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Australia's oldest wine region is a beautiful destination. From fine wine and gourmet food to elegant accommodation and fabulous events, a Hunter Valley getaway offers a taste of the good life. Australia's most visited wine region is home to 150 top-class wineries, vineyards and cellar doors. Whether you're wine tasting, being pampered in one of the valley's day spas, or teeing off from a championship golf course, you'll enjoy a warm country welcome in the Hunter Valley.

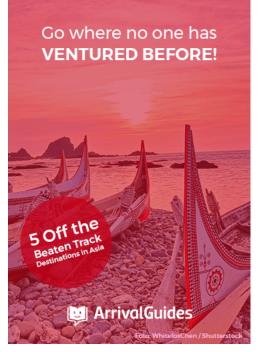
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TOP THINGS TO DO



Whispering Brook

This is wine country, so sampling the region's award-winning drops is top of the to-do list. To experience nature visit the World Heritage-listed Barrington Tops National Park. For a bird's-eye view, enjoy an exhilarating balloon ride over the verdant valley and marvel at a glorious sunrise. Explore the gorgeous Hunter Valley Gardens and its themed gardens.

Hunter Valley Zoo



Located within the heart of the Wine Country, Hunter Valley Zoo has acres of both Australian and exotic animals. Feed the animals - hand feed

kangaroos, wallabies, farmyard animals and Lorikeets with special food purchased from the office.

Daily shows allow you to pat a wombat, cuddle up to a koala, touch a reptile and watch the monkeys and other animals being fed. There is a wide variety of animals including; Monkeys, American Alligators, White Lions, Tasmanian devils, Kangaroos, Koalas, Dingoes, reptiles, birds, Maned Wolf, Meerkats and new animals such as the Ring-tailed Lemurs! Hunter Valley Zoo provides free barbecue facilities and undercover seating, so bring the family for a picnic lunch in the fun relaxed

atmosphere.

Want more? Hunter Valley Zoo have animal encounters available so you can get up close with some of the animals and develop an appreciation for the wildlife. Call the Zoo for more information or visit the website and Facebook page.

Photo: Danielle Rae - Hunter Valley Zoo Address: 138 Lomas Lane, Nulkaba, NSW 2325 Opening hours: 9am – 4pm Thursday – Tuesday. Closed Wednesdays and Christmas Day. Phone: +61 2 4990 7714

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/cessnock/attractions/hunter-valley-zoo

Wine Tours



The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest wine region and home to some of the country's most distinctive and outstanding wines. The

most recognised of these is the Hunter Valley semillon, the product of techniques and processes that have developed over 150 years of making wines. The region is also known for producing outstanding shiraz, cabernet sauvignon, verdelho and chardonnay. Discover the history of winemaking and sample award-winning drops on a tour. Organised group tours pick you up from your accommodation and provide transport to a wide range of wineries.

Photo: Food and Wine Month

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/hunter-valley-wine-tours



Barrington Tops National Park



Barrington Tops National Park is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. Carved out of ancient volcanic flows,

the park rises from near sea level to over 1,500 metres and protects one of the largest temperate rainforests in mainland Australia, with a host of diverse habitats home to a wide range of animals and birds. The park is a bushwalker's haven with an excellent network of walking trails, from short and easy walks to more difficult overnight hikes with plenty of sites to set up a bush camp for the evening.

Photo: Barrington Tops National Park

Address: Barrington Tops Forest Road, Gloucester, Hunter, NSW 2422

Phone: +61 2 6538 5300

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/barrington-tops/attractions/barrington-tops-national-park

Hot Air Ballooning



Enjoy magnificent vistas of the Hunter Valley in a hot air balloon. On this wonderful adventure marvel at a glorious sunrise and delight in the

spectacular panoramic views of the vineyards, mountains and valleys. Choose from several operators in the region:

www.visitnsw.com/things-to-do/tours/balloon-alof t

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www.visitnsw.com/things-to-do/tours/cloud-9-ball oon-flights

www.visitnsw.com/things-to-do/tours/wine-count

ry-ballooning

Photo: Balloon Aloft

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Month



This much-anticipated annual event showcases the region's splendid wine and food culture with a month-long series of activities in June. Visit

award-winning vineyards and cellar doors, wine and dine with the region's leading chefs and winemakers, follow a cheese trail or fine-tune your culinary skills with interactive cooking classes.

Photo: Wine and Food Month, Chris Elfes Address: Various venues throughout the Hunter Valley Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/events/hunter-valley-wine-and-food-month

Hunter Valley Gardens



Discover more than 24 hectares of beautiful gardens at the foothills of the Broken Back Range in the heart of the Hunter Valley vineyards. Explore

more than 8 km of pathways and ten themed gardens including the Indian Mosaic Garden, Italian Grotto, Rose Garden and Storybook Garden. The gardens also host a wide range of exciting events for adults and children throughout the year.

Photo: Hunter Valley Gardens Address: 2090 Broke Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 4000 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/attractions/hunter-valley-gardens



James Theatre



Watch a film in Australia's oldest operating purpose-built cinema. Open air films were first shown on the site in 1912. The theatre

became the social hub of Dungog not only for its film screenings, but its balls and dances.

Photo: James Theatre Address: 6 Brown Street, Dungog, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 2 4992 2294 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/attractions/dungog-james-theatre

Maitland Gaol



Maitland Gaol has a fascinating history spanning more than 150 years. After housing some of Australia's most notorious criminals, the

gaol closed as a correctional institution in 1998. Visitors can now tour the facility to learn about its history, past prisoners and daring escapes. Take a guided tour with a former inmate or spend the night in a gaol cell during a Torchlight Tour and sleepover.

Photo: Maitland Gaol Address: 6 - 18 John Street, East Maitland, NSW 2323 Phone: +61 2 4936 6482 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle

y/maitland/attractions/maitland-gaol

THE TOWNS OF THE HUNTER VALLEY



Hamilton Lund

The Hunter Valley is world-class wine region and tourism destination with a number of charming towns and villages which each offer plenty to be discovered on their own or while enjoying the delights of a food and wine trail.

Broke



Broke was settled as early as 1824, and became an important staging point on the overland cattle route between the Hunter and

Sydney. Dairying, orange orchards and market gardens also featured in the early development of the town. Today, the village is a major wine area that produces soft and distinctive wines including semillon, shiraz, chardonnay and verdelho as well as Italian varieties such as sangiovese, barbera and dolcetto.

Photo: Broke Fordwich Wine Tourism Association Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley/broke



Cessnock



Cessnock developed as a private village on the road that is now known as The Convict Trail, the original Sydney – Hunter Valley road hand-built by

3,000 convicts. Originally a service centre for travellers, Cessnock became a major mining centre at the turn of the century, however wine and tourism have since become the major local industries.

Photo: Cessnock City Council

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/cessnock

Dungog



Rolling hills, national parks and state forests surround gorgeous Dungog. Its main street is an urban conservation area. Notable historic

buildings include the primary school built in 1843 and designed by colonial architect Edmund Blacket, who also designed the University of Sydney and St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney. The Dungog Cinema has a Spanish mission-style façade and is the oldest operating purpose-built cinema in Australia.

Photo: Hamilton Lund

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog

Gloucester



Gloucester sits in a picturesque river valley surrounded by hills at the junction of the Avon, Gloucester and Barrington rivers. As the

closest town to Barrington Tops National Park, it makes a perfect base for adventurous activities and tours in the region, including trout fishing, canoeing, horseriding and bushwalking.

Photo: Hamilton Lund

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/gloucester

Lovedale



As a major wine-producing area, Lovedale dates back to the early 1800s when local wheat and general produce farmers turned

to grape growing. The name Lovedale combines the name of one of the early families of the district, the Loves, with the memory of the Yorkshire Dales in England. Visit the historic St Paul's Rothbury cemetery in Wilderness Road and see where the famous winemaking families have been laid to rest.

Photo: Emma's Cottage Vineyard Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley/lovedale

Maitland



Maitland is a thriving business centre surrounded by charming countryside. A rich cultural heritage is reflected in its



architecture dating back to the early years of colonial Australia. Visit the Maitland Regional Art Gallery or National Trust Property Grossmann House for a taste of Maitland's cultural offerings.

Photo: Anson Smart - Destination NSW Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland

Morpeth



Founded in the 1820s, the town developed as a river port in the following decade and became an important inland trading post. Morpeth's days as a

river port ended around 1890, but the town's comparative isolation meant that its historic shopfronts, wharves and even the hitching posts along the main street have survived intact, hence its National Trust classification today. This is a living museum of Australia's past, complemented by modern dining options, boutique gift shops and specialty craft stores.

