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tourism@armidale.nsw.gov.au
www.armidaletourism.com.au

Uralla Visitor Information Centre

104 Bridge Street
Uralla NSW 2358
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visit@uralla.com
www.uralla.com

Guyra Visitor Information Centre

Rafter's Restaurant
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Guyra NSW 2365
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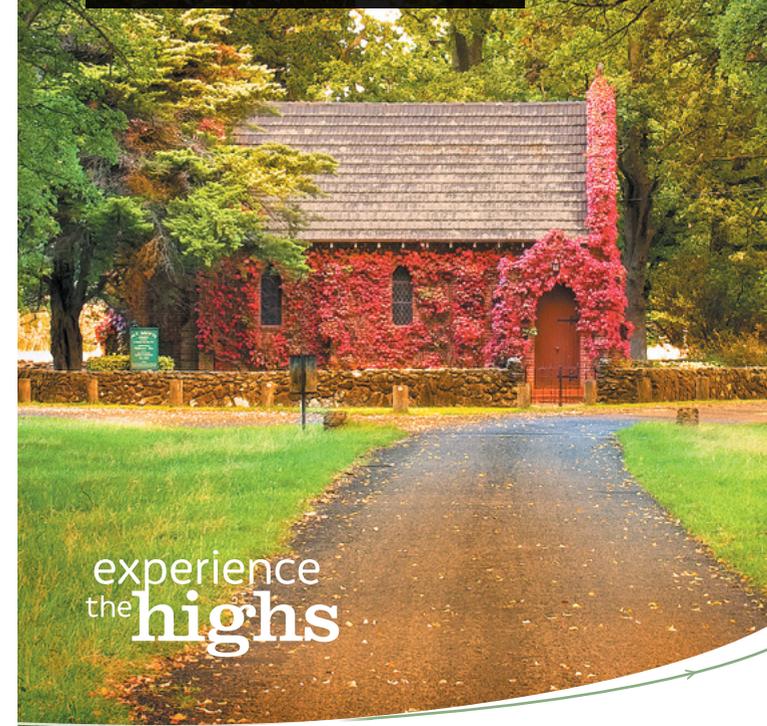
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Tourist Drive 19

Culture, Wilderness and Heritage

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

New England Regional Art Museum, Aboriginal Cultural Centre & Keeping Place, Petersons Armidale Winery, Dangars Gorge & Falls, Gostwyck Chapel & Uralla



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Dangars Gorge

📍 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ART MUSEUM & ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

Commencing at the Visitor Information Centre, follow Marsh Street south, through the traffic lights, until you reach a T intersection. Turn left into Kentucky Street. On the right is the **New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) ❶**. NERAM houses four outstanding permanent collections of works by significant Australian artists: The Howard Hinton Collection, the Chandler Coventry Collection, the Armidale City Collection and NERAM's own collection. Open 6 days a week 10am to 5pm (Closed Monday).

To the east of the New England Regional Art Museum is the **Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place ❷**. This is an award winning community based tourist attraction where you can experience the diversity of Aboriginal Arts and Culture. Explore the rich Aboriginal culture through viewing the art gallery, musical section, tools and weaponry, history room, bush tucker walk and the archaeological section. Open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

📍 PETERSONS WINERY ('Palmerston')

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

Travelling 2km along this road you can visit one of Armidale's cool climate vineyards established in 1998. Set on the historic property of **'Palmerston' ❸**, the Peterson Family established an award winning seven bed guesthouse and cellar door. The cellar door is located in the heritage listed stables which have been refurbished to provide a unique setting for tasting their cool climate, award winning wines.

Arthur Hunter Palmer, Manager of Henry Dangar's vast New England squattage from 1840 to 1863, purchased 260 acres (110 hectares) in 1857 when it was annexed from Dangar's land and he named the block 'Palmerston'. This holding was sold back to the Dangars when Palmer left their employ and it was the stud farm for the Dangar's 48,000 acre (19,200 hectare) 'Gostwyck' Run.

