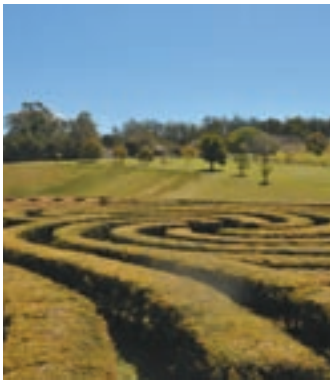


# WAUCHOPE

## THE TIMBER TOWN



APPROX. DRIVING TIME	1.5 hours
APPROX. DURATION	4 hours
DISTANCE	120km
EXPERIENCES	Wineries, Historic Site, Public Art
PUBLIC ART AREAS	Wauchope, Bago State Forest, Lake Cathie
ROAD CONDITIONS	Sealed roads. (Unsealed into Bago Vineyard)



**AT THE WESTERN EXIT OF THE PACIFIC AND OXLEY HIGHWAYS, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO BILLABONG KOALA AND WILDLIFE PARK FOR AN UP CLOSE EXPERIENCE WITH AUSTRALIA'S MOST LOVED AND UNUSUAL ANIMALS. CONTINUE ON TO KING CREEK ROAD, TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO COWARRA DAM WHERE THE PICNIC AREA AND CULTURAL DISPLAY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9AM TO 5PM DAILY. THE MAJOR ARTWORKS ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE. RETURN TO THE OXLEY HIGHWAY AND CONTINUE ON TO THE BUSTLING RURAL TOWNSHIP OF WAUCHOPE.**

Take some time to explore Wauchope and discover its many 'country treats'. At its heart is Bain Park which is dominated by an engaging mural reflecting the town's timber heritage.

The Wauchope Farmers Markets are held at the Showgrounds from 8am to 12 noon on the fourth Saturday of each month and is well worth a visit for lovers of fresh local produce.

A highlight of the tour is a visit to Timbertown, the ultimate in pioneer history. Explore this working 19th century timber village where you can enjoy a ride on a steam train or a Cobb & Co Coach, watch a working bullock team and witness a variety of age-old steam engines still working today.

From Timbertown head back into Wauchope and at the main roundabout turn right onto Cameron Street. This road becomes Bago Road and takes you on a journey through State Forests to Milligans Road and Bago Vineyard. Get lost in

the largest hedge maze in NSW with 2000 metres of pathways, lookout towers and bridges in the Bago Maze. Taste a local drop at the cellar door that is open from 9.30am - 5.00pm several days a week. On the second Sunday of each month the vineyard is home to some of the region's best Jazz.

Return to Port Macquarie via the scenic coastal community of Lake Cathie. Turn right onto Bago Road and join the Pacific Highway north to the marked exit for Lake Cathie and Houston Mitchell Drive. Visit Long Point Vineyard who are renowned for their Fat Bastard Chardonnay, Jolly Nose Port, Agent Orange Liqueur and Long Point Ginger Beer. Visit their art gallery or enjoy a picnic in the grounds. Back onto Houston Mitchell Drive it is a pleasant drive back to Port Macquarie via Ocean Drive.

Alternatively you can simply turn left on leaving Bago Vineyard and retrace your journey to rejoin via the Oxley Highway.

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