

# Wellington

*Relax, indulge, escape*

## Discover an underground treasure at Wellington.

Nestled at the foot of Mt Arthur and situated at the junction of the Macquarie and Bell Rivers, Wellington is a charming country town, with a village atmosphere steeped in history. From the world-renowned Wellington Caves to scenic Lake Burrendong, interesting antique and boutique shopping and to the many heritage homes and historic buildings, Wellington has so much to discover.

There are a number of dedicated walking trails through the unspoiled bushland on Mt Arthur which overlooks Wellington. Rising 563 metres above sea level, Mt Arthur offers striking vistas of the Wellington Valley, Mount Canobolas to the south and the rugged volcanic spires of the Warrumbungles to the north.

For a more relaxing experience, don't miss the award winning Cameron Park. With its age-old trees sheltering walking paths and grassy Macquarie riverbank areas, the park is a beautiful and unexpected picnic spot right in the middle of Wellington's CBD.

## Attractions

Situated on the Mitchell Highway just eight kilometres south of Wellington, The Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine Holiday Park - with its tranquil Caravan Park encompassing 18 self contained units and adjoining the beautiful 18 hole Wellington Golf Course - is one of the most significant fossil sites in the world. Marvel at the Gaden Cave with its stunning limestone features or don a hard hat and explore the wheelchair friendly and unique Phosphate Mine. The Cathedral Cave boasts the world-renowned and arguably one of the world's largest stalagmites, a lime-stone structure measuring 15 metres high and 32 metres around its base.

Relax and enjoy the tranquillity of the Wellington Osawano Japanese Gardens. Located at the Wellington Caves Complex, visitors can wander around the beautifully manicured gardens or sit and enjoy the man-made 'mountain' from which water cascades down a stream through ponds before winding its way under several bridges to a reflection pool. Open 7 Days 9am - 4pm - Closed Christmas Day.

Among Wellington's many attractions is Lake Burrendong. Containing more than three and a half times the volume of water in Sydney Harbour, Lake Burrendong is the ideal location for water sports, fishing, camping, gold panning, golf or bushwalking. Set in natural bushland and with abundant wildlife, the location offers on-site accommodation, kiosks and barbecues, waterslides and a nine-hole golf course. Complementing the Lake Burrendong State Park, which surrounds the main basin, is the equally beautiful Mookerawa Waters Park, 12kms upstream from Burrendong on the foreshores of the Macquarie River. Just 12kms from the historic village of Stuart Town, Mookerawa is a secluded and tranquil locale.

Overlooking Lake Burrendong and growing more than 2000 species of plants is the Burrendong Botanic Garden & Arboretum. You can see spectacular flowers, vibrantly coloured bark, the intriguing shapes of buds and fruits as well as kangaroos, echidnas, goannas and even emus! One of its highlights is 'Fern Gully' a man made rainforest beneath an enormous suspended thatched canopy. Open Every Day 7.30am to sunset.

## Events:

### March

- Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet
- Wellington Boot Racing Carnival

**April** - Wellington Annual Show

**August** - Wellington Eisteddfod

### September

- Burrendong Arboretum Spring Festival

**October** - Festavale in the Park

**November** - Percy Street Festival

**December** - Carols in the Cave

- Light Up Wellington for Christmas

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