Look a little bit closer. Lithgow is set to surprise you.

On the western fringe of the Blue Mountains, just two hours from Sydney and at the gateway to the Central West, the Lithgow area is the perfect getaway.

Within minutes of the city itself, you can be walking through historic villages, visiting spectacular lookouts, sitting beside clear flowing creeks or discovering the many beautiful valleys that dominate the region.

You’ll be surprised at the range of things there are to do in the Lithgow area and the wide choice of places to stay – from six star with all the frills to camping with all the thrills.

Best known for its industrial heritage, Lithgow is also an exquisitely beautiful area boasting seven national parks and rare flora and fauna.

Explore the Capertee Valley and Mudgee to the north, Jenolan Caves and Oberon to the south, Bathurst to the west and the Blue Mountains and Sydney to the east.

But most of all, stay a few days and explore the Lithgow area itself.

It’s surprisingly close, surprisingly interesting and surprisingly spectacular...we look forward to making you feel welcome.
seven national parks
two hours from Sydney
spectacular valleys and views
historic towns and villages

Steeped in history
Lithgow the place where you can step back in time, the place where history comes alive.

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Next stop Lithgow

Just two hours from Sydney and Goulburn and even less from Orange and Mudgee, Lithgow is surprisingly close and easy to get to. While it may be an easy day trip, stay longer and go exploring – you’ll be amazed at what you’ll discover in the city and surrounding areas.

Lithgow is also a great place to base yourself to explore the Greater Blue Mountains Drive, Botanists Way, the Tablelands Way and Bylong Valley Way Experiences.

Sydney trains travel directly from Sydney’s Central Railway Station, via the scenic Blue Mountains, in just under three hours, or via the Western XPT on the western lines from Dubbo. NSW Train Link (formerly Country Link) buses meet and drop off at Lithgow Railway Station. Private tour operators also provide transfers and customised services.

Our staff at the Lithgow Visitor Centre will happily assist you with travel advice and suggestions.

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The Lithgow area is part of the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism Region which combined provides an extraordinary range of adventure, nature-based, cultural and relaxation experiences.

From every direction... all roads lead to Lithgow!
Next stop Lithgow

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From every direction...all roads lead to Lithgow!

Lithgow Average Temperatures

- **Spring**: Max 21.5° Min 3.4°
- **Summer**: Max 30.8° Min 10.4°
- **Autumn**: Max 22.4° Min 6.7°
- **Winter**: Max 12.0° Min 1.8°
Vibrant and creative communities, relaxed rural lifestyles, great opportunities for adventure, and well serviced towns and villages are what the Lithgow area is known for today. Most importantly, no matter where you go, or what you do, you’ll find the locals very welcoming.

LITHGOW

The town of Lithgow is nestled in a picturesque valley on the western slopes of the Blue Mountains and is surrounded by nature reserves and seven national parks. 20,000 people live in the Lithgow area and the town itself has a population of around 14,000 who enjoy all the facilities and services of a modern rural town. Lithgow has an extraordinary industrial heritage, a vibrant shopping area and a surprising array of museums and spectacular lookouts. Make sure you set aside some time to explore the town before heading further afield.

WALLERAWANG

10 minutes on the Bathurst side of Lithgow, Wallerawang or ‘Wang’ as it’s referred to by the locals is the perfect rest stop. Visit the main shopping area for a quick snack and a cup of coffee or take a break on the shore of picturesque Lake Wallace, home to over 180 different types of bird life. It’s a tranquil spot to stretch your legs, have a picnic or just sit and relax and watch the sail boats on summer weekends.

PORTLAND

You never know what treasures you’ll find in Portland, it’s one of our best kept secrets. Take some time to explore this charming little town. The ruins of the old Portland Cement Works create a dramatic backdrop, typical of so many places in Lithgow where industry has played a major role.

Take a sneak peak around almost any corner and you’ll discover the Signs of Yesteryear, a community project that attracts artists from all over the world. Together, they reproduce advertising signs ranging from 1895 to 1945 on the walls of local buildings. A happy trip down memory lane. See if you can find at least 15 of them...

History and nature
This is what sets the Lithgow region apart. Few other places boast such a proud industrial history and few other areas have access to such incredible scenery. It makes for some great adventures.

Delicious food
Great country pubs

Historic towns and villages
Every corner worth exploring...
**HARTLEY**

Cross the Blue Mountains, take the steep descent from Mount Victoria – just as the first explorers did – and you’ll discover Hartley, an area rich in history with some wonderfully restored and operational historic buildings. Take some time to photograph the beautifully preserved buildings at the Hartley Historic Site including the sandstone courthouse.

Wander the quiet back roads and discover more historic gems, including the Comet Inn (now a guesthouse) and Collit’s Inn in Hartley Vale, Rosedale in Little Hartley (now Hartley Valley Holiday Farm) and Rose Inn (now a beautiful restaurant – Ambermere Rose).

The straight stretch of the Great Western Highway through Hartley is a perfect starting point for your visit to the Lithgow Region. From a high tea in style to a delicious woodfired pizza or a visit to a lolly shop just like you had when you were little – there’s something here for everyone.

