

SPRING FLOWERS IN NSW: ROAD TRIP ITINERARY



Highlights

- Coastal walk through Royal National Park
- Spectacular views at Fitzroy Falls
- Japanese Gardens at Cowra
- Cherry blossom festival at Young
- Stunning drives through Scenic Hill Reserve
- Wine tasting at Orange
- Exploration of the Blue Mountains

Day 1: Shoalhaven

Distance: 193 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your road trip with an early drive from Sydney to **Royal National Park**, just an hour away. Enjoy a scenic coastal walk along rugged cliffs, spot wildlife, and capture vibrant wildflowers in bloom before heading on to Shoalhaven.
- **Afternoon:** Drive an hour south to Shoalhaven and enjoy a **wine-tasting tour** at spots like Coolangatta Estate or Two Figs Winery. Sample local drops, learn about winemaking, and pair it all with a light lunch and cheese platter.
- **Evening:** Detour to **Jervis Bay for a sunset** by the water — perfect for photos and dolphin spotting. Wrap up with fresh seafood at The Gunyah Restaurant or The Huskisson Hotel before heading to your holiday park.
- **Where to stay:** Holiday Haven Shoalhaven Head, 49 McIntosh St, Shoalhaven Heads NSW 2535. Powered site.

Day 2: Goulburn

Distance: 145 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day with a 1-hour drive to **Fitzroy Falls**, where water plunges 80 metres into the valley. Take the cliff-edge walking track for stunning views, native wildlife, and wildflowers — a perfect spot for photos.
- **Afternoon:** Head to **Goulburn** for a **floral tour or workshop**, with seasonal blooms on display at the Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre gardens. Explore vibrant flowers and learn a little railway history along the way.
- **Evening:** After checking in at your campsite, visit Goulburn's iconic **Big Merino** for fun photos, panoramic views, and local souvenirs. Finish the day with dinner at a local spot like Roses Cafe or Tattersalls Hotel.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Governors Holl Carapark, Governor's Hill Carapark, 77 Sydney Rd, Goulburn NSW 2580. Powered site.

Day 3: Harden

Distance: 144 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 35 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive from Goulburn to the charming town of **Jugiong** for breakfast and a **riverside picnic** by the Murrumbidgee River. Stock up on gourmet treats at the Long Track Pantry for the perfect feast.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon exploring Jugiong's **garden and craft fairs**, where local artisans and farmers showcase crafts, produce, and flowers — perfect for picking up unique souvenirs.
- **Evening:** Drive 45 minutes to **Harden**, where you can spot wildflowers in local parks and reserves, or visit a **farmers' market** for fresh produce and regional treats if you arrive early. In the evening, take a peaceful countryside walk before enjoying a hearty dinner at the Carrington Hotel, known for its welcoming service and classic country meals.
- **Where to stay:** Harden Showground, Woolrych St, Harden NSW 2587. Powered Site.

Day 4: Young

Distance: 33 Kms **Time:** 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day in Young, the "Cherry Capital of Australia." In spring, visit the **Cherry Blossom Festival** for vibrant events and activities. If it's not on, explore orchards like Ballinaclash or Allambie, where you can tour the blossoms and try your hand at fruit picking.
- **Afternoon:** After the cherry blossoms, visit the **Lambing Flat Folk Museum** to explore Young's gold rush history and the Lambing Flat riots through artifacts, photos, and exhibits.
- **Evening:** End the day with a stroll through Young or relax at your accommodation. For dinner, try The **Young Services Club** for a hearty meal or Poppa's **Fudge & Jam Factory** for sweet, locally made treats.
- **Where to stay:** Young Tourist Caravan Park, 17 Edwards St, Young NSW 2594. Powered Site.



