

Peak Hill

The little town with a big heart of gold

Located on the Newell Highway between Parkes and Dubbo, Peak Hill offers travellers an enticing break. Stop a while, stretch your legs and enjoy the main street's craft and coffee stops. Peak Hill is also a great base for staying overnight and day tripping to nearby attractions such as the Western Plains Zoo, The Dish and Goobang National Park.



Peak Hill is a little town with a big heart of gold! The town's history is indelibly linked with the discovery of gold in 1889. 'Dig around' a little - the Visitor Information Centre is a great spot to start, and you'll find the story of Peak Hill's golden history is not far below the surface.

Attractions

The Peak Hill **Visitor Information Centre** is in Caswell Street and shares a building with the **Country Crafts** store. This is a great place to pick up a locally made souvenir from amongst the delightful range of hand-made crafts and gifts. The Centre also features an interesting display depicting the mining history of Peak Hill.

The Carrington Hotel (also in Caswell Street) has been partly restored since a fire saw the last of its beers poured back in 1997. The building has been re-birthed to now house the Peak Hill Community Technology Centre (CTC). The CTC is a great spot to stop and check your emails, with **internet access** available Tuesday to Fridays.

The **Peak Hill Tourist Drive** and Map is available at the Peak Hill and Parkes Visitor Information Centres. The Tourist Drive will guide you to some interesting locations just off the main street, to explore treasures such as Australia's first public wheat silos (1918) which are still operating today. Also along the Tourist Drive is the hospital, which is visible from the highway on the southern approach to town.

The Peak Hill Hospital was built at the turn of the century (1904) and is now listed with the National Trust.

If you're looking for a picnic spot, **Memorial Park**, (on the main street adjacent to the Bowling Club) is a well maintained park with gardens, picnic tables, electric BBQ and toilets. Alternatively, Bogan Weir is a great spot for a waterside picnic. Just 6km west of town, **Bogan Weir** offers shady picnic areas and provides pleasant opportunities for bird watching and fishing.

On the eastern side of town the **Golf Club** boasts state-wide recognised sand greens and incredible views to match. The Club overlooks the stunning Hervey Ranges to the east, which are part of Goobang National Park.

On the road to the Golf Club is the **Fauna and Flora Park**. Originally one of the old alluvial mine workings, the Park now provides opportunity to enjoy a variety of birdlife and flora such as the colourful orchids seen in the cooler months.

Peak Hill's Open Cut Gold Mine sits atop the hill overlooking the town. While the mine is now inactive, there was a recent period of intense mining here, more than a century after the initial gold discoveries. The mine viewing platform and walking-trail are open regularly throughout the year, please confirm opening times and details with Peak Hill or Parkes Visitor Information Centre's.

Goobang National Park

Goobang National Park is located just east of Peak Hill, or 30 kilometres north-east of Parkes. At approximately 42,600 hectares in size, it forms the largest area of remnant vegetation in the Central West of New South Wales. Travellers on the Newell Highway between Tomingley and Parkes can see the Park to the east.





Activities: Bushwalking, bird watching, 4-wheel driving and camping. More than 300 plant species have been recorded in the park, including 40 species of orchids. Caloma Trig lookout offers fantastic views of the surrounding countryside.

The National Park can be accessed via the Tomingley-Yeoval Road in the north, the Parkes-Manildra Road in the south and from Peak Hill along the Baldry Road in the centre. Some major trails are accessible to 2WD vehicles, however they can become very boggy after heavy rain. Trails beyond the campsites and to Caloma Trig are accessible via 4WD only.

Camping: Wanda Wandong Camping Ground in the northern section, 700m off the Tomingley-Yeoval road. Generally suitable for 2WD cars, except in wet weather. This campground is in an open woodland with a grassy understorey. Greenbah Camping Ground in the northern section, via Sawpit Gully Trail, off the Trewilga-Baldry road. Generally suitable for 2WD cars, except in wet weather. Beside Greenbah Creek is excellent for birdwatching. Walk to Burrabadine Peak, or cycle along the access trail to the campground.

Advertisements

Peak Hill Visitor Information Centre

Peak Hill Country Craft Centre
62 Caswell Street, Peak Hill
ph: (02) 6869 1981
Open: 7 Days 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Accommodation

Oasis Motel ★★★

150-152 Caswell Street, (Newell Highway)
ph: 02 6869 1383
fax: 02 6869 1567
12 units, 3 family units sleep up to 6. Air cond, TV, Radio, Queen Beds, Electric Blankets, Tea Making Facilities, Fans, BBQ, Free IN House Movies, Toaster, Microwave. Room for Trailers. \$60 Double. Pets Welcome (outside units).

Peak Hill Caravan Park 2

Ween Street, Peak Hill
(200 meters North of clubs)
ph: 02 6869 1422
fax: 02 6869 1096
email: peakhillcaravanpark@earthlink.com.au
web: www.peakhillcaravanpark.com.au
Ensuite cabins, onsite vans, drive thru & camping sites. TV Cable, Free BBQ, Pets welcome
Resident owners Pauline & Leighton Davies.

Peak Hill Golden Peak Budget Motel ★★★

25 Caswell Street
ph: 02 6869 1429
fax: 02 6869 1093
email: goldenpeakmotel@bigpond.com
web: www.wheretostay.com.au
web: www.need to escape.com.au
Budget Motel Chain. Hot spot
14 units, family units, deluxe units, free DVD, disabled facilities, reverse cycle air-cond, TV, tea & coffee, microwave, toaster, BBQ, saltwater pool, meals to units, rear entrance 300m to club & CBD, coaches welcome. 10c per litre fuel voucher (conditions apply).

Clubs

Peak Hill Ex-Services & Citizens Club Ltd

Caswell Street
ph: 02 6869 1276
fax: 02 6869 1015
The place to relax.
Friendly and quiet
Refreshing drinks available.
Dining room open for lunch and dinner Tues to Sun.

Events Calendar:

MAY

- Picnic Trots & Harness Racing Carnival

JUNE

- Art & Craft Exhibition

AUGUST

- Annual Show

NOVEMBER

- Doll & Bear Show

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