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The drive up to Nundle and Hanging Rock will take you through rich farming lands, picturesque areas and some of the best fishing and picnic spots in NSW.

Here are some of the best experiences, sights, flavours and destinations along the way:

DUNGOWAN HOTEL

Nundle Road, Dungowan

T: 02 6769 4206

Open: 7 days, 10am – till late

25 minute drive from Tamworth

The hotel offers a great range of well priced delicious meals plus a children's playground makes it a great stop for all the family.

EDELWEISS GALLERY

Nundle Road, Dungowan

T: 02 6769 4240

Open: 9am – 5pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays or by appointment.

25 minute drive from Tamworth

Drop into the Edelweiss Gallery at Dungowan to break up your drive. This gallery promotes the work of talented regional artists, craftsmen and craftswomen. Some of the artwork is displayed in what was the old Dungowan Bakery and the gallery is also home to the Edelweiss Productions stained glass/ leadlight and art glass creations. While you're there why not treat yourself to a light meal or refreshment while you soak up the cultural flavours in the Dungowan Valley.

CHAFFEY DAM

Nundle Road, Woolomin

T: 02 6767 5300

40 minutes from Tamworth

Stop off at the lookout to view the scenic landscape of Tamworth regions main water source. This impressive view over looks the shinning water of the dam, the large dam wall and farming lands surrounding it. This is a very popular spot for watersports and camping.

NUNDLE

As you drive into the charming village you will begin to admire the rolling hills and mountain streams that circulate around Nundle that embrace the rich gold mining history of the area.

NUNDLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Jenkins Street, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3026

Open: 7 days, 9am – 4pm

45 minute drive from Tamworth

This should definitely be your first stop when arriving at Nundle. Visitors will be able to grab a map of the area, various information on Nundle and chat to the local volunteer's as to where hidden treasures lay.

The Nundle Visitor Information Centre houses a rare gem and mineral collection, the work of Tamworth local, the late Gilmore (Gil) Thomas Bennet who spent years collecting the unique and wondrous selection of fine stone and rock.

EXPLORE THE VILLAGE

A gorgeously quaint town and with all major attractions an easy walk away, featuring Chinese gold mining heritage, arts, crafts, boutique shops and great eating spots, as well as warm country hospitality. While you walk about discover the propeller monument near the Nundle Pool that commemorates the crash of the Lutana, an Australian National Airways DC-3 which crashed into Square Park near Nundle in 1948.

During summer the Nundle Pool is a prime spot to relax, cool off and enjoy the peaceful life at Nundle.

For retail remedy drop into the Nundle Woollen Mill, Odgers & McClelland Exchange Store, The Powder Room, The Old Butcher Shop, Terracotta Cottage and many of the other unique stores.

NUNDLE WOOLLEN MILL

1 Oakenville St, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3330

Open: 7 days, 10am – 4pm

45 minute drive from Tamworth

See wool transformed from fleece to fashion on vintage machinery. The Nundle Woollen Mill provides visitors with the opportunity to see how wool is spun into yarn with the use of working machinery that dates back to 1890. Knitters are spoilt for choice by the pure wool range and imported fancy yarns, and fashionistas adore the Australian designer superfine knits. Group tour bookings are welcome also.

ODGERS & McCLELLAND EXCHANGE STORE

81 Jenkins St, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3233

Open: Wednesday – Friday 10am – 4pm, Saturday – Sunday 9am – 5pm

45 minute drive from Tamworth

Tread the boards of Nundle's oldest store, established in 1891 when gold and produce could be exchanged for goods. More than a century later you'll find a practical and beautiful selection of house wares inspired by storekeeper's handwritten records and displayed on original packing case shelving.

MOUNT MISERY GOLD MINE

88 Gill Street, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3459

Open: 7 days, 9am – 4pm

45 minute drive from Tamworth

Walk back in time through a recreated gold mine evoking life on the Nundle gold fields 150 years ago. Enjoy tea, coffee, or light refreshment and a home hearty meal from the verandah or the charm of the beautiful stone wall dining room. Fossicking equipment is also available for hire and the owners will gladly send you off to the most precious river sites.