Photo: Destination NSW Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley/morpeth

Paterson



This small picturesque village features a mountainous backdrop by the Paterson River. Once a busy river port, Paterson today offers a

relaxing break with cosy accommodation, old country pubs and idyllic picnic spots. Visit the Tocal Homestead, Paterson Historical Court House Museum and Paterson Rail Motor Museum to discover local history. Photo: Maitland City Council

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/paterson

Pokolbin



Pokolbin's fortunes have been dictated by the vineyards that surround it. Wine grapes were first planted in the area in the 1870s, but development

was relatively slow and uneven until the 1970s, when Australian achieved the recognition it deserved as a major wine producer and the Lower Hunter was at the vanguard of this movement. Winding country roads lead from the town to some of the region's best known wineries including Lindeman's, Tyrrell's, Tulloch, Lake's Folly, Brokenwood and Bimbadgen.

Photo: Anson Smart - Destination NSW Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley/pokolbin

Scone



Scone is a charming village nestled in the picturesque Upper Hunter. The town is known as the horse capital of Australia with

studs dotting the shire. It's the second-biggest horse-breeding town in the world. Horse enthusiasts will enjoy the Scone and Upper Hunter Horse Festival and the Emirates Park Scone Cup Carnival.

Photo: Anson Smart - Destination NSW Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunter/scone



Singleton

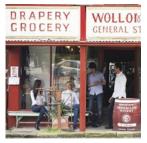


Singleton is a historic Hunter Valley town where you'll find a relaxing mix of country hospitality, nature-based activities, plus great

accommodation, food and wine. Pick up a Heritage Walk brochure from the visitor information centre and stroll through the town's historic precinct. The majestic Lake St Clair sets the scene for a range of outdoor activities, from fishing and swimming to camping, waterskiing and sailing.

Photo: Singleton Information and Enterprise Centre Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton

Wollombi



Historically, Wollombi has always been an important centre for travellers along the Great North Road, built by convicts in the early 19th

century. Today, the town retains its fine architectural heritage and you'll also enjoy cafés, wineries and comfortable guesthouses. Nearby are national parks great for bushwalking and well-preserved Aboriginal rock engravings.

Photo: Anson Smart - Destination NSW

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/wollombi

DO & SEE



Balloon Aloft, Hunter Valley

In addition to exceptional food and wine, the Hunter Valley offers many delightful experiences and adventures. This is a place where nature is on a grand scale with extraordinary environmental diversity. And you'll find the fascinating history and lively cultural scene enchanting.

Maitland Regional Art Gallery



Steeped in history, the federation gothic building housing Maitland Regional Art Gallery is an awe inspiring example of early 1900's architecture.

Officially opened in 1910, the building was constructed to house the Maitland Technical College, which it continued to do until 1987. Known locally as MRAG, each year the gallery shows thousands of artworks and creates hundreds of learning activities across 25 exhibitions annually, while sharing the 4,000+ art collection.

The award winning building is as much a part of the experience as the artworks on display. Located on High Street at the eastern end of Central Maitland, the gallery offers a great diversity of spaces. Be it exhibitions, workshops, café lunches, shopping, talks, tours or events, MRAG is friendly and inviting.



All public areas of the gallery can be reached by stairs and lift, with fully accessible public amenities conveniently located on the ground floor. Entry to MRAG's carpark is via a rear service lane off James Street, and includes two dedicated disabled parking spaces.

Photo: Maitland Regional Art Gallery Address: 230 High Street, Maitland, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4934 9859 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/maitland/attractions/maitland-regional-art-gallery

Australian Museum of Clothing and Textiles



This collection includes unusual and exquisite items of clothing and handwork that reflect the fashion and ingenuity of Australians during times

of deprivation such as the Great Depression, WWI and WWII.

Photo: The Museum of Clothing

Address: Lt.Governor's Building, Maitland Gaol, John Street, East Maitland, NSW 2323

Opening hours: 10am - 2pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday or other times by appointment. Closed on public holidays Phone: +61 2 4988 6448

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/attractions/the-museum-clothing

Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre



Try exciting whitewater adventures in a kayak or canoe in Barrington Tops National Park, or go mountain biking on trails through the park's

forests. Join a guided tour designed to suit your experience with all equipment provided. Or hire a kayak or canoe and paddle at your own pace. Address: 126 Thunderbolts Way, Gloucester, NSW 2422 Phone: +61 2 6558 2093 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/things-to-do/tours/barrington-out door-adventures

Chapman Valley Horse Riding



Chapman Valley Horse Riding provides horses for all levels of experience, from beginners to advance riders. Experience nature

up close as you travel on horse-back through the scenic valleys and mountains of the 2,600-hectare property which has been owned by the Chapman family for more than 170 years.

Photo: Chapman Valley Horse Riding Address: 7054 Putty Road, Howes Valley, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 2 6579 4593

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/chapman-valley-horse-riding

Cypress Lakes Golf and Country Club



This is a picturesque 6,487 metre, par 72 18-hole championship golf course and is ranked among the top resort courses in Australia.

Photo: Cypress Lakes Golf and Country Club Address: 15 Thompsons Rd, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4993 1555

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/attractions/cypress-lakes-golf-and-country-club-oa ks-hotels-and-resorts



Dungog Historical Museum



The eclectic collection reflects the area's rural history, including its dairying, timber and manufacturing industries. A wide range items are

on display including household goods, photographic collections, dentist equipment and horse carts and buggies. Guided tours of the museum are available by appointment.

Photo: Dungog Historical Museum Address: 105 Dowling Street, Dungog, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 2 4992 2094 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/attractions/dungog-historical-museum

Hunter Valley Candymaking Class



Learn how to create alcohol-infused candy at the Hunter Valley Resort's 90-minute Big Kids Candy cooking classes. Working

alongside one of the resort's executive chefs, you will make peanut brittle, marshmallows and rocky road chocolate.

Photo: Hunter Valley Candymaking Class Address: Hunter Valley Resort, 913 Hermitage Road Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7777 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/food-and-drink/hunter-valley-candymaking-class

Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club



With a spectacular backdrop of vineyards and rugged mountain ranges, the Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club is a beautiful 18-hole championship course.

Located at Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, the fully accredited course measures 5,170 metres in length and is suited to golfers of all levels.

Photo: Hamilton Lund Photographer - Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club

Address: 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4991 4777

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/lovedale/attractions/hunter-valley-golf-and-country-club

James Estate Wines



James Estate offers sweeping views of the spectacular mountain ranges and Baerami vineyard from the spacious cellar door sales

and tasting area. Enjoy tasting the range of wines as you take in the natural beauty of the region. The ridge walk and mountain bike trails are accessible from the cellar door.

Photo: James Estate Wines

Address: 951 Bylong Valley Way, Baerami, Sandy Hollow, NSW 2333

Opening hours: 10am - 4.30pm daily. Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Phone: +61 2 6547 5168

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/sandy-hollow/food-and-drink/james-estate-wines

Lake St Clair



The lake is a premium outdoor leisure facility nestled among the hills at the foot of Mount Royal Range near Singleton. Swimming, sailing, water

skiing, and camping are a few of the activities enjoyed on the lake. The NSW State Fisheries regularly stocks the lake with bass, golden and silver perch and catfish, making it a great



location for fishing. Entry and camping fees apply. Bookings are essential for powered camp sites.

Photo: Lake St Clair Address: Carrowbrook Road, Singleton, Hunter Valley, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 2 6577 3370 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/lake-st-clair Email: sviec@singleton.nsw.gov.au

Majors Lane Cooking School



Prepare a feast using local produce to create Asian cuisine in a covered courtyard with gorgeous vineyard views. Thai, Balinese, Sichuan,

Indonesian and Vietnamese classes are available. Small class sizes (maximum 14) with individual and group bookings are also welcome.

Photo: Majors Lane Cooking School Address: 64 Majors Lane, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4930 7832 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/lovedale/food-and-drink/majors-lane-cooking-school

Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre



The centre hosts to a variety of events, exhibits and activities as well as displaying for sale a wide range of arts and crafts made by residents of the

Cessnock area. Marthaville is the oldest timber sawn home in Cessnock and still retains many of its original piers.

Photo: Marthaville

Address: 200 Wollombi Road, Cessnock, NSW 2325 Opening hours: 10am -- 4pm Friday and Saturday. Phone: +61 2 4990 2653 Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/cessnock/hunt er-valley/attractions/marthaville-arts-and-cultural-centre

Middle Falbrook Bridge



Admire the charming scenery at Middle Falbrook Bridge over Glennies Creek. The Hunter region has 15 historic bridges

constructed before 1905. This timber truss bridge was built in 1904 and gains heritage significance from its design - based on American Ernest de Burgh's truss design - and its association with the expansion of the NSW road network.

Photo: Middle Falbrook Bridge over Glennies Creek Address: Rixs Creek-Falbrook Road, Middle Falbrook, NSW 2330

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/middle-falbrook-bridge-over-glennies-c reek

Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre



The centre presents travelling and local exhibitions, and art prizes (including the Muswellbrook Photographic Award and

the biennial Muswellbrook Open Art Prize) along with periodic selections from the permanent collection.

Photo: Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

Address: Corner Bridge Street and William Street, Muswellbrook, NSW 2333

Opening hours: 10am - 5pm Tuesday to Friday; 10am - 1pm weekends.