**RYDAL**

Home of the Rydal Show – ‘the best little show in the west’ – and Daffodils at Rydal, this pretty village hosts a range of lovely events throughout the year.

**TARANA**

A lovely drive west of Lithgow takes you past Lake Lyell and on to Tarana, perhaps for a beer and lunch at the Tarana Pub. 15 minutes up the road you’ll find the spectacular Evans Crown Nature Reserve, a 45 minute walk to the top will reward you with superb views of the surrounding valleys and massive granite tors.

**CAPERTEE**

Capertee is situated on the Castlereagh Highway halfway between Lithgow and Mudgee. Capertee is surrounded by World Heritage listed national parks including Wollemi, Gardens of Stone and Turon National Park. The Capertee village is the gateway to the panoramic Capertee Valley, the widest enclosed canyon in the world. Photos don’t do this valley justice, you need to drive into it to fully appreciate its beauty. Awesome cliff faces, industrial archaeology and protected natural areas create a very special corner of Lithgow.

The Capertee Valley has been declared an Important Birding Area (IBA) and is home to many endangered species. Step out of your car and listen. It’s extraordinary.

If you don’t mind a patch of unsealed road, wander through Glen Davis – it’s a lovely alternate route to Mudgee. The scenery has to be seen to be believed.

**WOLGAN VALLEY (NEWNES)**

The Wolgan Valley is one of the most spectacular locations in the entire area with brooding, towering cliffs looking down on the picturesque former township of Newnes. The Wolgan River winds its way through the valley to Newnes, an ideal place to have a splash on hot days. Little remains of Newnes except for the hotel which is now an information kiosk on weekends. The ruins of the former shale oil refinery and mine make for a great walk.

Once upon a time the shale from the mine was transported out of the valley via an astonishing section of railway track that hugged the escarpment. Today you can follow that same track to the historic Glow Worm Tunnel on the Newnes plateau. You’ll be rewarded with breathtaking scenery, fascinating history, geology, flora and fauna – and glow worms!
Not long after the first crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813 and the building of the road by William Cox in 1815 the lands around Lithgow were being settled and villages established. Lithgow has an extraordinary industrial heritage and there are still many opportunities to explore that heritage today. As early as the 1840s, coal was being extracted and was fuelling the new colony. Coal mining sustained Lithgow throughout two world wars, and along with electricity generation, it is still the backbone of Lithgow’s economy.

Lithgow was a major centre for enterprise. The arrival of the railway over the mountains saw the building of the Zig Zag Railway, an engineering masterpiece. In the 1870s a number of ironworks companies were established along with a copper smelter, the first meat freezing works in NSW, the brickworks, and the famous Lithgow Pottery. The first modern blast furnace in Australia was built in 1907 and steel was produced in Lithgow until 1928. The presence of steel was a factor in establishing a national Small Arms Factory in Lithgow which was the first modern manufacturing plant in Australia. This factory, still operating, outlasted the steelworks and has equipped the Australian army with weapons for over ninety years. Lithgow also once had woollen mills and the famous Berlei textile company.

In the early days, working and living conditions were extremely harsh and industrial disputes were common. As early as 1878 the first coal miners’ association was formed and so began Lithgow’s long association with the union movement.

When we say Lithgow is surprisingly diverse, nothing illustrates that better than our rich and varied history. Take some time to explore it.
fascinating industrial history
the largest display of small arms in Australia
a mecca for film making

The State Mine Heritage Park is an essential destination in Lithgow. With such a strong mining history in the region, the Park provides a fascinating insight into the early days of the industry.
HARTLEY VALLEY AND HARTLEY HISTORIC SITE

Early colonial history lives on in the Hartley Valley with evidence of the first road crossing of the Blue Mountains, convict-built buildings, and the first courthouse west of the Blue Mountains. Stop at the Hartley Historic Site to hear stories of convicts and early pioneers and see some of the earliest buildings west of the Blue Mountains.

ESKBANK HOUSE MUSEUM

Built in 1842 for Thomas Brown, Lithgow’s first industrialist, Eskbank House is a fine example of early Georgian-Victorian styles and features Australian Cedar and local Ashlar sandstone. The collection provides an insight into Lithgow’s social and industrial history including that of the Lithgow Pottery, Blast Furnace and Steel Works, Woollen Mills and Coal Mines.

Eskbank House has had several incarnations since its original role as home to Thomas Brown including as offices for the Steel Works and as a boarding school for girls. The furniture adorning the rooms of Eskbank House was donated by local department store owner Eric Bracey in the 1950s when he bought the property and donated it back to the people of Lithgow as a history museum. All furniture dates from the time when Thomas Brown lived in the house. Be sure to look out for the historically significant Sutton quilt.

Lithgow Pottery

The Lithgow Valley Pottery started operations in the 1870s and was responsible for a wide range of domestic and industrial ceramic ware from butter dishes and jugs to toilet bowls! A collection can be seen at Eskbank House Museum.

ZIG ZAG RAILWAY, HISTORIC RAILWAY STATIONS AND VIADUCTS

The Zig Zag Railway, opened in 1869, was hailed as an engineering masterpiece. The journey on the Zig Zag gave a bird’s eye view into the edge of the Lithgow Valley.