Young, Destination NSW

Day 5: Junee

Distance: 102 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day in Junee by exploring **local markets and craft fairs**, filled with artisanal goods, handmade crafts, and regional produce. It's the perfect spot to sample specialties and pick up unique souvenirs.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon, visit the Junee **Liquorice and Chocolate Factory** for a guided tour, sweet tastings, and a coffee in the café before picking up some goodies to take with you. Then, unwind with a stroll through a local park or garden, enjoying seasonal blooms and peaceful green spaces to end the day.
- **Evening:** Grab dinner at The Railway Café or The Red Cow Hotel, both serving up tasty local fare before heading to your motorhome for the evening.
- **Where to stay:** Junee Tourist Park, 2 Sunnyside Rd, Junee NSW 2663. Powered site.

Day 6: Coolamon

Distance: 40 Kms **Time:** 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day with a 30-minute drive from Junee to Coolamon. If timed right, visit a local **agricultural fair**, where you can see livestock, produce, and farming displays - a great way to experience the region's farming traditions and community spirit.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon, enjoy a walk through Coolamon's gardens or nature reserves, where seasonal blooms and **wildflowers** add bursts of colour to the landscape. Then head to the **Coolamon Cheese Factory** for a tour and tasting, sampling artisanal cheeses and learning about the craft before picking up a few local favourites to take with you.
- **Evening:** After a day of exploring, wind down with a stroll around Coolamon or a relaxed evening at your campsite.
- **Where to stay:** Coolamon Caravan Park, 70 Bruce St N, Coolamon NSW 270. Powered Site.

Day 7: Temora

Distance: 60 Kms **Time:** 40 Minutes

- **Morning:** Begin your morning with a 40-minute drive from Coolamon to Temora and visit the **Temora Aviation Museum**, home to historic aircraft and occasional flying displays.
- **Afternoon:** Spend the afternoon exploring Temora's shops and cafés, or visit the **Rural Museum** for a glimpse into local heritage. Later, relax with a walk through one of the town's parks or reserves, enjoying the gardens and seasonal blooms.
- **Evening:** End the day with dinner in Temora, with options like the **Temora Ex-Services Memorial Club** for a friendly, community vibe or the Shamrock Hotel for a hearty meal.
- **Where to stay:** Temora Caravan Park, 19 Junee Rd, Temora NSW 2666. Powered Site.



Canola Trail, Destination NSW

Day 8: Griffith

Distance: 152 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive from Temora to Griffith through the **Riverina region**, then start your visit with a tour and tasting at a local vineyard like De Bortoli or Calabria Family Wines.
- **Afternoon:** After your tasting, explore Griffith's Scenic Hill Reserve for panoramic views and light hikes, and visit the historic **Hermit's Cave** for a dose of local history and photography.
- **Evening:** Conclude your day with a relaxing evening in Griffith. Enjoy dinner at Limone Dining, where the menu focuses on local, seasonal ingredients, or try La Scala Restaurant for authentic Italian cuisine.
- **Where to stay:** Griffith Caravan Village, 1 Gardiner Rd, Yoogali NSW 2680. Powered Site.



Hermit's Cave, Destination NSW

Day 9: Griffith

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Start your day at the **Griffith Pioneer Park Museum**, an open-air village of historic buildings and artifacts that showcase the region's pioneer past.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon, browse Griffith's local markets and specialty shops for fresh produce, olive oil, and cheeses, then unwind in a park or café. If time allows, explore **Cocoparra National Park** for its rugged trails and scenery.
- **Evening:** For your final evening in Griffith, dine at a local favourite like Zecca Handmade Italian, known for its modern twist on traditional dishes.
- **Where to stay:** Griffith Caravan Village, 1 Gardiner Rd, Yoogali NSW 2680. Powered Site.

Day 10: Cowra

Distance: 294 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Upon arriving in Cowra, visit the **Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre**, where spring brings vibrant blossoms and a peaceful cultural experience.
- **Afternoon: Cultural Exploration**, Spend the rest of the day learning about Cowra's history during WWII at the **Cowra Prisoner of War Camp site**, which offers a sobering look at the past.
- **Evening:** Wind down your day with a stroll through the town, visit local shops, or relax at your accommodation. For dinner, consider trying local favourites like **The Quarry Restaurant**, offering a menu that features fresh, regional produce.
- **Where to stay:** Cowra Van Park, 2a Lachlan St, Cowra NSW 2794. Powered site.