Phone: +61 2 6549 3880

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/muswellbrook/attractions/muswellbrook-regional-arts-centr e



Paterson Rail Motor Museum and Society



The museum houses railway memorabilia from both the steam and diesel eras. The site includes the old Station Master's residence that has been

restored to its 1930s exterior appearance and colour scheme. The Rail Motor Society offers visitors tours on board the historical rail motors around the local area and across the state.

Photo: Steve Preston - Paterson Rail Motor Museum Address: Webbers Creek Road, Paterson, NSW 2421 Opening hours: 10am - 3pm on third Saturday of every month. Other times by appointment. Phone: +61 2 4954 4904

Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/paterson/attractions/paterson-rail-motor-museum

Richmond Vale Railway Museum



This volunteer non-profit museum was formed in 1979 to preserve the railway and mining heritage of the Hunter Valley. The museum runs

trains on the first three Sundays of each month and every Sunday during school holidays, as well as offering mid week tours and special night time events.

Photo: Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Address: 262 Leggetts Drive, Richmond Vale, NSW 2323 Opening hours: 10am – 4pm on the first three Sundays of each month; and every Sunday during school holidays Phone: +61 2 4001 0197

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/attractions/richmond-vale-railway-museum

Sacred Spaces



The Convent of Mercy Singleton opens its extensive buildings, spacious gardens and chapel for the enjoyment of the wider community.

The convent precinct contains buildings spanning the years from the 1850s to the late 1920s. Take in the architectural beauty on a tour of the grounds or enjoy the events that form part of the annual Sacred Spaces Fine Music Concert Series.

Photo: J Fallding - Sacred Spaces Singleton Address: 30 Queen Street, Singleton, NSW 2330 Opening hours: Tours by appointment from 1 February to 30 November.

Phone: +61 2 6572 2398

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/sacred-spaces-the-sisters-mercy-conve nt

Singleton Historical Museum



The museum is based within the old Council Chambers (formerly lock-up cells) and has a wide variety of interesting artefacts on

the history of Singleton including an original horse-drawn ambulance cart, farm machinery and kitchenware.

Photo: Singleton Historical Society and Museum Inc Address: Burdekin Park, Bourke Street, Singleton, NSW 2330 Opening hours: 10am – 1pm Tuesday; 12 – 4pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

Phone: +61 2 6571 1895

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/singleton-historical-society-and-museu m-inc



Spa at Chateau Elan



Relax and rejuvenate at this luxurious spa offering a wide range of treatments including facials, massages, manicures, pedicures and

Healite ll therapy. The Spa Hydrotherapy Lounge features plunge pools overlooking the golf course and an infrared detox sauna.

Photo: The Spa at Chateau Elan Hunter Valley Address: Vintage Drive, Rothbury, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 2500 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle

y/rothbury/attractions/the-spa-chateau-elan-hunter-valley

St Peter's Anglican Church



The Anglican Parish of St Peter at East Maitland is one of the oldest in Australia, commencing with the appointment of the Reverend George

Rusden in 1834. The church is decorated in 14th century gothic style and features stained glass and other striking furnishings.

Photo: St Peter's Anglican Church Address: 47 William Street, East Maitland, NSW 2323 Phone: +61 2 4934 5303 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/attractions/st-peters-anglican-church

The Singleton Sundial



The giant sundial in Singleton was built for Australia's bicentennial celebrations in 1988, marking 200 years since the arrival of Britain's

First Fleet. It stands as a visible link between the old and the new - an ancient method of time

telling set in the midst of the new development in Singleton. The sundial marks a gateway to the Hunter River, picnic areas and recreational and sporting facilities.

Photo: Largest Sundial Address: Rose Point Park, Ryan Avenue, Singleton, NSW 2330 Opening hours: Accessible at all times. Phone: +61 2 6571 5888 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/singleton/attractions/singleton-sundial

The Vintage Golf Club



The Vintage is a Greg Norman-designed golf course which blends in with the natural surroundings, gently winding its way around

undisturbed wetlands, trickling creeks, eucalypt forests, and the vineyards of Beggars Bridge and Bimbadgen.

Photo: Vintage Golf Club Address: Vintage Drive, Rothbury, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 6789 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/rothbury/attractions/vintage-golf-club

Tocal Homestead



Tocal is a 2,200-hectare property that features one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating from the 1830s. Book a

tour to take in the highlights of the heritage site, including the Homestead, the Blackett Barn, Thunderbolt's Cottage and a range of original outbuildings and yards.

Photo: Tocal Homestead Address: 957 Tocal Road, Paterson, NSW 2421



Opening hours: Tocal Homestead is open every Saturday, Sunday and public holiday from March to November from 10am – 3pm.

Phone: +61 2 4939 8888

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/paterson/attractions/tocal-homestead

Werakata National Park



Werakata National Park is loved by locals and its perfect for a day trip from Sydney. There are great cycling and walking trails and in spring they're

lined with purple, orange and yellow wildflowers, like acacias and banksias. Birdwatchers are never disappointed as the abundance of food in the park attracts endangered swift parrots, regent honeyeaters and many more colourful birds.

Photo: Werakata National Park Address: Neath Road, Elrington, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 6574 5555 Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/attractions/werakata-national-park-elrington

Woko National Park



A steep and rugged landscape with wet and dry rainforest, rocky outcroppings, and eucalypt groves. Explore one of the many family

friendly hiking tracks for the chance to see the park's animals including the wedge-tailed eagle, lyrebird and the endangered brush-tailed rock wallaby. River camping and barbecues make it great location for settling down over a long weekend.

Photo: John Spencer - NSW Government Address: Curricabark Turnoff, Gloucester, NSW 2422 Phone: +61 2 6538 5300 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/attractions/woko-national-park

Yengo National Park



A rugged landscape of steep gorges and rocky ridges, just waiting to be explored by 4WD, mountain bike or foot. Part of the Greater Blue

Mountains World Heritage Area, Yengo has spectacular views, remote wilderness and unique Aboriginal cultural heritage, with an abundance of Aboriginal sacred sites and rock engravings to discover.

Photo: Jeff Betteridge - Yengo National Park Address: Howes Trail, Big Yengo, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 2 6574 5555 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/attractions/yengo-national-park

CAFÉS, RESTAURANTS AND BARS



The Olive Tree Restaurant

The Hunter Valley has forged a reputation for high quality food using the freshest local ingredients to match its acclaimed wines. Many of the wineries double as restaurants or bars, serving delicious meals to complement their award-winning wines.



Matilda Bay Brewhouse Hunter Valley Resort



Matilda Bay Brewhouse is a boutique brewhouse. All that separates you from the brewery is a glass wall behind the contemporary bar, where

guests enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

Many styles of craft beer are available including the unique alcoholic ginger beer, traditional pilsner, and a premium lager. All 12 brews are available on tap at the brewhouse.

The cafe is open all day with homemade pies, bites, pizza and pasta.

The brewhouse features extensive outdoor and indoor dining, is very family friendly, and there are ATM facilities on site.

Photo: Matilda Bay Brewhouse Hunter Valley Resort Address: Hermitage Road, Corner of Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin NSW 2320 Opening hours: 10am to 10pm Phone: +61 2 4998 7777

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/pokolbin/food-and-drink/matilda-bay-brewhouse-hunt er-valley-resort

Amanda's on the Edge



On a hill overlooking the picturesque vineyard and surrounding countryside, Amanda's on the Edge offers magnificent views from every table. Guests

can choose to dine al fresco in the warmer months from the restaurant's modern Australian menu, or get cosy by the fire in winter.

Photo: Amanda's on the Edge Address: Windsor's Edge Vineyard, McDonalds Road, Pokolbin 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7900 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/amandas-on-the-edge

Bistro Molines



The award-winning Bistro Molines offers an ever-changing menu of French provincial dishes using fresh, seasonal local produce. The

restaurant is set among the beautiful surrounds of Tallavera Grove Vineyard, with indoor and outdoor dining overlooking a valley of terraced vineyards and grazing cattle.

Photo: Bistro Molines

Address: Tallavera Grove, 749 Mount View Road, Mount View NSW 2325

Phone: +61 2 4990 9553

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/hunter-valley-surrounds/restaurants/bistro-molines

Blaxlands Inn



A rustic brasserie housed within a heritage homestead and offering country-style fare including steaks, deep dish pies and hearty

pastas. Dine outside under the stars or by the open fire pit out the front of the venue.

Photo: Blaxlands Inn Address: 2198 Broke Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7550

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/blaxlands-inn

Café Enzo



Set in a Tuscan-inspired village, among sandstone buildings and delightful gardens, Café Enzo in Pokolbin is open for breakfast and lunch. Sit

in the enchanting courtyard in warmer months



or beside the roaring fire during colder months and dine on Italian cuisine inspired by the fresh, seasonal produce from the surrounding Hunter Valley.

