

- Top Things to See on Tour Drive 1**
- 1 Centennial Parklands and the Australian Standing Stones
  - 2 Crofters Cottage
  - 3 Martin's lookout above the Stones has panoramic views of the township
  - 4 Historic Showgrounds with its charming old pavilions and shady trees
  - 5 Glen Innes High School Originally built as a gaol and converted to a school in 1927
  - 6 Gawura Gallery
  - 7 The Super Strawberry
  - 8 TAFE and The Learning Centre which houses the Library and Art Gallery
  - 9 The Bowling Club welcomes visitors for a game or a meal at the clubhouse
  - 10 Knick Knackery
  - 11 Railway Station opened in 1884 when the line was extended from Armidale
  - 12 Railway Tavern enjoy meals and refreshments daily at the Tavern
  - 13 The Hospital in its grandeur, was built in 1956

- 14 The Land of the Beardies History House Museum, housed in the original hospital building which dated from 1877
- 15 Holy Trinity Anglican Church established in 1867 Anzac Memorial Gates
- 16 New England Club enjoy refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere.
- 17 Uniting Church and Church Manse established in 1870
- 18 The Court House
- 19 The Post Office with its ornately arched porches
- 20 Great Central Hotel 1874
- 21 The Bank Guesthouse, formerly the Bank of NSW
- 22 The Town Hall
- 23 The old Sunlight Flourmill, a three story brick mill built in 1882
- 24 The original Council Offices built 1910
- 25 The Fire Station built 1916 still rings its original locally made bell on ceremonial occasions
- 26 The Chapel Theatre built 1885 formally the Methodist Church now the home and performance venue of the Glen Innes Arts Council