Follow the historic railway lines from Clarence as they wander through ever changing landscapes to Eskbank and Lithgow and then to Bowenfels and the villages of Wallerawang, Rydal and Tarana. The stations and the many arched viaducts along the way provide a fascinating journey. Also visit Capertee on the Mudgee line. Historic railway stations and viaducts can be found throughout the area.
STATE MINE HERITAGE PARK

The poppet head towering above the first State government owned coal mine signifies the struggle to bring the black diamond (coal) to the surface. The museum’s collection houses fascinating relics and stories of working life in the early coal mines.

The Park’s newest attraction is the Spectra Vision presentation Fire in the Mine, a modern day adaptation of the Peppers Ghost illusion technique. Within the old bathhouse of the State Mine, the Spectra Vision display projects a moving image of Marion Curry, the wife of a miner, who moves through the display and shares her poignant stories of the dangers faced by miners in their everyday work.

After exploring the museum be sure to have a look in the restoration shed at the railway locomotives and rolling stock under various stages of repair.

BLAST FURNACE PARK & LAKE PILLANS WETLANDS

The towering remains of Australia’s first modern blast furnace provide a fascinating insight into the workings of the furnace and into the social life of Lithgow at the time. The many signs around the site provide information on Lithgow’s earliest industrial heritage. Wander along the path to Lake Pillans and enjoy some birdwatching or a quiet picnic. Lake Pillans Wetlands were built originally to store cooling water for the adjacent Blast Furnace and now provide a charming area full of birdlife, shady trees and boardwalks around the waters edge.

HISTORY AVE

Lithgow History Ave is a representation of the important milestones in the history of Lithgow captured in sculpture. With 30 pieces of works along Inch Street, take some time to learn more about the history of Lithgow.

SMALL ARMS FACTORY MUSEUM

The Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum holds the largest collection of small arms in Australia. Built in 1912, at the urging of future Prime Minister of Australia, Sir Joseph Cook (who lived in Lithgow), the government built the Small Arms Factory in Lithgow to produce weapons. It was the first modern manufacturing facility in Australia. Today you can enjoy a remarkable visual journey into the social and engineering history of this renowned facility.

Sewing machines, mixmaster parts and golf clubs! It is not well known that the Small Arms Factory not only manufactured a range of weaponry but was also responsible for making other metal components for many household items. Above is the first Pinnock sewing machine made at the factory.
Even Charles Darwin was surprised!

WORLD WAR MONUMENTS
The Prisoner of War Memorial on Scenic Hill, the War Memorial in Queen Elizabeth Park and other memorials throughout the area bear testament to the role that Lithgow citizens played in theatres of war throughout the world, including World War I and II.

LITHGOW GUN EMPLACEMENTS
The Lithgow anti-aircraft gun stations at South Bowenfels are the only known inland heavy anti aircraft gun stations of their type in NSW. The gun stations were constructed during World War II to protect the Lithgow Small Arms Factory as well as Lithgow’s important mining, manufacturing and transport industries. Following the entry of Japan into World War II and improvements in aircraft technology, there were growing concerns about the vulnerability of inland areas. Here is another interesting fact for you ... one of the Lithgow anti-aircraft guns was used in the filming of the Baz Luhrmann movie Australia.

WALLERAWANG, CHARLES DARWIN, ST JOHN’S CHURCH AND POWER
Wallerawang is linked to a number of notable people, not the least being Charles Darwin who observed the platypus at Wallerowong Estate, the property where Lake Wallace is today. A memorial has been erected to commemorate Darwin’s visit to Wallerawang whilst on the ‘Voyage of the Beagle’ in 1836. The historic St John’s Church was commissioned by the Walker/Barton family in 1880 and was designed by Blacket & Son. The Wallerawang Power Station which towers over the Church and nearby Lake Wallace is the oldest power station on the NSW electricity grid.

PORTLAND AND THE CEMENT WORKS
The heritage listed buildings of the old cement works can be viewed from Williwa Street in the town of Portland which was established around the workings. Travel around the boundary of the works to the north and you will find two bottle kilns. They were built in the early 1890s and were the first cement-making kilns west of the Blue Mountains.

WOLGAN VALLEY AND NEWNES HISTORIC SITE
A trip along the Wolgan Valley is a spectacular journey in itself. Closely surrounded by towering escarpments, the road culminates at the former township of Newnes which was once a thriving oil shale works. At its peak about 2,000 people lived there. Fascinating ruins tell a story of innovation and industry. Explore the coke-making bee-hive kilns. The former Newnes Hotel provides interpretative information.

Charles Darwin
In 1836 Charles Darwin observed the platypus at Wallerawang where Lake Wallace is today. Local artist Tim Johnman has crafted a life-size platypus which can be found on the Charles Darwin Memorial at Lake Wallace. Artisan Phil Sparks forged the decorative reed surrounds.
GLOW WORM TUNNEL

Situated some 45km from Lithgow on the Newnes Plateau can be found a former railway tunnel which now contains glow worms. Drive through a first tunnel until you come to a carpark. A 2km return walk will take you to the Glow Worm Tunnel. The tunnel can also be accessed from the Wolgan Valley via an 8km return walking track.