Photo: Café Enzo

Address: Corner of Broke and Ekerts Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320

Phone: +61 2 4998 7233

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/caf-enzo

Emerson's Café & Restaurant



This multi award-winning restaurant is at the splendid Adina Vineyard. Enjoy a relaxed weekend breakfast, late week lunches or contemporary

modern Australian cuisine in the evenings. You can also try the popular eight course degustation menu during dinner service. Emerson's also offers the unique opportunity to eat dinner in the kitchen on the Chef's Table to watch the chefs work.

Photo: Emerson's Café & Restaurant Address: 492 Lovedale Road, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4930 7029 Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/lovedale/restaurants/emersons-cafe-restaurant

Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant



Bimbadgen Estate is a winery and vineyard encompassing the award-winning Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, an expansive cellar door,

café, outdoor amphitheatre, modern tasting rooms and accommodation. The restaurant uses fresh produce grown on the estate or sourced locally. Menu highlights include the Esca Tasting Plates, allowing guests to enjoy three tastes from the menu, each matched with a Bimbadgen wine.

Photo: Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant Address: 790 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 4666 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/esca-bimbadgen-at-bimbadgen-winery

Fratelli Roma



Fratelli Roma offers an authentic Italian experience, featuring artisan handmade pasta and gnocchi prepared fresh daily. The rustic

interior includes solid Australian timber furnishings and subtle candle lighting, creating an enchanting ambience. The menu is a tribute to classic Italian cooking with dishes such as spaghetti alle vongole and prosciutto e formaggio.

Photo: Fratelli Roma Address: 305 High Street, Maitland, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4933 9989 Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/maitland/restaurants/fratelli-roma

Il Cacciatore



Il Cacciatore's seasonal menu uses fresh local produce and authentic Italian ingredients to create handmade pastas. In Hermitage Lodge, the

restaurant's spacious adjoining deck overlooks a pretty lake, perfect for al fresco dining. Open for dinner nightly from 6 pm. Stay overnight in Hermitage Lodge's boutique accommodation. All rooms have views over the property's shiraz vineyard and small lake.



Photo: Il Cacciatore Address: Hermitage Lodge, 609 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7639

Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/pokolbin/restaurants/il-cacciatore-restaurant

Leaves and Fishes



The Leaves and Fishes menu focus on seafood, with an Asian kick. The restaurant is set on a serene lake dotted with beautiful water lilies.

You'll enjoy the tranquility along with the gourmet dishes using fresh produce and seafood. Boutique accommodation is also available in stylish boathouses by the lake.

Photo: Leaves and Fishes Address: 737 Lovedale Rd, Lovedale, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4930 7400 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/hunter-valley-surrounds/restaurants/leaves-and-fishes

Majors Lane Restaurant



Seasonally inspired menus feature delicious products from the restaurant's own charcuterie range, garden-fresh vegetables,

seafood from the nearby coastline and free-range poultry and game from local farms. Join a fun hands-on lesson in Asian cookery with the Majors Lane Cooking School.

Photo: Majors Lane Cooking School Address: 64 Majors Lane, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4930 7832 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/hunter-valley-surrounds/restaurants/majors-lane-restaurant

Margan Restaurant



Margan Restaurant is part of the Margan Wines establishment which includes 100 hectares of vineyards and follows an estate-grown and

estate-made philosophy. The kitchen garden and orchard produces up to 90% of vegetables and fruit for the restaurant's seasonally inspired menus. Menu items such as pasta, gelato, soft cheeses, butter, small goods and bread are also prepared freshly on site.

Photo: Margan Hunter Valley Wines and Restaurant Address: 1238 Milbrodale Road, Broke Hunter Valley NSW 2330

Phone: +61 2 6579 1372

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/broke/restaurants/margan-restaurant-cellar-door-and-winer y

Mojo's On Wilderness



Husband and wife team Adam and Ros blend warm service and an intimate atmosphere with exquisite food. Willows Cottage is their

stand-alone cottage set among a small olive plantation with views of the spectacular Broken Back Range - combine dinner with an overnight stay in this scenic location.

Photo: Mojo's On Wilderness Address: 84 Wilderness Road, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4930 7244 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/lovedale/restaurants/mojos-on-wilderness



Muse Kitchen



The award-winning Muse Kitchen offers contemporary European-inspired dishes, using seasonal, fresh produce, and served in

the elegant surrounds of the vineyards of Keith Tulloch Wine Estate. Views of the nearby mountain range complement the provincial-inspired interior.

Photo: James Horan - Destination NSW Address: Corner of Hermitage and Deasys Roads, Pokolbin, NSW 2320

Phone: +61 2 4998 7899

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/restaurants/muse-kitchen-at-keith-tulloch-winery

Nightingales Restaurant



Nightingales Restaurant at Broke offers a relaxed dining experience overlooking a beautiful vineyard in the heart of the Hunter Valley. The

cuisine's focus is on modern Australian dishes with an international touch. Enjoy the restaurant's verandah with a glass of their delicious home-grown wine on delightful evenings.

Photo: Nightingales Restaurant Address: Nightingale Wines, 1239 Milbrodale Road, Broke, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 2 6579 1499 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/broke/restaurants/nightingales-restaurant

Restaurant Botanica



Restaurant Botanica is nestled among the vineyards of Spicers Vineyards Estate with splendid views to the Broken Back Range. The

restaurant prides itself on delivering an impressive, modern Australian menu using fresh seasonal produce, combined with one of the country's best regional wine lists.

Photo: Murray Vanderveer - Destination NSW Address: 555 Hermitage Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 6574 7229

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/spicers-vineyards-estate-botanica-rest aurant

RidgeView



RidgeView is a family owned and operated vineyard, handcrafting award-winning wines from grapes grown on the estate. The RidgeView

Restaurant uses fresh local produce, including organic vegetables from its own garden, for a Mediterranean and Middle Eastern-inspired seasonal menu - designed to enhance the flavour of the estate's wines.

Photo: RidgeView

Address: 273 Sweetwater Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 6574 7332 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/ridge-view



Circa 1876



Near boutique hotel Peppers Convent, Circa 1876 has a strong reputation for being home to some of the finest cuisine in the

Hunter Valley, with a passion for sourcing local produce and growing produce on site in an organic kitchen garden. Enjoy a drink in the restaurant's Circa 187 Bar, which has a list of over 300 wines.

Photo: Circa 1876 Address: 64 Halls Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 4998 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/circa-1876

The Cellar Restaurant



The Cellar Restaurant offers

Mediterranean-inspired cuisine in elegant yet relaxed surroundings. The sandstone and glass

building features lush indoor gardens mixed with white-clothed tables and a huge welcoming fireplace in the centre of the dining room. The restaurant is a stroll from the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens.

Photo: The Cellar Restaurant Address: Hunter Valley Gardens Village, Broke Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7584 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/cessnock/restaurants/the-cellar-restaurant

The Flying Duck Café



Nestled in the picturesque town of Vacy, The Flying Duck brings a taste of Australian café culture to the Paterson Valley with an

ever-changing blackboard menu. Relax over a glass of wine or a coffee on the verandah with rural vistas.

Photo: The Flying Duck Café Address: 802 Gresford Road, Vacy, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 4938 8305

Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrin gton-tops/dungog/restaurants/the-flying-duck-caf

The Verandah Restaurant



The Verandah Restaurant is surrounded by the picturesque vineyards of Calais Estate with the Broken Back Range as a backdrop. A striking

Victorian-style wooden verandah embraces two sides of the building and creates an exclusive dining area - a key feature of the restaurant and its namesake. Start at the vineyards' cellar door before enjoying modern tapas dishes from the restaurant's menu showcasing fresh local produce.

Photo: The Verandah Restaurant Address: 151 Palmers Lane, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7231 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/verandah-restaurant



Twine Restaurant



Twine Restaurant is on the Wynwood Estate, Pokolbin, and offers modern Australian cuisine with a twist. The inviting dining room

overlooks rolling vineyards and extends on to a deck bordered by roses. Try the Twine Signature Oyster Platter featuring half a dozen oysters prepared six different ways.

Photo: Twine Restaurant Address: 310 Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7449 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/restaurants/twine-restaurant

SHOPPING



Handmade in the Hunter Markets

The strong local food culture has given rise to gourmet produce houses, wine education centres and weekly growers markets at townships throughout the valley.

Hunter Wine Country Markets



Hunter Wine Country Markets is held every Saturday. It is a boutique handmade market showcasing local artisans. When they have rain or

winds you will find them trading inside De

Bortoli Wines barrel room.

Stalls include fashion, food, jewellery, local produce, handmade soaps, candles, woodwork, pottery and much more. Pet friendly. They are located at De Bortoli Wines in Pokolbin. There are no markets in January.