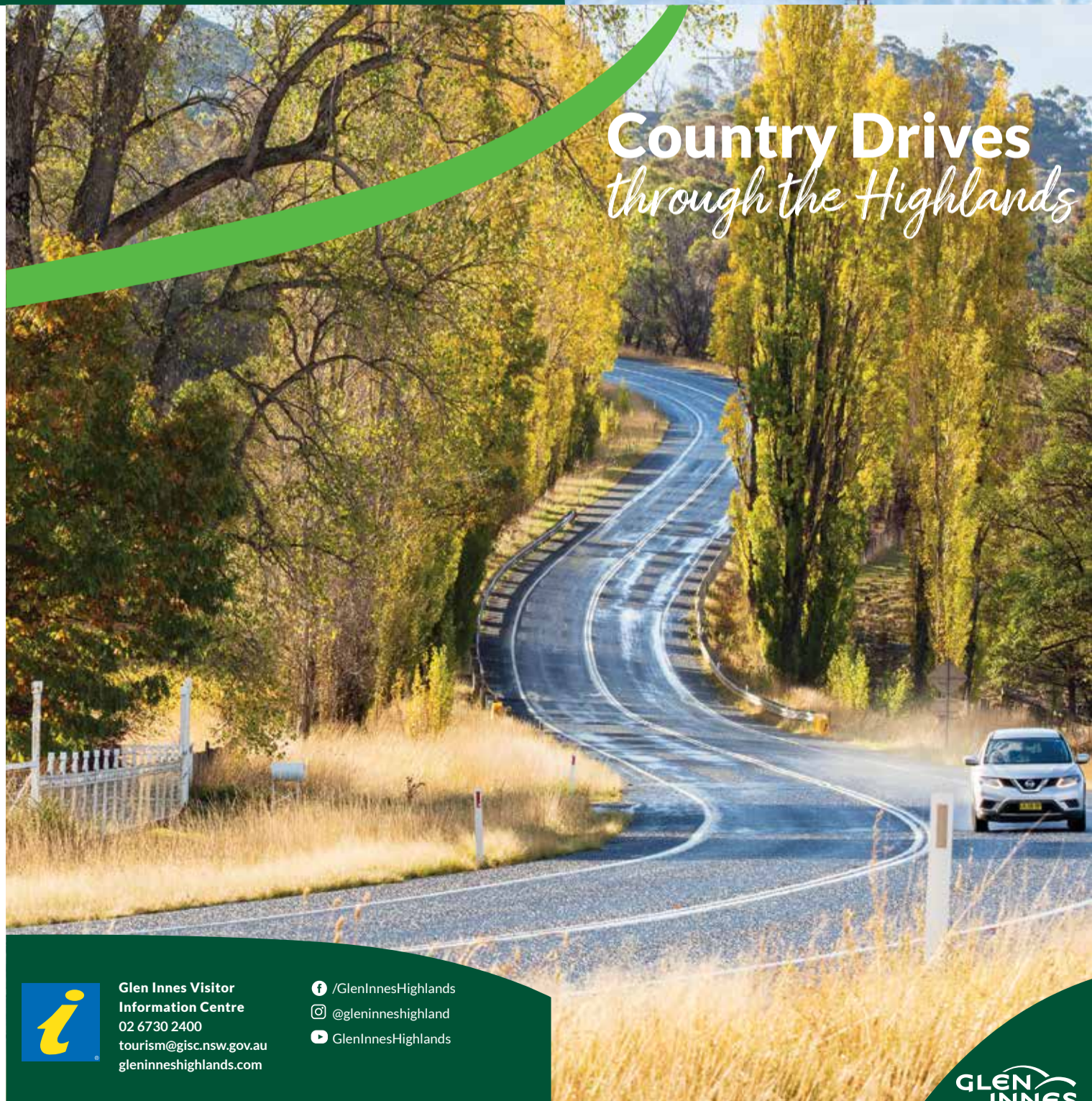


Stately heritage buildings, the Australian Standing Stones, impressive views and charming old world rotundas in abundance throughout the towns weaves into the heart of Glen Innes for an intimate look at daily life and the town's proud heritage.



**Heritage Tour Brochure**

Love History? Pick up a 'Heritage Walk' brochure from the Visitor Information Centre and take the walking tour - offering information on over 50 historic buildings in the town of Glen Innes.



**Country Drives through the Highlands**



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## Tour Drive 11

### The Mining Villages

A journey of richly contrasting landscapes steeped in the romantic history of the old mining boom days.

140km round trip, including 23kms of unsealed road.

Enjoy a journey through Majestic Avenue of poplars as you head out of town towards Emmaville. Take in the prime New England farmland known for beef cattle, fine wool sheep and seasonal crops. You will cross a bridge over Reddestone Creek, home of the prized blue sapphire and site of the discovery of a giant Diprotodon tusk. The remnants of the Y Water Tin Mine, closed in the 1980's, are visible as large wetland ponds on each side of the road, before climbing over the hill into Emmaville.

Take time to explore the streets of Emmaville, with many original public buildings, the court house, post office, miner's cottages, cemetery, and of course the Emmaville Mining Museum famous for its collection

of gems and minerals, home to replicas of an old mine shaft, blacksmith's shop, the nostalgic Foley's General Store and rare photographs of the town's history. See the new Military wing. The Museum is run by local volunteers. Enjoy a counter meal and chat with the locals at one of the town's original hotels before continuing your journey through to Torrington.

The Emmaville to Torrington road is unsealed and weather dependent. Known locally as 'the Zig Zag', the road winds downhill past rocky outcrops then to arrive at Glen Creek, a popular picnic area. The unsealed section of the road commences. Climbing up through the spectacular granite territory of the Torrington State Conservation Area, the glistening rock face of Feathertop is visible to the right. Further on is Thunderbolt's Lookout, and the enigmatic Mystery Face Rock.



The tour continues eastward from Torrington through granite country on an all-weather road. The village of Stannum, a small tin mining village is 12 km along. The old cemetery is on the left entering town. In Stannum, turn right at the T-intersection signed to Deepwater. The road continues back through New England pasture land.

Approaching the intersection with the New England Highway, on the left is Deepwater Station, the region's earliest private pastoral holding, visible as a cluster of red-roofed farm buildings including the original 1842 homestead. The station, still a working farm with farm stay accommodation available, has remained in the same family since 1877. The Deepwater Racecourse is the site of the celebrated annual Deepwater Races held every January and the Deepwater Golf Course a 9 hole country course with sand greens. Turn right on the New England Highway. Grab refreshments and a nice meal at one of the two hotels, bakery or service station. If you are a fan of craft beer, be sure to stop in at the Deepwater Brewing before leaving town.