CAPERTEE VALLEY AND GLEN DAVIS

A journey through the widest enclosed canyon in the world, takes you through rural pastures and forests to the village of Glen Davis which was established around shale oil works which produced gasoline. The operation was an important strategic resource during World War I. Remnants of this history can be seen in the village layout. Tours of the shale oil works are by arrangement. Also visit Glen Alice and its church and cemetery.

FILM MAKING

Film making is common in the Lithgow area. Stunning landscapes, historic villages and places rich in heritage provide perfect locations. A number of internationally renowned film makers have made the area their home and many local young people are making their mark in multimedia productions.

The Lithgow area is often used as a backdrop for commercial films, documentaries and advertising. For example historic areas such as the Lithgow Blast Furnace Park, the streets of Lithgow and its villages, the rolling rural hillside and wild wilderness areas have all featured in advertising and films.

The Lithgow Visitor Information Centre is only too happy to assist with identifying locations for filming.

Lithgow’s Black Rose

In 1875 the first smelting of iron occurred at Rutherford’s Blast Furnace in Lithgow. The Lithgow Black Rose was made by Joseph Hallam from this first smelting in January 1876. Further black roses were made as ornaments for coffins in the 1800s. Examples of this fine craftsmanship can be found at Eskbank House Museum (see page 8).
Surrounding by seven accessible national parks (including the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area) and beautiful rolling landscapes, the Lithgow district is a mix of stunning wilderness and rural splendour. It provides an extraordinary outdoor experience which will surprise and intrigue.

**Climb to the top of a cliff and marvel at a view that will take your breath away.** Follow long and deep valleys carved over millions of years with picturesque streams and man-made lakes. Adventure into wild wilderness with forests of ancient trees and damp ferny glens. Lithgow has so many secrets waiting to reveal themselves.

**The flora and fauna of the Lithgow district are surprisingly diverse.** Tiny copperwing butterflies that depend upon one type of ant for breeding and feeding. Giant dragonflies that only live in the shrub swamps of the Newnes Plateau. Endangered Regent Honeyeaters found breeding in the Capertee Valley. The Wollemi Pine hidden from man for millions of years. The Genowlan Pea of which about only 19 plants are known. The eastern spotted quoll. These are just a few of the special plants, birds and animals that inhabit our region.

Our local community is proud of its conservation efforts and many visitors participate in programs to protect local species. Tree planting with landcare groups, the Save Our Swamps project and native animal breeding projects all help ensure the future of our natural environment.

Country roads meander through the district and over every hill a new view awaits you. Pull off to the side of the road and enjoy a few quiet moments or picnic by a pristine lake or stream. Historic towns, villages and old industrial and mining areas are scattered throughout the region and provide an interesting focal point for your travels.

Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Thompsons Creek Dam provide not only a haven for birdlife, but also opportunities for water sports and fishing.

In all honesty, you will be astounded by the diversity of Lithgow’s natural wonders.
nature, up close and personal
the widest enclosed canyon in the world
spectacular lookouts
seven national parks

Scenic lookouts and walks
Hassans Walls Lookout is just minutes from Lithgow’s town centre. With its majestic 180 degree views of mountain escarpments and rolling valleys it is just one of the many scenic vantage points in the Lithgow area.
Not many regions can claim to have seven accessible national parks in their area, let alone seven as spectacular as those you’ll find in the Lithgow area. It truly makes for a remarkable nature-based destination.

**WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK**

The Wollemi National Park is the largest wilderness area in NSW and is part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. It is a maze of canyons, cliffs and undisturbed forest. The landscape ranges from exposed rocky tops to deep protected valleys. The flora varies in response to this endless variety of habitat with extensive tall open woodlands, heath and lush patches of rainforest. It is home to the Wollemi Pine. Access to the park can be made from Newnes in the Wolgan Valley, the Glow Worm Tunnels on the Newnes Plateau and Glen Davis in the Capertee Valley.

**GARDENS OF STONE NATIONAL PARK**

Pagoda rock formations are a prominent feature of the 15,230 hectare Gardens of Stone National Park which is part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and conserves a terrain varying from limestone outcrops to sandstone escarpments. Banksias, dwarf she-oak and other windpruned heathland plants grow amongst the rocky outcrops to complete a gardenlike effect. Below the cliffs, steep slopes with eucalypt forest and woodland support rare animals such as koalas, yellow bellied gliders and powerful owls. The drier ironbark – box woodlands near Capertee are important habitat remnants for the rare Regent Honeyeater and Turquoise Parrot. Access to the park can be made from the Newnes Plateau, Ben Bullen and Capertee Valley.

**BLUE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK**

The spectacular drives to Lithgow through the Blue Mountains National Park along the Bells Line of Road from Richmond and the Great Western Highway via Katoomba and the Three Sisters are two of the most iconic drives in the World. Extensive bushwalking tracks and scenic lookouts are available throughout the park. For the more adventurous rock climbing, abseiling and canyoning are permitted. Access to the park can be made from Mt Victoria, Clarence, the Bells Line of Road and Great Western Highway.