Photo: Hunter Wine Country Markets Address: 532 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Opening hours: Saturdays Phone: +61 2 4998 6426 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/pokolbin/events/hunter-wine-country-markets

Wollombi Markets



The dedicated organisers of this not for profit market are honoured to establish a monthly market at the historic Wollombi Village. Their

expectation is to offer a place where families and friends can leisurely enjoy browsing for and tasting fresh produce – including cheese, small goods, bread, wine and jams. In addition to the fantastic range of food and condiments, this market will also host a selected range of handicraft stalls. Whether it has been locally made, grown or baked you simply cannot get it fresher and more authentic than at the Wollombi Village Market.

Photo: Wollombi Markets

Address: Wollombi Village, Great North Road, Wollombi, NSW 2325

Opening hours: Second Sunday of the month from 9am to 2pm

Phone: +61 2 4998 8131

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/wollombi/events/wollombi-markets



Broke Village Community Market



Broke Village Community Market is on the first Sunday of the month. The little market with great stalls - for the community, by the community. You

will find everything from local gourmet produce, back-of-ute veggies, toys, handmade gifts, collectables and pre-loved trinkets

A barbecue and coffee will be available and the parking couldn't be easier, just 10 minutes drive from Hunter Valley Gardens.

Photo: Broke Village Community Market edit Address: McTaggart Park, Wollombi Street, Broke, NSW 2330

Phone: +61 407 069 682

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/broke/events/broke-village-community-market

Clarence Town Farmers Market



Come along and buy freshly picked seasonal garden produce, tomatoes, local honey, relish, pickles, jams and eggs. Fresh herbs and

much more at the Clarence Town Farmers Market.

Photo: Clarence Town Farmers Market

Address: Clarence Town Cafe, 47 Grey Street, Clarence Town NSW 2321

Opening hours: 8:30am to 12:00pm Saturdays (Fortnightly Event)

Phone: +61 457 826 711

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-tops/dungog/events/clarence-town-farmers-market

Gresford Community Markets



Of course, there's something for everyone at the Gresford Community Markets. Delicious local olives and olive oil, natural household, health

and beauty products, sports memorabilia, locally grown plants and produce, a wide range of clothing, cake stalls, paintings, jewellery, art cards, bags, handicrafts, expertly crafted wooden goods, and bric-a-brac.

And, of course, there's a barbecue and plenty of other food and refreshments available. Some market days also feature live auctions of household and farm goods.

The market days are proving to be a friendly affair, a fun place to browse, enjoy morning tea and/or lunch, and above all, to experience the hum of a local market.

The market is on every third Sunday of each month, except January and December.

Photo: Gresford Markets Address: Hotel Beatty Car Park, 52 Park Street, East Gresford NSW 2311 Opening hours: 8am to 1pm Phone: +61 2 4938 9589 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barri ngton-tops/dungog/events/gresford-community-markets

Binnorie Dairy



Set in the middle of the gorgeous Pokolbin vineyard district, Binnorie Dairy specialises in producing soft cheeses using only locally sourced

milk. Taste their signature marinated fetta, labna and duetto.

Photo: Binnorie Dairy Address: Tuscany Wine Estate, corner of Hermitage Road



and Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 6660 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/attractions/binnorie-dairy

Bunna Bunoo Olive Grove



The Hunter Valley's warm summers and cool winters are perfect conditions for olive grove cultivation. Bunna Bunoo produce a wide range of

oils using traditional Italian methods. Black, white and caramelised balsamic vinegars are also available in addition to an array of sweets, chutneys and marmalades. Visit the grove shop for tastings and to view local artisan art and crafts.

Photo: Bunna Bunoo Olive Grove Address: 237 Fishers Hill Road, Vacy, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 4938 8086 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/food-and-drink/bunna-bunoo-olive-grove

Campbell's Store Craft Centre



Wander at your leisure through 15 speciality craft shops, a tearoom and an art gallery. Enjoy fudge and honey tastings, sample 13 flavours of

ginger beer and choose from more than 100 homemade jam varieties.

Photo: Campbells Store Craft Centre Address: 175 Swan Street, Morpeth, NSW 2321 Opening hours: 10am – 5pm from Thursday to Sunday. Phone: +61 2 4933 1407 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/morpeth/attractions/campbells-store-craft-centre

Denman Farmers Market



Located a short drive away from Muswellbrook, the market showcases the best in local produce including wine, cheese, fruit, vegetables,

preserves, cakes, plants and seedlings.

Photo: Denman Farmers Market Address: Ogilvie Street, Denman, NSW 2328 Opening hours: Held on the first Saturday of each month. Internet:

www.visitnsw.com/events/denman-farmers-market-9054195 Email: denmanfarmersmarket@me.com

Dungog Country Antiques



The store showcases an eclectic collection of antiques and vintage items, from fine art to bric-à-brac and furniture to memorabilia.

Photo: Dungog Country Antiques Address: 254 Dowling Street, Dungog, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 2 4992 1441

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/attractions/dungog-country-antiques

Dungog Local Growers Stall



Visit this local growers market on Saturday mornings to purchase proudly grown local produce such as honey, eggs, fruit, vegetables

and herbs.

Photo: Dungog Local Growers Stall Address: 205 Dowling Street, Dungog, NSW 2420 Opening hours: Markets are held each Saturday throughout the year except in January. Phone: +61 2 437 298 775



Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/events/local-growers-stall

Handmade in the Hunter Markets



These markets showcase the wide variety of Handmade in the Hunter art, craft and food and the local creative artisans and growers behind these

products.The markets are held in the rose-lined gardens of Kevin Sobels Wines.

Photo: Karen Rowe - Handmade in the Hunter Markets Address: Kevin Sobels Wines, 5 Halls Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320

Opening hours: Held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Held on Saturday and Sunday during long weekends.

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/pokolbin/events/handmade-the-hunter-markets

Hunter Belle Cheese



Taste a selection of gourmet yoghurts, cultured butter and a wide range of cheeses all handmade using the milk of local brown Swiss

cows. Viewing windows into the factory and packing rooms allow you to view the cheese-making process and see fresh fudge or gelato being made.

Photo: Hunter Belle Cheese Address: 75 Aberdeen Street (New England Highway), Muswellbrook, NSW 2333 Phone: +61 2 6541 5066 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/muswellbrook/attractions/hunter-belle-cheese

Hunter Valley Cheese Company



A boutique cheese factory and shop that also sells ploughman's platters, espresso coffee and locally made chutneys, relishes and jams. The

factory offers free cheese tutorials twice daily and has a viewing window into the make and maturation rooms.

Photo: Hunter Valley Cheese Company Address: 447 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7744

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/food-and-drink/hunter-valley-cheese-company

Hunter Valley Smelly Cheese Shop



The shop is a providore of local and imported cheese and gourmet foods. The site is also home to the Hunter Valley Gelato Company

that makes traditional Italian gelato using 200-year-old recipes. Hampers, platters (cheese and antipasto, sandwich and gourmet baguettes) and gelato cakes are also available.

Photo: Hunter Valley Smelly Cheese Shop Address: 2144 Broke Road, Pavilion G, Tempus Two Complex, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 6713 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/food-and-drink/hunter-valley-smelly-cheese-shop

Hunter Valley Wine School



Learn about the history of wine at the Hunter Resort's wine school. Classes are daily and offer an informal tutorial of wine education. Walk



through the Hunter Resort's shiraz vineyard as you discover the difference between grape varieties, learn how grapevines are grown, and discover more about winemaking.

Photo: Hunter Valley Wine School Address: Hunter Resort, Hermitage Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320

Phone: +61 2 4998 7777

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/food-and-drink/hunter-valley-wine-school

Maitland Markets



More than 600 stalls display the best of Maitland's homemade and homegrown goods as well as artisans, musicians and gourmet

food. The market showcases the Hunter Valley's cultural and artistic diversity.

Photo: Maitland Markets

Address: Maitland Showground, Blomfield Street, Maitland, NSW 2320

Opening hours: The market is held from 8am – 2pm on the first Sunday of each month excluding January. Also held on the third Sunday of October, November and December. Phone: +61 2 4962 5522

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/attractions/maitland-markets

Mortels Sheepskin Factory



Since 1958, the Mortel family have been making sheepskin products. You can take a guided tour of the factory, which uses sheepskins selected from

Australian-bred sheep and tanned by Australian tanneries. Browse through a wide range of quality Australian-made goods, including ugg boots and other footwear, warm headgear, car and motorbike seat covers and bed underlays. Photo: Mortels Sheepskin Factory Address: 1 Weakleys Drive, Thornton, NSW 2322 Phone: +61 2 4966 0990 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/morpeth/attractions/mortels-sheepskin-factory Email: allaboutsheepskins@mortels.com.au

Pukara Estate



Visit the Pukara Estate tasting room to sample an extensive range of award-winning extra virgin olive oils. Try their selection of flavoured

vinegars including fig, blackcurrant, pomegranate and vanilla and cinnamon balsamic.

Photo: Pukara Estate

Address: 1440 Denman Road, Muswellbrook, NSW 2333 Phone: +61 2 6547 1055

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/muswellbrook/attractions/pukara-estate

ACCOMMODATION



Crowne Plaza

The Hunter Valley offers an enviable range of places to stay, from stylish hotels, resorts and spa retreats to country-style guesthouses and beautifully appointed bed and breakfast options. Some are nestled among the vineyards or within the wilderness of the Barrington Tops National Park, while others feature historical architecture unique to the region.