Continuing south you will drive past Oakhurst which is a working farm with accommodation available. Further on the historic locality of Dundee, 15km from Deepwater, is home to prime sheep and cattle grazing properties. A church and the cemetery are all that remain of Dundee's early history.

As you journey along the highway past Dundee, Beardy Waters Heritage Park is located on the right and is a popular free overnight camping and picnic area. As you start to see the town of Glen Innes and picturesque valley below you will notice the impressive wind turbines of the Whiterock Wind farm, one of the two commercial renewable farms in the region.

## Experience Glen Innes Highlands

We've made a list of the top things to make your driving tour an unforgettable adventure.

### Around Glen Innes

- 1 Land of the Beardies History House Museum
- 2 Centennial Parklands and Australian Standing Stones
- 3 Heritage tour (over 50 historic buildings)
- 4 Glen Innes Chapel Theatre
- 5 The Super Strawberry
- 6 Glen Gowrie Distillery

## Tour Drive 2

### The Mountain Villages

A fascinating journey deep into the high country and mountain villages of the New England.

65km round trip, including 12kms of unsealed road

### Glen Innes to Glencoe

See the ancient rock formations of Stonehenge and the defying Balancing Rock, bird spot at the Little Llangothlin Lagoon and take a trip back in time weaving along picturesque mountain roads to historic Ben Lomond.

Departing from the Visitor Information Centre and travelling south along the New England Highway be sure to stop at **The Super Strawberry** for a coffee or milkshake on the way out of town. This drive takes you through the rolling New England countryside and majestic stands of elm and poplar trees, aflame with colour in autumn.

The **Stonehenge Recreation Reserve** elevation 1067m is accessed through a stone gateway on the left

12km south of Glen Innes. Wander through the acres of parkland exploring the towering granite boulders which give the region its name, or simply enjoy a picnic beneath the shady trees. Bouldering is also a popular past time. **Balancing Rock** is a further 500m on. Spectacularly balanced on a point, this giant boulder is visible on the left of the highway, and can be viewed from the signed roadside area.

The picturesque village of Glencoe is 22km south of Glen Innes. Admire the architecture of the **Red Lion Tavern**, an old English style pub. Glencoe is also known for sheep and cattle farming.

### Glencoe to Ben Lomond

Continuing southward winding high into the Ben Lomond range elevation 1500m where the signed exit to the village of Ben Lomond is on the right. Ben Lomond at the top of the Great Dividing Range (elevation 1370m) was once a thriving town on the Great Northern Railway. The station c.1844,



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- 7 Airport constructed during WW2 as a northern base in case of Japanese invasion.
- 8 Y Water Tin Mine
- 9 Emmaville Mining Museum, \$2 entry open 10am-4pm everyday except Thursday.
- 10 Torrington State Conservation Area
- 11 Mystery Face Walk is an enjoyable walk through the woodland to a remarkable rock feature. This is a medium grade walk, with uneven ground and some minor rock-hopping, distance 3.5km loop.
- 12 Thunderbolts Lookout accessed from Nomads Picnic Area, the last 200m includes steps climbing through a rock shelter and up a 5m metal ladder. The panoramic view is a good reward for your climb.
- 13 Deepwater Station Farmstay
- 14 Deepwater Railway Station
- 15 Deepwater Brewing
- 16 Beardy Waters Heritage Park

## Tour Drive 2

- 17 Stonehenge Recreation Reserve
- 18 Balancing Rock, observed from the highway.
- 19 Red Lion Tavern
- 20 Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve, a 120 ha fresh water shallow lagoon. Home to over 100 bird species with 4.8km walking track and picnic facilities.
- 21 Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall



the highest on the National line, was the resting point after the long mountain climb. The Brothers Mountains rise above the village to the east and Mt Rumbree to the north west. The school has been operating for over 125 years.

### Returning to Glen Innes

there are two options:

Via Maybole and Graham's Valley. This route winds along the top of the range on 12km of unsealed single lane country road, affording spectacular panoramic views to the east and west.

Or travel 12km south via the sealed Ben Lomond Road back to the New England Highway. Turn left heading north towards Glen Innes - there is the option of diverting into Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve. Take the signed right turn 5km further along the highway on to the unsealed Tubbamurra Rd for 2.5km then turn left into Bagot Road on to more unsealed road and travel another 3.5km to the Lagoon.