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**Spectacular valleys**

The Capertee Valley, one of many scenic valleys in the Lithgow area, is the widest enclosed canyon in the world. Shown here is the view from Pearson’s Lookout at Capertee.
Seven national parks offer completely different experiences. Set aside some time to explore our natural beauty.

**TURON NATIONAL PARK**
Taking time out with car-based camping and trout fishing along the Turon River are the highlights of a stay in this national park. Open eucalypt forest and river oaks were once the site of one of the state’s major gold fields, and the area is rich in colonial and Aboriginal heritage. Access to the park can be made from the Castlereagh Highway just north of the village of Capertee.

**MARRANGAROO NATIONAL PARK**
Reaching 1200m in height, the park features both snow gums and the endangered Purple Copperwing Butterfly along with platypus in the Coxs River. Mountain bike or bushwalk to the top of Mt Walker. Camping at the Lake Lyell Camping Area or along the Coxs River is available. Access to the park can be made from the Rydal/Hampton Road.

**KANANGRA BOYD NATIONAL PARK**
Featuring towering cliffs, dizzying drops off unfenced cliffs and spectacular mountain scenery, the Kanangra Boyd National Park is at the very southern extremity of the Lithgow area. Trek to a beautiful waterfall or take a walk along the plateau to see the skyline of Sydney on a clear day. Access to the Kanangra Boyd National Park is via the Kanangra Boyd access road between Jenolan Caves and Edith.

**CAPERTEE NATIONAL PARK**
Gazetted in June 2010, the Capertee National Park is one of the newest national parks in NSW. The Capertee National Park lies between the Castlereagh Highway and the Capertee Valley occupying the site of a former residential farm property. Access to the Capertee National Park is via arrangement with the National Parks and Wildlife office in Mudgee.

**EVANS CROWN NATURE RESERVE**
Two towering granite tors, overlooking the village of Tarana, are a feature of this park. A 3km return walk (moderate with steps) will take you up to the large rock formations. Access to the park is along Honey Suckle Falls Road which runs off the Tarana to Sodwalls road.

**STATE FORESTS**
Recreational use of the State forests in the Lithgow district is very popular. Orienteering, mountain biking, four wheel driving, motorbike riding, bushwalking, camping, birdwatching and mushrooming are all popular activities. The forests consist of native vegetation and radiata pine plantations which both contribute to the economy of Lithgow and Oberon. State forests that are open for use are: Sunny Corner, Lidsdale, Newnes, Hampton, Ben Bullen and Jenolan State Forests.

**Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area**
Created in March 2011, this park is located in the Capertee Valley and borders the Capertee National Park. It covers an area of 3,650 hectares.
There are many drives in the Lithgow area. Start your journey in Lithgow, or simply pick up the trail from where you are staying.

Contact the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre for more details or download information from: www.tourism.lithgow.com

2 HOUR – LITHGOW TOWN DRIVES

Heritage Buildings
Enjoy driving along Main Street and residential streets to see a range of heritage buildings. Stop in along the Main Street or Valley Plaza shopping areas along the way.

Lookouts and Blast Furnace Park
Visit the spectacular Hassans Walls Lookout, Bracey Lookout and Blast Furnace Park.

4 HOUR TOWN AND COUNTRY DRIVES

Heritage Museums
Visit Eskbank House Museum, the Small Arms Factory Museum and the State Mine Heritage Park to gain an insight into the social, industrial and manufacturing history of Lithgow. Check for opening times.

Wallerawang and Portland
Visit scenic Lake Wallace, Wallerawang shopping centre and the historic St John’s Church before exploring Portland with its recreated advertising signs and heritage shopping centre. If time permits travel to Mt Piper Power Station and visit the Energy Expo (by prior arrangement).

Lake Lyell and Lake Wallace
Travel via scenic Magpie Hollow Road to Lake Lyell. Stop for the views at the Lake Wall. Continue to Rydal, back to the Great Western Highway to Wallerawang and Lake Wallace where you can picnic, birdwatch, swim, play or walk.

ONE DAY TOWN AND COUNTRY DRIVES

Wolgan Valley
Stop at Lake Wallace and Wallerawang then drive to the Wolgan Gap Lookout before dropping into the valley. It’s a spectacular drive along the valley floor to Newnes. Enjoy bushwalks, paddling in the Wolgan River or walk around the old mining ruins (allow 2 hours, moderate). 18km unsealed road (return).

Historic Villages, Churches and Cemeteries
Explore the Hartley Historic Site, visit the tea rooms and galleries in Hartley Village, drive along Coxs River Road or Jenolan Caves Road to Hampton. The Rydal/ Hampton Road will take you to Rydal. Back track 5kms and travel to Sodwells and Tarana. Stop at Evans Crown Nature.
Regent Honeyeater
The Regent Honeyeater is listed as rare. A habitat replanting program is being carried out by the community in the Capertee Valley where it is known to breed.

Reserve for a 3km return walk (moderate) to the top of the tors. Visit Tarana before heading over to Meadow Flat and back to Lithgow.