Hillbrook Estate



Located on a beautiful ridge in the picturesque Hunter Valley, this spectacular twenty five acre property offers a beautiful seven bedroom

home with panoramic views. It is located minutes to the township of Branxton with easy access to the Hunter Expressway and only a short drive to the vineyards and restaurants of Wine Country. The moment you get to Hillbrook, you know it is special. The driveway, weaves its way from the front gate passing the large dam and leading you to this fabulous house that has absolutely everything. Stepping inside, high ceilings and plentiful picture frame windows are immediate features with two separate living areas and seven bedrooms and five bathrooms being split over two wings.

At the centre is a modern kitchen with stone tops, stainless appliances, induction cook top and pyrolytic oven. Adjoining the kitchen is an open dining/living room with huge dining tables with magnificent views across the valley and spilling out to an undercover alfresco area with stunning pool and more of the same breathtaking views.

Photo: Hillbrook Estate

Address: 209 Stanhope Road, Elderslie, NSW 2335 Phone: +61 477 010 010 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/singleton/accommodation/hillbrook-estate

Monkey Place Country House



Monkey Place Country House is a beautifully unique sandstone house, nestled on six private acres, with a huge wrap around veranda facing

out onto the native gardens; the perfect place for

chilling out with a glass of local Hunter Valley wine! Offering a fabulous foodies kitchen and spaces for both entertainment and relaxation, Monkey Place Country House is a great accommodation choice for groups of eight to 14 guests.

Located in the Broke Fordwich region of the Hunter Valley, Monkey Place Country House is just minutes from some great boutique cellar doors, Margan Winery and Restaurant and a leisurely 10 minute drive to Hermitage Road, Pokolbin.

Photo: Monkey Place Country House Address: 69 - 71 Wollombi Street, Broke, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 2 4998 6961

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/broke/accommodation/monkey-place-country-house

Banjos Bushland Retreat



A multi award-winning property set in 8 hectares of private bushland overlooking the Hunter Valley and Barrington Tops. An accredited

Advanced Ecotourism property, guests have a choice of three spacious and luxurious private lodges. The retreat's exclusive recreation centre includes a tennis court, mini golf, indoor spa, sauna, table tennis, billiards, giant chess set, magnetic dart board and children's adventure playground.

Photo: Banjos Bushland Retreat Address: Summer Hill Road, Vacy, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 9403 3388 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/accommodation/banjos-bushland-retreat



Barrington River Hideaway



Choose from one of four private cottages overlooking the Barrington River, which is accessible by a set of stairs for swimming and

fishing. The balcony offers al fresco dining set amid a wooded valley and native gardens. A five-minute drive from the scenic town of Gloucester and an easy day trip to the World Heritage-listed Barrington Tops National Park.

Photo: Ben Howland - Fairbourne Pty Ltd Address: 312 Thunderbolts Way, Gloucester, NSW 2422 Phone: +61 413 356 141

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/gloucester/accommodation/barrington-river-hideaway

Barrington Tops Organic Retreat



The retreat is set on 800 hectares of bushland located next to Barrington Tops National Park, a World Heritage area. Choose from one of

the four family farmstay cottages or four secluded loft cabins with king spa baths. Guests can enjoy horseriding, kayaking, mountain bike riding, walks and birdwatching.

Photo: Barrington Tops Organic Retreat

Address: 384 Jems Creek Road, Barrington Tops, NSW 2422 Phone: +61 2 6558 5544

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/barrington-tops/accommodation/barrington-tops-organicretreat

Billabong Moon



In tranquil, private settings are five self-catering cottages scattered through more than 10 hectares of beautiful forest. Relax

and connect in outdoor living areas and on verandahs. Just minutes away is Pokolbin's award-winning wines and gourmet restaurants.

Photo: Billabong Moon

Address: 393 Hermitage Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 6574 7290

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/billabong-moon

Bonn Abbey



Bonn Abbey is in the picturesque village of Broke, only minutes away from great cellar doors and restaurants. Soaring cathedral ceilings and

exposed beams bring to mind a Cotswold village in England. The abbey can sleep 6 – 12 people with four bedrooms, two large bathrooms and a spacious living room with open fire.

Photo: Bonn Abbey Address: 25 Nelson Street, Broke, NSW 2330 Phone: +61 477 010 010 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/broke/accommodation/bonn-abbey

Cabins in the Clouds



Romantic and secluded, choose from three spa cabins offering gorgeous valley and garden views. Relax in your own outdoor whirlpool spa,

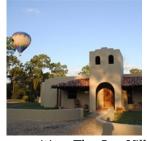
rejuvenate with a massage or spa treatment in



the comfort of your cabin, play tennis, swim in the pool or cosy up in front of the log fire in winter.

Photo: Brock Perks - Cabins in the Clouds Address: 424 Moonabung Road, Vacy, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 4938 8271 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/accommodation/cabins-in-the-clouds

Casa La Vina



Relax in these spacious and luxurious adobe villas, each with their own courtyard, outdoor fireplace, king-sized bed and other stylish

amenities. The Spa Villa and Grand Spa Villa feature a private outdoor Jacuzzi. Helicopter pick ups are available for scenic flights, luncheons and transfers.

Photo: Casa La Vina Address: 657 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 (0)406 770 294 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/casa-la-vina

Chateau Elan at The Vintage Hunter Valley



Chateau Elan at The Vintage is a golf and spa resort offering luxury accommodation with superb dining, a championship golf course

designed by Greg Norman, and an extensive spa treatment menu. All rooms have balconies or terraces overlooking the resort's fairways and the Hunter Valley surroundings.

Photo: Chateau Elan Address: Vintage Drive, Rothbury, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 2500 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte $r-valley/rothbury/accommodation/chateau-elan-the-vintage-hu \\ nter-valley$

Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley



The Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley is nestled among semillon vineyards and the majestic Broken Back Range. Unwind and be pampered at the onsite

Ubika Spa, perfect your swing on the 18-hole championship golf course, play on the tennis and basketball courts, and enjoy renowned local wines and gourmet produce at the on-site restaurants and bars.

Photo: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Address: 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4991 0000 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/lovedale/accommodation/crowne-plaza-hunter-valley

Donnybrook Eco Retreat



This luxury permanent tent is beside a lovely oasis within 40 hectares of verdant rural tranquillity. The tent features an en suite

bathroom, basic self-catering facilities and offers fresh farm supplies for breakfast. This is a great base to explore the local wineries and art galleries, bike through picturesque country roads or kayak down the river.

Photo: Donnybrook Eco Retreat Address: 702 Luskintyre Rd, Lambs Valley, NSW 2321 Phone: +61 412 003 941 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/accommodation/donnybrook-eco-retreat



Eaglereach Wilderness Resort



Eaglereach is a vast and beautiful nature-based resort with an amazing variety of native animals including kangaroos, wallabies, goannas and

echidnas. The family and spa self-contained lodges range from one to six bedrooms. Expansive verandahs offer spectacular views across the Hunter Valley. Resort activities include swimming, tennis, yabbying, kayaking and mountain biking.

Photo: Eaglereach Wilderness Resort Address: Summerhill Road, Vacy, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 4938 8233 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t

ops/dung og/accommodation/eagle reach-wild erness-resort

Eelah Barn Apartment



This beautifully converted barn apartment is on a working cattle property that adjoins the Hunter River. The self-contained guest house sits in a

tranquil setting, surrounded by gardens and trees, and can accommodate up to five guests.

Photo: Eelah

Address: 467 Maitland Vale Road, Maitland, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4930 0801

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/accommodation/eelah

Guest House Mulla Villa



Built by convicts in 1840, this charming colonial homestead offers four spacious bedrooms, two of which feature spa bath en suites. The property is set on 30 hectares of tranquil bushland with walking trails through rainforest and working farmland. Enjoy organic produce grown on the estate.

Photo: Guest House Mulla Villa Address: 3174 Great Northern Road, Wollombi, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4998 3254 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle

y/wollombi/accommodation/guest-house-mulla-villa

Hermitage Lodge



This award-winning boutique motel is nestled on 10 picturesque hectares in Pokolbin. The lodge is within walking distance of many of the

area's popular wineries and tourist attractions. All studios and suites feature verandahs overlooking the lodge's own shiraz vineyard.

Photo: Hermitage Lodge

Address: 609 McDonalds Road, Pokolbin NSW, 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7639 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/hermitage-lodge

Hunter Valley Resort



The Hunter Valley Resort is a country lodge nestled within its own shiraz vineyards. Resort features include the Hunter Valley Wine

School, daily on-site vineyard tours, Matilda Bay Brewhouse, Heavenly Hunter Massage Centre, plus horseriding and horse and carriage tours. Guests can also enjoy the 3 km walking/jogging track, swimming pool, tennis courts, heated spa and mountain bikes.