THE PEEL INN

Jenkins Street, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3377

Open: 7 days, 11am – 11pm

45 minute drive from Tamworth

Have a quintessential country pub experience at one of the regions most historic hotels, built in 1860 and won over a game of cards. Guests love the combination of gold rush era character with the comforts of refurbished accommodation, air conditioned dining room, appetising menu and extensive wine list.

THE DAG SHEEP STATION

Crawney Road, Nundle

T: 02 6769 3486

Open: by appointment

10 minute drive from Nundle

Found 10 minutes south of the village, hidden in the hills of gold is The DAG Sheep Station. Located on part of the original "Wombramurra Station", The Dag still retains the station's original "Wombramurra" Woolshed, Shearers Quarters and Mess Hall. The DAG hosts special functions as well as overnight stays with damper and billy tea available, giving visitors a true outback flavour.

CRUISE UP TO HANGING ROCK

Enjoy the natural environment at the nearby Hanging Rock lookout, Sheba Dam Reserve or Ponderosa Park and Nundle State Forrest. These locations make the perfect picnic destination and bring your walking shoes to tour through the pine forest.

Drive along the River Road to Bowling Alley Point and see the evidence of mining there in former times. Follow the Crawney road south from the Nundle Village and retrace the steps of the early miners who travelled over Crawney Pass on their way to the goldfields at Hanging Rock and Nundle.

ARC-EN-CEIL TROUT FARM

Morrison's Gap Road, Hanging Rock

T: 02 6769 3665

Opening Hours: 10am – 4pm Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

15 minute drive from Nundle

Breathe in the fresh mountain air and throw in a line up at Hanging Rock. Just up the hill from Nundle you can experience a fisherman's paradise or a farm tour. Enjoy the local flavours of rainbow trout smoked in their exquisite trout pates and other trout products, an excellent addition to any picnic. The farm is 4000 feet above sea level on top of the Great Dividing Range. The selection of rainbow trout was made, as the climate suited the trout and the property had an abundance of crystal clear spring water.

SCENIC ROUTE ACROSS TO WALLABADAH

From Nundle, turn left onto the Wallabadah Road which will then turn onto the New England Highway. Wallabadah is only a 60km drive away through picturesque farming countryside. Like many of the local townships, Wallabadah boasts a long and proud history of early rural settlement, land of goldfields and prospectors and the likes of bushrangers.

While you're passing through, take a drive past the Marshall MacMahon Hotel which dates from about 1867, and the original stone section has been incorporated into the present building.

FIRST FLEET MEMORIAL GARDENS

New England Highway, Wallabadah

T: 02 6746 1096

Open: Monday – Sunday

30 minute drive from Nundle

The First Fleet Gardens are situated alongside the banks of the Quirindi Creek and are a tribute to the European settlers. The award winning garden features historical extracts from those who travelled on the eleven ships of the first fleet. You can also picnic under the graceful stand of Australian native Shea Oaks adorning the banks of the Quirindi Creek with barbeque facilities and children's play area.

WHITE BOX PLANTATION

Elizabeth Street, Wallabadah

T: 02 6746 1096

30 minute drive from Nundle

One of the largest undisturbed areas of White Box forest left in Australia is located at the Wallabadah cemetery. Here you can indulge in local history from the headstones and the incredible environmental surrounds make you feel like you have been transported to prior European settlement.

GOONOO GOONOO STATION

New England Highway, Tamworth

Not open to the public

20 minute drive from Wallabadah

On the return trip to Tamworth along the New England Highway you will drive past one of NSW's most historic sheep stations dating back to 1832 when the property was granted to the Australian Agricultural Company. Goonoo Goonoo Station is still a working property with a number of original buildings like the homestead and post office still standing.