Zig Zag Railway, Newnes Plateau, Glow Worm Tunnel
Journey past the world renowned Zig Zag Railway at Clarence before heading along the Newnes Plateau through native and pine forests to the Wollemi National Park. A 2km return walk (moderate) will take you to the Glow Worm Tunnel. Take a torch. 70km unsealed road (return).

Capertee, Capertee Valley, Rylstone
Visit Pearson’s Lookout for an expansive view over the widest enclosed canyon in the world. Stop at the village of Capertee for refreshments. Visit Glen Davis, Glen Alice, Dunville Loop and then Rylstone and Kandos before heading back to Lithgow via Ilford. Scenic rural landscapes, towering escarpments. 30km of unsealed roads (approximate).

DRIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Furnace, Fire and Forge
If you are into heritage, spend a day or two following the Furnace, Fire and Forge trail around the Lithgow area. See pages 8–9.

Wildflowers
Wildflowers can be found all year round in the Lithgow area. Hassans Walls Reserve, Newnes Plateau, national parks and just by the side of the road are all good places. Take your time to explore.

Wild and not so wild animals
Kangaroos and wallabies can often be seen in paddocks in rural areas. Keep your eye out for them and also for wombats, any time of day, but particularly early morning and late afternoon. A wide variety of cattle, sheep, alpacas, goats and horses can also be seen grazing.

Birdwatching
The Lithgow area provides some of the most rewarding birding experiences in Australia. From Hampton in the south to Capertee Valley in the north, you can find many different bird species including raptors soaring overhead, water birds on farm dams, in streams and on lakes and tiny birds in shrubs and bushes.

Visit the Lithgow sewage ponds, notable for the rare Blue-billed Duck as well as Lake Wallace where over 110 species have been recorded, particularly water-loving birds. Look for the unusual Musk Duck and Great-crested Grebe.

Officially designated as an internationally Important Bird Area, a remarkable 236 species of birds have been recorded in the Capertee Valley. The altitude and soil types result in a diversity of plant species which attract different bird communities – the makings for a truly remarkable birdwatching experience.
The Lithgow area is part of the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism Region which when combined provides an extraordinary range of adventure, nature-based, cultural and relaxation experiences.

There are a number of drives which you can take in the Region that will enhance your stay in Lithgow. For further details see the following websites or contact the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre.

**GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS DRIVE**

The Greater Blue Mountains Drive is a network of touring routes along the roads and highways of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Lithgow is centrally located in the heart of the Drive with roads leading from the south from Oberon and Goulburn, north from Rylstone and Muswellbrook and east from Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

www.GreaterBlueMountainsDrive.com.au

**1 DAY BOTANISTS WAY**

Exploring all things botanical along the Bells Line of Road from Lithgow to Mt Wilson, Mt Irvine, Mount Tomah to Richmond, the Botanists Way is designed to showcase the incredible diversity of plant life of the Blue Mountains and Lithgow areas.

Start at either end, spend time around Lithgow exploring plant life on Hassans Walls Reserve and Newnes Plateau, visit the gardens at Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine, stop at the scenic lookouts of Pierces Pass and Mount Banks and spend time at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden where you will find the Blue Mountains World Heritage Interpretative Centre.

Contact Lithgow or Hawkesbury Visitor Centres or Blue Mountains Botanic Garden for more information.

www.tourism.lithgow.com

**TABLELANDS WAY**

The Tablelands Way Experience meanders along the western side of the Blue Mountains connecting Canberra, Goulburn, Oberon, Lithgow, Mudgee and Muswellbrook. It describes some of the nature-based trails to explore around Lithgow which have also been described in brief in this guide.

www.tablelandsway.com.au

**Hanging Rock**

**Blue Mountains Botanic Garden**

**Jenolan Caves**
1 DAY KATOOMBA, LEURA, WENTWORTH FALLS

Katoomba is the home of the iconic Three Sisters. Take the turn-off to Blue Mountains Drive S just west of Katoomba and travel around the escarpments of the Jamison Valley stopping at lookouts along the way. This road takes you to the Three Sisters and then on to Leura and Wentworth Falls where you find more lookouts. Bushwalks and waterfalls are a feature, so take your time. Katoomba, Leura and Wentworth Falls are full of cafes and restaurants, along with speciality shops. You can spend the whole day exploring nature or, if you prefer, spend a relaxing day in the shops and cafes.

1 DAY BATHURST

Travel up the Castlereagh Highway to Ilford, across to Sofala (take a side-trip to Hill End if time permits) and then to Bathurst before heading back to Lithgow.

1 DAY MUDGEE

With many wineries, Mudgee is a great place to visit. Travel direct via the Castlereagh Highway or take the scenic drive through the Capertee Valley to Rylstone, Lue and then to Mudgee.
Surprisingly exciting

Start planning your next adventure. You can do it right here in Lithgow. We have a surprisingly diverse range of exciting and heart-pumping activities for you to enjoy and let’s face it – everyone can use a little bit of adventure in their life.

Lithgow is a place where you can join in, go it alone, or make up your own adventures with your friends.

National parks, State forests, motor sport venues, sporting facilities, lakes and waterways are right on your doorstep.