Photo: Hunter Valley Resort



Address: Corner of Hermitage Road and Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7777 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/hunter-valley-resort

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This five-bedroom luxury house is set on a gorgeous 12-hectare property within the Lovedale wine region of the Hunter Valley. All

bedrooms have en suites and is the perfect getaway or short break for groups of up to 11 people. The kitchen is fully equipped for formal and casual dining indoors or outdoors.

Photo: I VILLINI ESTATE

Address: 497 Talga Road, Lovedale Hunter Valley, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4930 7384

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/lovedale/accommodation/i-villini-estate

Lonely Goat Olive Farm



This cottage is perched high on a hill overlooking a flourishing olive grove within the beautiful Congewai Valley. A place where you swap your

alarm clock for the morning calls of native birds. An outdoor kitchen allows you to cook your own country-style breakfast using fresh farm produce. You can stroll to a section of the Great North Walk and it's a short drive to vineyards and restaurants.

Photo: Lonely Goat Olive Farm Address: Congewai Road, Congewai, NSW 2325 Phone: (02) 4998 1693 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/wollombi/accommodation/lonely-goat-olive-farm

Lovedale Lodge



This secluded 15-hectare property is surrounded by forests and vines in the heart of Lovedale wine country. It's within easy reach of world-famous

wineries and some of the best restaurants in the Hunter Valley. Choose from four, three and two-bedroom options in the lodge's homestead, cottages and villas.

Photo: Lovedale Lodge Address: Lot 33 Londons Road, Lovedale, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4384 3394 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/lovedale/accommodation/lovedale-lodge

Orangevale at Mount View



This elegant homestead is set on 60 tranquil hectares of farmland overlooking the surrounding valley and offering total privacy.

Wrap-around verandahs offer brilliant views in all directions with outdoor furniture and a gas barbecue inviting al fresco dining.

Photo: Orangevale at Mount View Address: Bimbadeen Road, Mount View, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 428 913 665 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/accommodation/orangevale-mount-view

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Pepper Tree Cottage



Pepper Tree Cottage is nestled on 10 hectares situated on the outskirts of the historic Wollombi village. The main house can sleep nine guests in

four bedrooms, each with en suite. The fully



equipped kitchen provides an opportunity for entertaining with open-plan living that unfolds to an expansive timber deck through bi-fold doors.

Photo: Pepper Tree Cottage Address: Paynes Crossing Road, Wollombi, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 416 039 081 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/wollombi/accommodation/pepper-tree-cottage-wollombi

The Convent Hunter Valley



Lovingly restored to reflect the building's charming heritage and character, this retreat in on the picturesque grounds of the Pepper

Tree Estate and offers 17 guest rooms with French doors and deep verandas with views over beautiful gardens and vineyards. Guests can enjoy the on-site Endota Day Spa, winery tours, golf, tennis, swimming, bike riding and other activities.

Photo: The Convent Hunter Valley Address: 88 Halls Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 4999 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte

r-valley/pokolbin/accommodation/the-convent-hunter-valley

Potters Hotel Brewery Resort



This resort-style complex overlooks the heritage-listed brick beehive kilns of Nulkaba. Extensive recreational facilities include tennis

courts, spa, swimming pools and a children's playground. Taste award-winning beers at the on-site microbrewery, The Hunter Beer Co.

Photo: Potters Hotel Brewery Resort Address: Wine Country Drive, Nulkaba, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4991 7922 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunte r-valley/accommodation/potters-hotel-brewery-resort

Ridgeview



RidgeView is a secluded oasis to unwind in an idyllic setting of majestic spotted gums and ironbarks, overlooking waterways circumscribed

by natural bushland and vineyards. Choose from four cottages spaced among the trees around the lake. All have indoor spa baths and two-person showers. King bedroom cottages feature an outdoor undercover jacuzzi and sauna on the wraparound verandah. Air conditioning and log fires create ambience inside, while the infinity edge swimming pool and tennis court offer outdoor recreation.

Photo: RidgeView Cottages

Address: 273 Sweetwater Road, Rothbury, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 419 475 221 Internet: http://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter -valley/pokolbin/accommodation/ridgeview-cottages

Salisbury Lodges



This wilderness retreat is on the southern slopes of the Barrington Tops, near the William River. Walk through World Heritage-listed rainforest,

swim in the river, take in magnificent views of the mountains and enjoy the peace and quiet of the blue gums.

Photo: P.AUGL - Lodges

Address: 2930 Salisbury Road, Salisbury, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 2 4995 3285

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/dungog/accommodation/salisbury-lodges-and-araluen-res taurant



Somewhere Unique



Somewhere Unique offers two self-contained one bedroom retreats, perfect for romantic getaways within the Hunter Valley wine country. The

eco-certified retreats are set within eight beautiful hectares of bushland property, each placed to ensure privacy for each couple. Features include a king-sized bed, private deck, large two-person bath, rain shower, bathrobes, candles and aromatherapy oil burner.

Photo: Somewhere Unique

Address: Narone Creek Road, Wollombi, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 2 4998 3257

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Talga Estate



Enjoy luxurious fully self-contained two-bedroom units on a peaceful 10-hectare vineyard in the heart of Hunter Valley wine

country. Each Talga Estate villa features a hydrotherapy spa bath, fully equipped kitchen with dining area and a barbecue on a private verandah.

Photo: Talga Estate Address: 307 Talga Road, Rothbury, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4930 7100 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/rothbury/accommodation/talga-estate

The Old Dairy



Originally a working dairy built shortly after WWII, the site has been restored to offer luxurious yet rustic self-contained accommodation in the

Upper Hunter. Features include a fully equipped kitchen, slow combustion log fire, barbecue facilities, cast iron claw foot bath and stylish decor in a rural setting opposite Mount Dangar.

Photo: The Old Dairy at Baerami Address: 430 Mount Dangar Road, Baerami Sandy Hollow, NSW 2333 Phone: +61 409 429 656 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/sandy-hollow/accommodation/old-dairy-baerami

The Olive Retreat at Bedford Green Olives



This fully self-contained cottage is set on a 10-hectare working olive farm. The cottage has three queen-size bedrooms, two

bathrooms, galley kitchen, combustion wood fire place and ducted reverse-cycle air conditioning. A spacious outdoor entertaining area features a barbecue, dining setting and stunning views of the Broken Back Range.

Photo: The Olive Retreat at Belfort Green Olives Address: 312 Old North Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 439 908 019

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/the-olive-retreat-at-belfort-greenolives



Tuscany Wine Estate Resort



This boutique hotel overlooks a gorgeous valley of 120 hectares of vineyards framed by the majestic mountain backdrop of the Broken

Back Range. The resort includes The Mill Restaurant and cellar door, Brokenback Barbecue & Tapas Bar and Binnorie Dairy, a soft cheese factory and shop.

Photo: Estate Tuscany Address: Corner of Hermitage Road & Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4998 7288 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/pokolbin/accommodation/tuscany-wine-estate-resort

Villa Medici



This charming cottage is set in a 80-hectare working Hereford cattle farm and has two bedrooms furnished in a French provincial style.

Enjoy à la carte breakfast, served either in your room or on the verandah overlooking the property.

Photo: Thomas Davey - Gloucester Visitor Information Centre Address: 100 Gloucester Tops Road, Gloucester, NSW 2422 Phone: +61 414 923 479

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-t ops/gloucester/accommodation/villa-medici

Wollombi Farm Country House



Designed for couples and small groups, this luxury fully self-contained house is set on 41 hectares of farmland with lovely gardens. It can accommodate up to 12 people with four large air-conditioned bedrooms, two bathrooms, spacious cathedral ceilings and air-conditioned living areas with log fire. An in-ground saltwater swimming pool and outdoor heated spa is located in the garden, perched on the side of a hill overlooking the river towards Wollombi Village.

Photo: Wollombi Farm Country House Address: 2804 Paynes Crossing Road, Wollombi, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 416 039 081

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/wollombi/accommodation/wollombi-farm-country-house

EVENTS



Hunter Valley Wine and Food Month

Discover an engaging cultural scene packed with special events and festivals celebrating the Hunter Valley's heritage and award-winning wine and food.

Gloucester Farmers Market



Get fresh with Gloucester Farmers Market on the second Saturday of each month! Discover Gloucester's fresh food treasure and stock up on

foods that will give you energy, vitality and a twinkle in your eye.

This is just like how country markets used to be, with locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, cheeses, eggs, honey, olives and



olive oils, wines, cut flowers, soaps and all manner of artisan-made local produce. Markets like these are changing the way that people look at fresh food, you can't buy fresher, so get in early for the best of the best.