Palmer went to Queensland where he became involved in politics, was Premier of Queensland and received a knighthood in 1881. The 'Palmerston' homestead, built by Henry's son A.A. Dangar for his son, Norman, was completed in 1912 and after being occupied by four generations of the Dangar family, was sold in 1981. It has been beautifully refurbished as a guesthouse. Cellar door open daily 10am to 4pm. Lunch available weekends. Ph 6772 0422.

📍 ARMIDALE TO DANGARS GORGE

Follow Dangarsleigh Road for 7.5km until reaching the **Dangarsleigh War Memorial ❹** on the left. This unique,

privately built monument was built in 1921 by Alfred Haroldston Perrott, owner of the property 'Chevy Chase'. Dedicated to those who gave up their lives in World War I, families placed individual names on the monument (costing sixpence per letter). These names include Perrott's eldest son. A moving service is held at the site each Anzac Day.

Turn left at the monument and follow the unsealed road that leads to **Dangars Gorge ❺**. Travelling through private property the road is designated National Parks access. The spectacular gorge country is believed to have been formed over the last 12 to 15 million years as the rivers and streams cut their way down through the rock that forms the New England Tableland.

The Gorge Rim walk takes you to the very edge of the falls where Salisbury Waters flow over **Dangars Falls ❻** and drop 120m into the gorge below. The Gorge Lookout path to the north of the car park is only 100m long and has wheelchair access.

A third walk takes you across the river to **Dangars Falls Lookout ❻** and a little further on to **Rock Wallaby Lookout ❼**. This walk is approximately 2 km (or 40 min) return and provides a magnificent view down the gorge and to the river, 300 metres below.

Highly recommended for its spectacular views is the 2 hour return walk to McDirty's Lookout along the southern rim of the gorge.

The facilities provided include a picnic area, shelter shed, gas BBQs and non-flush toilets. There is a camping area with wood fire BBQs and a non-flush toilet.

📍 DANGARS GORGE TO GOSTWYCK

After leaving Dangars Gorge, turn left into Black Lane for 2.3km and then left on to Enmore Road.

Continue the drive through typical New England farming country where many farms date back several generations. At 'Mihi' Station 12km further on, turn right heading west towards the old rural settlement of Gostwyck, a popular spot for visitors. On the left approaching Gostwyck stands an unusual designed shearing shed. The octagonal woolshed of **Deeargee Station ❸** is still in use today. This woolshed was rebuilt after a fire in 1872 and is still fully operational containing every facility necessary for shearing, sorting, pressing and bailing. The woolshed is erected on brick pillars and its successive roofs are of galvanized iron.

Gostwyck Station with its elm drive and beautiful **Gostwyck Chapel ❾** covered with Virginia Creeper is a favourite spot with photographers. The chapel was built in 1921 in memory of Clive Collingwood Dangar. The chapel is constructed of bricks entirely made and fired on the property, and the stone wall surrounding the chapel was built as protection against flooding.

The magnificent avenue of 200 elm trees were planted by a man who was brought out from England specifically for that job. During drought times these trees were hand watered with buckets from the nearby Salisbury Waters. Visitors are requested to honour the privacy of Gostwyck Station. Please be sure to take any rubbish away with you.

From here continue west to reach the historic township of Uralla.

📍 URALLA TO ARMIDALE

With a heritage streetscape, unique shops, galleries and museums, Uralla has become a favoured destination for visitors who appreciate its rare blend of past and present.

Uralla ❿ is probably best known as the location for many of the exploits of the gentleman bushranger, Captain Thunderbolt.

The last of the NSW bushrangers, Thunderbolt met an untimely death when shot and killed by Constable Alexander Walker on 25th May, 1870 at Kentucky Creek near Uralla. His remains were laid to rest in a quiet ceremony at the Uralla Pioneer Cemetery in John Street, where his headstone can still be viewed today.

Travel back to Armidale via the New England Highway.