With seven national parks, along with those in the Blue Mountains and Oberon areas, you are spoilt for choice when it comes to wilderness areas. Canyoning, rockclimbing and abseiling are definitely for the more adventurous along with overnight bushwalks through all types of terrains. There are also many shorter and less strenuous bushwalks and historic areas to explore. Caving at Jenolan Caves adds a further adventure experience.

State forest areas provide many tracks, suitable more for 4WD than for 2WD vehicles. The forests are also available for approved motorcycle activities and adventure activities like orienteering and mountain bike riding. Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Thompson Creek Dam are available for a specified range of water sports including water skiing, sailing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, dragon boat racing, and other water sports.

And then there are the sporting venues. Motor sports alone have motocross, go kart and speedway courses. Archery, muzzle gun and rifle ranges can be enjoyed. Golf and bowling clubs can be visited. Tennis, swimming pools, skateboard riding, cricket, hockey, basketball, croquet, netball … the list goes on, and on!

Fly fishing

Abseiling
There is a surprising range of exciting and diverse activities throughout the Lithgow area.

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Surprisingly entertaining

When it comes to entertainment, events and festivals Lithgow definitely has a surprisingly diverse array of activities! Where else can you see international jousting, watch one of Australia’s richest female footraces or enjoy trick or treating along Lithgow’s Main Street?

Rapidly becoming known as a place that hosts not only local but national and international events, the Lithgow area has something to offer year round. The QR Code below gives you a link to our annual events calendar. For any other events that pop up during the year simply log on to our website www.tourism.lithgow.com.au.

And don’t forget our neighbours at Jenolan Caves, Oberon, the Blue Mountains and along the Bells Line of Road. They too host a great variety of events which makes exploring the region a thoroughly entertaining experience.

AFTER DARK

As the sun goes down in Lithgow and surrounding villages a vibrant music scene in the local pubs and clubs comes to life. Check out what’s on in the local newspaper or simply drop by. Bands often play a range of music from rock and jazz to folk. Local up-and-coming talent along with stars from the big smoke make for fun nights out in Lithgow.

UNION AND CRYSTAL THEATRES

A rich array of entertainment, from locally-produced theatre, musicals and eisteddfods to performances by touring musicians and theatre companies is organized by local community groups and can be found at the Union Theatre in Lithgow or Crystal Theatre in Portland.

COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Community Cinema Groups in Lithgow (16 Main Street) and Portland (Crystal Theatre in Wolgan Street) show films on a regular basis. Check out the program, you may be able to catch an old favourite.

LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Large and small events and festivals of local, national and international significance are held in the Lithgow area. Annual events such as Ironfest, Daffodils at Rydal, mountain bike challenges, the Lithgow Flash® Gift, two agricultural shows and the forever popular Lithglo and Halloween set Lithgow apart.

With enviable outdoor recreational areas including State forests, well-appointed showgrounds and parks and ovals, the Lithgow area is also an excellent location to host large events such as the Australian Four Day Motorcycle Enduro and the NSW State Hockey Championships.

Contact the staff at the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre for further information on attending and hosting events in the region.

Events and festivals for everyone...
diverse festivals and events
something for everyone
feel welcome
a real sense of community

Lithglo
A beautiful reason to visit Lithgow in December. When the sun goes down, coloured lights dazzle locals and visitors throughout the town.

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Two kilometres of shopping, relaxation and dining all in one location! To add to this, just two minutes away from Main Street we have the Lithgow Valley Plaza hosting major outlets including Coles, Target and many more speciality shops. In the surrounding villages you’ll discover even more boutiques, cafes, galleries and gift shops. When it comes to shopping, the Lithgow area has plenty to offer.

Take a leisurely stroll along Main Street and photograph the spectacular heritage building facades housing a myriad of vibrant and exciting shopfronts in one of the most delightfully intact regional town centres in NSW.

With so many food experiences available along Main Street ranging from street side cafes, restaurants, pub bistro and takeaways something will surely tempt your taste buds!

As a renowned destination for ladies’ fashion as well as health and beauty services, Main Street offers a huge range of both mainstream and eclectic fashion, jewellery and accessories. Find amazing retro and vintage clothing, the very latest fashions for young and old or even just something for everyday wear. Why not indulge in a hair and beauty treatment or a relaxing day spa and massage as well?

MAIN STREET, LITHGOW

Buzzing with events, festivals, shop promotions and entertainment, there’s always something to do and see in Main Street. It’s the focus for events such as May’s Mother Day shopping promotions, October’s amazing Halloween Festival, and December’s stunning Christmas Lithglo event. Many stores and businesses come together to offer special discounts at these times and in between there’s always plenty of live music on offer every week in the pubs that line Main Street.

You can grab an excellent breakfast, coffee, light lunch or delicious cake at a cafe or bakery, or dine in style with modern Australian, Chinese, Thai, Italian and Spanish inspired food offered at the many restaurants and bistros.

With a street full of unique independent retailers the chances are you will find something very special to take home with you from your visit to Main Street. Shop the street and discover unique homewares, accessories, gifts, cards, books, arts and crafts, local produce and so much more.

