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Mittagong to Moss Vale via Berrima

Length approximately 24km

Tourist Drive 17 commences in Mittagong. The Southern Highlands Welcome Centre is located here and offers a wide range of souvenirs, maps and local produce. Just down the road is Winifred West Park which offers picnic facilities, toilets and a playground for children.

A detour on your right will lead to Lake Alexandra at the end of Queen Street. Relax a while and feed the ducks whilst enjoying a picnic basket or a short stroll around the lake. In the township browse through antique, craft and needlework shops or enjoy the cafes, restaurants or visit the Mittagong RSL Club.

Follow the Tourist Drive along the Old Hume Highway crossing over the Freeway. Along the way you'll find the Box Vale Walking Track (off the Old Hume Hwy). This 4.4km track has easy grades and the return walk takes about 3 hours. Continuing on to Berrima you will find Bendooley Estate and the Berkelouw Book Barn on your right. For the bookworm you will find over 200,000 secondhand books.

There are also a number of cellar doors to be found close by with short detours, including Artemis Wines, Tertini Wines, Centennial Estate and the Joadja Estate.

Back on the road it is only a short journey to the historic village of Berrima, considered one of the best remaining examples of a small Australian town built in the 1830's. Many of the original buildings have been sensitively restored and now trade as craft shops, galleries and restaurants. One of the original coaching inns, the Surveyor General is still operating and Berrima Court House (open daily) is classified by the National Trust.

Leave Berrima by crossing the Wingecarribee River, turn left at Francis Xavier Church. You will pass through rural countryside on your way to Moss Vale.

Moss Vale was founded on the ground which was originally granted by Governor Macquarie to Charles Throsby in 1819.