Photo: Thomas Davey - Gloucester Visitor Information Centre Address: Billabong Park, Lot 116 Denison Street, Billabong Park Gloucester NSW 2422

Opening hours: The second Saturday of each month Phone: +61 2 6538 5252

Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barrington-tops/gloucester/events/gloucester-farmers-market

Aberdeen Highland Games



Celebrate traditional Celtic culture and the Celtic history of the Upper Hunter during the first weekend in July. The games feature more than

23 events uniting Sydney and regional New South Wales clans, dancers, pipe bands and tug-of-war teams at the conclusion of the Scottish Australia Heritage Council's Heritage Week.

Photo: Aberdeen Highland Games Address: Jefferson Park, New England Highway, Aberdeen, NSW 2336 Phone: +61 2 6540 1300

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/events/aberdeen-highland-games

Back To Back Wool Challenge



A bet made in 1811 was the starting point for a challenge that, more than 200 years later, is known as the Back to Back International Wool

Challenge. From the back of the sheep to the back of the shearer, competitors race to shear a sheep, spin the wool and knit a jumper in under eight hours. The event also features knitting races, crafts for kids, drop the spindle demonstrations and handcrafts markets.

Photo: Back to Back Wool Challenge Address: Tocal Homestead, 957 Tocal Road, Paterson, NSW 2421 Phone: +61 2 4939 8901 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/paterson/events/back-back-wool-challenge

Bitter & Twisted International Boutique Beer Festival



This boutique beer festival is held inside the walls of Maitland Gaol, a former maximum security prison. Choose to sample from more than 50 craft

beers and a wide range of local and international gourmet food stalls, or join the Food & Beer Matching Lunch. Enjoy live music across the weekend with the line-up of great Australian music artists and discover the venue's history by joining a gaol tour.

Photo: Bitter and Twisted Boutique Beer Festival Address: Maitland Gaol, 6-18 John St, East Maitland, NSW 2323

Phone: +61 2 4931 2888

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/events/bitter-and-twisted-boutique-beer-festival

Dungog Festival



Enjoy a feast of local and national music and performance, beautiful food and wine from the region, a cutting-edge film program at the

historic James Theatre, workshops, markets and much more. Kick back in country style for a night of revelry with fine local food, wine, music and dance under brilliant stars when the table is set



down the main street for the hugely popular Long Table Dinner.

Photo: Dungog Festival Address: Various locations in Dungog, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 484 757 325 Internet: https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/barri ngton-tops/dungog/events/dungog-festival

Hunter Polo Challenge



Fast, exciting polo featuring top players and more than 200 horses. The event is an informal relaxed way to watch and enjoy picnic polo in a

picturesque setting.

Photo: Wirragulla Annual Polo Tournament Address: Tabbil Creek Polo Ground, Cemetery Road, Dungog, NSW 2420 Phone: +61 411 413 747 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/events/wirragulla-annual-polo-tournament

Hunter Valley Steamfest



In 1983 the last coal operating steam haulage freight service was closed on the South Maitland Railway Line, effectively ending a century old

institution. In response to this closure the first Hunter Valley Steamfest was held in 1986. Enjoy steam, vintage diesel and mini train rides as well as historical displays, live entertainment and kids activities.

Photo: Steamfest

Address: Maitland Railway Station, Maitland, NSW 2329 Phone: +61 2 4931 2877

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/events/hunter-valley-steam fest

Lovedale Long Lunch



An annual autumn food festival which takes place in various vineyards around Lovedale. Local wineries team with restaurants to offer

visitors a weekend of fine wine, gourmet food and live entertainment.

Photo: Lovedale Long Lunch

Address: Various wineries in Lovedale, NSW 2325 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/events/lovedale-long-lunch

Scone and Upper Hunter Horse Festival



Scone is the horse capital of Australia and this festival celebrates the region and its thriving equine industry. Enjoy a fabulous events program

packed with exciting events including a horse parade, rodeo and the prestigious Scone Cup, one of Australia's biggest country horse racing carnivals.

Photo: Scone Horse Festival

Address: Various locations in Scone, NSW 2337 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/upper-hunte r/scone/events/scone-and-upper-hunter-horse-festival

Sculpture In The Vineyards



Wollombi Village, vineyards and cellar doors are transformed into a spectacular series of sculpture parks. Featuring large scale and

site-specific works by some of Australia's best artists, the exhibition provides a rare opportunity to showcase their talent in a splendid environment.



Photo: Sculpture in the Vineyards Address: Various locations on the Wollombi Valley Wine Trail, Wollombi, NSW 2325 Phone: +61 4998 1576 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/events/sculpture-in-the-vineyards

The Maitland Aroma Coffee and Chocolate Festival



The aroma of freshly roasting coffee and delectable displays of chocolates and desserts tempt visitors at this festival. Learn how to

temper chocolate and discover its origins in one of the many cooking demonstrations across the weekend. Hunter Valley wineries also feature at the festival, offering tastings of their finest drops alongside other exhibitors of local cuisine and fresh produce.

Photo: Aroma Coffee and Chocolate Festival Address: St Andrews Street, Maitland, NSW 2320 Phone: +61 2 4931 2890 Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/maitland/events/maitland-aroma-coffee-and-chocolate-festiv al

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Destination NSW

There are many ways to reach the Hunter Valley. Rent a car and enjoy the independence of exploring the region at your own pace, or relax as someone does the driving for you on a tour of the region.

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-va lley/tours

Airport

Newcastle Airport is the nearest airport to the Hunter Valley. Jetstar, Rex, QantasLink and Virgin and have regular direct flights to and from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast and Ballina/Byron Bay. The airport is about a 50-minute drive to most of the vineyards.

Many major car rental companies operate here or an airport transfer can be organised with Rover Coaches (www.rovercoaches.com.au) or Heidi's Hunter Valley (www.heidishuntervalley.com.au).

Hunter Valley Buses also operate a public bus service from the airport to Maitland, Raymond Terrace and Stockton as well as locally. www.cdcbus.com.au

Address: 1 Williamtown Drive, Williamtown, NSW 2318 Phone: +61 2 4928 9800 Internet: www.newcastleairport.com.au

Car

If driving from Sydney, take the Pacific Highway or A1 off-ramp from the Gore Hill Freeway into Hornsby. At Wahroonga, turn right onto the M1 Freeway towards Newcastle. Continue for about an hour until the signs for Cessnock and Newcastle.

Continue for another hour to reach Cessnock, or take the Wine Country Drive to arrive at Pokolbin, Broke, Rothbury, Lovedale or Mount View.



For a scenic drive, follow the Tourist Route T33 detour off the M1 Freeway to Wollombi to drove through mountainous landscape.

Internet: www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valle y/getting-to-hunter-valley

Public transport

Daily train services depart from Sydney's Central Station for the Hunter towns of Maitland, Newcastle and Singleton.

Internet: http://www.transportnsw.info/

Taxis

Cessnock Radio Cabs Co-Op

• Phone: +61 2 4990 1111

Muswellbrook Taxis

• Phone: +61 2 6543 2700

Singleton Taxi Service (Taxico)

• Phone: + 61 2 6572 1133

Taxi Service Maitland

• Phone: +61 2 4933 7333

Silver Service Limousines

• Phone: +61 2 6571 1600

Pharmacies

Amcal Max Pharmacy

- Phone: +61 2 4932 5155
- Rutherford Shopping Centre, East Mall, Rutherford, NSW, 2320

Blooms The Chemist

- Phone: +61 2 4990 1403
- 97 Vincent St, Cessnock, NSW, 2325

Cessnock Day Night Pharmacy

• Phone: +61 2 4990 3485

• 202 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock, NSW, 2325

Cessnock Plaza Pharmacist Advice

- Phone: +61 2 4990 6636
- Shop 5 Cessnock Plaza Cooper Street, Cessnock, NSW, 2325

Telephone

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Electricity

220-240V

Population Approximately 590,000 according to the latest census.

Currency Australian Dollar (1 AUD = 100 cents)

Opening hours Typical hours for shops are 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday. Most shops open during the weekend but with restricted hours.

Internet www.visitnsw.com/destinations/hunter/hunter-valley

Newspapers Lakes Mail Singleton Argus The Advertiser, Cessnock The Maitland Mercury The Newcastle Herald The Star, Newcastle Muswellbrook Chronicle

Emergency numbers Police, Fire and Ambulance 000

Tourist information Hunter Valley Visitor Centre 455 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin, NSW 2320 Opening hours: 9am – 5pm Monday to Saturday. 9am – 4pm Sundays and public holidays. Closed Christmas Day. Phone: +61 2 4993 6700 Website: www.huntervalleyvisitorcentre.com.au Email: vic@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Maitland Visitor Information Centre Corner of New England Highway & High Street, Maitland, NSW 2320 Hours: 9am – 5pm daily. Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday Phone: + 61 2 4931 2800 Website: www.maitlandhuntervalley.com.au Email: welcome@mymaitland.com.au

Singleton Visitor Information Centre



Townhead Park New England Hwy, Singleton, NSW 2330 Hours: 9am - 5pm daily. Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday

Phone: +61 2 6571 5888 or toll free 1800 499 888 Website: www.visitsingleton.com Email: sviec@singleton.nsw.gov.au