REGIONAL MARKETS

Lithgow has a number of markets that are definitely worth a visit. Hugely popular with locals and visitors alike, the regional markets offer local product at its best. Handmade craft items, photography, woodwork, artisan food products and health and beauty products are just some of the exciting and diverse offerings from the region. Many other markets occur throughout the year. Contact Lithgow Visitor Information Centre for up to date times and location.
irresistible temptations
unique independent retailers
a tradition of making things
galleries and artisans

Boutique shopping
One of the lovely things about shopping in Lithgow is that there are lots of local businesses, each one different from the other.
Surprisingly accommodating

Surrounded by sweeping landscapes, towering escarpments, World Heritage wilderness, historic villages and towns … where better to rest and relax, meet and convene, or hold that special occasion.

Whether it’s a romantic get-together, family gathering, reunion, wedding, small meeting, conference or even a massive outdoor event – the Lithgow area is the perfect location.

Not only can you get out and about and explore this unique part of the world but you’ll be able to do it in style, enjoying a surprising variety of accommodation, meeting venues and event locations.

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For special occasions such as weddings, family gatherings or birthday parties, a range of great venues are available.

There are also fully equipped meeting and conference facilities and places for large gatherings, some in accommodation venues and some in local clubs and halls.

Major outdoor events and festivals can also be easily facilitated on any number of quality sporting fields, showgrounds or in the great outdoors.

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TALK TO THE LOCALS WHO KNOW IT BEST. Call in at the Blue Mountains Heritage Centre near Govetts Leap waterfall. Staff will assist with up-to-date information on bushwalking, walk registrations and FREE Personal Locator Beacons and with camping and sight-seeing in the region. Our Centre specialises in maps, books and Australian made gifts. It’s a great place to discover and enjoy with FREE interactive displays, films and an art gallery. Open 7 days 9-4.30pm except Christmas Day.

ELLIE-CATS AT MONKEY CREEK INCLUDING LYRES LOFT AND HATTER’S HIDEOUT
227 Chifley Road, Bell 2786
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email: ehajwan@gmail.com
www.hattershideout.com.au

Lyres Loft is a pet friendly 2 bedroom cottage with spectacular views. Hatter’s Hideout is an 8 bed lodge and a fully equipped cave. Hatter’s Hideout offers a truly sustainable environmental retreat for private groups of up to 20 people including weddings and parties. Ellie-Cats at Monkey Creek Cafe will delight your culinary senses. Everything prepared fresh on premises from local ingredients. We also do bookings and functions including weddings and parties.

PORTLAND SPRING FAIR
Portland 2847
T 0467 590 648
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Rides, music, food, entertainment and fun for all the family. Held on the last weekend in October at Kremer Park Portland.

HALLOWEEN AND LITHGLO EVENTS
Lithgow 2790
T 02 6350 3230  F 02 6350 3239
email: tourism@lithgow.com
www.tourism.lithgow.com

Expect the unexpected when you visit Lithgow and join in the family friendly fun of the Halloween and Lithglo events.

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BLUE MOUNTAINS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES
Glenbrook, Great Western Highway. Katoomba, Echo Point Road.
email: tourism@bmcc.nsw.gov.au
T 1300 653 408

Glenbrook and Echo Point Visitor Centres offer assistance, information and a free booking service to visitors 7 days a week.

BATHURST
Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 Kendall Avenue, Bathurst 2795
T 1800 68 1000
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www.visitbathurst.com.au

Bathurst – surprisingly close. Just 45 minutes west of Lithgow.
- Drive Mount Panorama and experience motor racing history
- Explore unique historic homes and buildings
- Get the kids outdoors in the parks and playgrounds
- Enjoy interesting walks and drives
- Sample our cool climate wines

Fill in a couple of hours or take a whole day. There’s so much to do you’ll want to stay longer. For everything you need to make the most of your trip call in and talk to the friendly staff at Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

www.tourism.lithgow.com
For fabulous fashion visit The Stitchings. You’ll find on-trend labels and knitwear at great prices. Real sizes, service and style.

Open Mon–Fri 9.30-5.00, Sat 9–12. Lingerie, sleepwear, plus-size clothing, prosthetic fittings. Personalized fitting service.

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email: biancavilla@hotmail.com.au
www.facebook.com/biancavillalithgow

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www.beautifultiles.com.au/#/lithgow-store
Lithgow Tiles is your place for bathroom renovations, fireplaces (gas/wood), wall and floor tiles, timber tiles and much more.

BELLISIMO
**Bushwalking**

A SELECTION OF POPULAR BUSHWALKS

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**Key**
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

**Grading of Tracks**
- Easy: Suitable for all ages but take care with children
- Medium: Some steps and stairs. For people who walk occasionally.
- Hard: Steep stairs and steps. For people who walk regularly. Visitors with heart or breathing difficulties should not attempt these walks.

**Popular 4WD Tracks**

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- Allow plenty of time to finish your walk in daylight hours.
- Always carry water for drinking on ALL walks.
- Know your route, keep to tracks, carry a reliable map.
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- Carry a bag for rubbish and encourage others to do likewise.
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