Cowra Japanese Garden & Cultural Centre, Destination NSW

Day 11: Orange

Distance: 57 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day with a scenic drive from Cowra to Orange, enjoying the Central West landscapes en route to this town famed for its cool-climate wines, gardens, and history.
- **Afternoon:** Spend your afternoon in Orange with a vineyard visit, sampling cool-climate wines like Chardonnay and Shiraz at spots such as Philip Shaw or Ross Hill. Afterwards, unwind with a stroll through **Cook Park's Victorian-era gardens** or explore the **Orange Botanic Gardens** if time allows.
- **Evening:** Finish your day with a relaxing evening enjoying a meal at one of the town's renowned restaurants. Consider dining at Raku Izakaya which offers a wide selection of delicious Japanese cuisine.
- **Where to stay:** Canobolas Caravan Park, 166 Bathurst Rd, Orange NSW 2800. Powered site.

Day 12: Bathurst

Distance: 56 Kms **Time:** 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Begin your day with a short drive from Orange to **Bathurst**, Australia's oldest inland settlement. Kick things off at **Mount Panorama**, where you can drive the iconic circuit, take in sweeping views from the lookout, and, if you're a motorsport fan, explore the National Motor Racing Museum.
- **Afternoon:** In the afternoon, explore Bathurst's history with a visit to the **Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum, the Victorian-era courthouse,** and **Machattie Park**. Later, take a short drive to **Abercrombie House**, a grand 19th-century mansion where you can tour the historic interiors and gardens.
- **Evening:** Wrap up your day in Bathurst with dinner at The George Hotel for modern, local fare, or Vine & Tap for Italian-inspired dishes paired with a great wine list.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Bathurst Panorama Holiday Park, 250 Sydney Rd, Kelso NSW 2795. Powered Site.

Day 14: Blue Mountains to Sydney

Distance: 76.4 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 7 Minutes

- **Morning:** Begin your day at **Wentworth Falls**, exploring trails like the Charles Darwin Walk for an easy bushland stroll or the National Pass for a more challenging hike with breathtaking valley views.
- **Afternoon:** After your hike, fit in any final stops like **Govetts Leap** lookout for sweeping Grose Valley views. Grab a quick lunch, then depart by midday for a relaxed drive back to Sydney to return your Motorhome to the Cruisin Branch.



Blue Mountains, Destination NSW

Day 13: Blue Mountains

Distance: 81 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start your day with a one-hour drive from Bathurst to the Blue Mountains, famous for its dramatic cliffs and waterfalls. Begin at **Echo Point** to admire the iconic Three Sisters and sweeping Jamison Valley views, then head to **Scenic World** for the Railway, Skyway, Cableway, and rainforest walkway.
- **Afternoon:** After Scenic World, head to the village of **Leura** to browse boutique shops, enjoy lunch at a cosy café, and then take a short drive to Leura Cascades for a peaceful walk by the waterfalls.
- **Evening:** End your day with a relaxing evening in **Katoomba**, the main town in the Blue Mountains. Consider dining at The Carrington Hotel for a touch of old-world charm, or at Avalon Restaurant, known for its eclectic menu and retro decor.
- **Where to stay:** Katoomba Falls Tourist Park, 101A Cliff Dr, Katoomba NSW 2780. Powered site.

Packing Tips For Your NSW Road Trip

Discover the best of **New South Wales** with our motorhome 14-Day itinerary.

Our ultimate packing list for your road trip in NSW:

- **Appropriate** footwear (comfortable walking shoes and thongs for beaches)
- Hat, **sunscreen** and sunglasses
- Swimwear and beach towels
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities
- Insect repellent + band-aids
- Motion sickness tablets
- **Camera**/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)

Have a great trip!

