivy is a favourite spot with photographers. Continue west to reach the historic township of **Uralla**.

### URALLA TO SAUMAREZ HOMESTEAD

Uralla has a population of around 2,300 and is known as a haven for crafts people and artists. The heady days of the gold rushes have been replaced with the relaxing atmosphere of bookshops, antique shops, tearooms and coffee lounges. Drop into the Uralla Visitor Information Centre for more information about the town.

Travel back north towards Armidale via the New England Highway. Turn left into the **Armidale Airport**, and follow the National Trust signs for 3km to **Saumarez Homestead**.

Taken up by Henry Dumaresq in 1835, Saumarez was one of the first properties settled in the region. Francis White acquired the property in 1874. The family lived in the old single-storey brick house (still standing) until 1888, when the first section of the present two-storey building was built.

Francis White's grandchildren presented the homestead, which still contains the White family's furniture and memorabilia, to the National Trust in the early 1980's.

**Saumarez is closed from June to September and inspection of the Homestead is by guided tour only.**

*Guided tours run: Weekdays 10.30am and 2pm. Weekends and Public Holidays 10.30am, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.*

### SAUMAREZ HOMESTEAD TO ARMIDALE

Leaving Saumarez turn left onto the New England Highway and turn right at the first roundabout to return to Armidale. There is another heritage building on the right called **Old Bishops Court**, which is opposite the **New England Girls School (NEGS)**. Further along Kentucky Street the **Armidale Arboretum** can be seen on the right and **Armidale High School** on the left.