

## Yass to Tumut - Continue on Tourist Drive 7

### Distance:

Yass to Wee Jasper is 54km - Allow at least 1 hour

Wee Jasper to Tumut is 68km - Allow at least 1.15 hours

### Road Conditions:

Yass to Wee Jasper - completely sealed road.

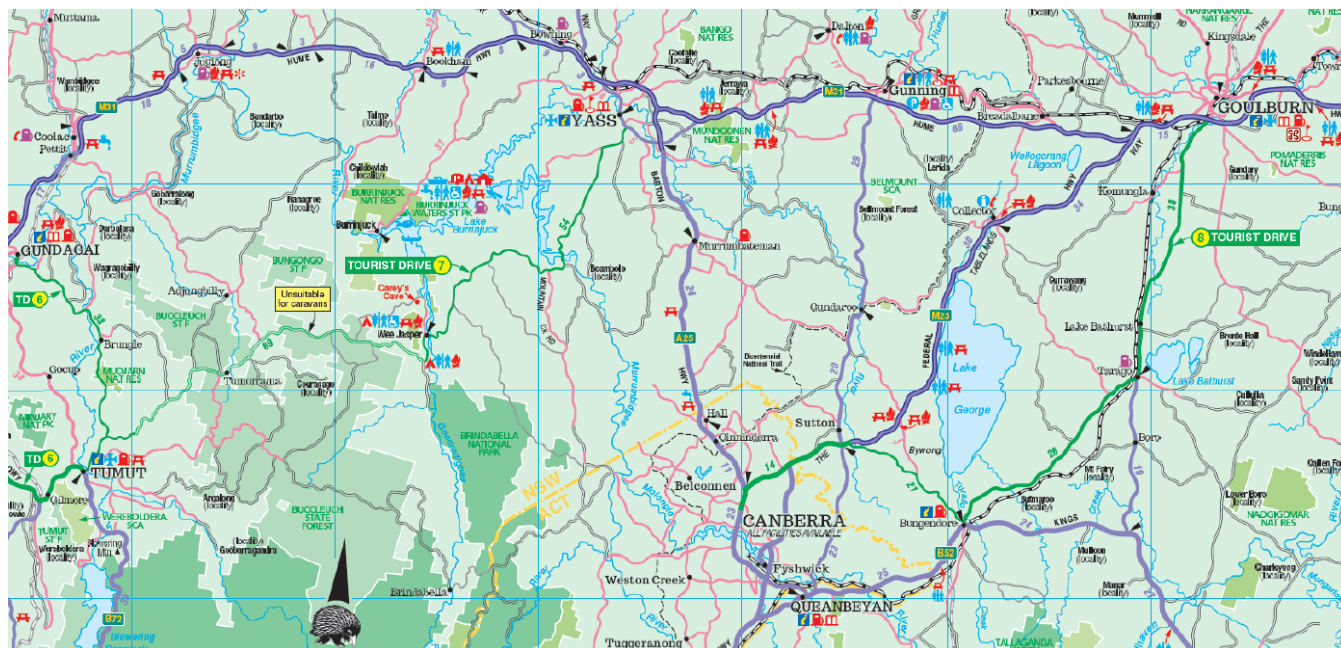
Wee Jasper to Tumut - unsealed road, not recommended for RV's, Caravans or Long Vehicles.

*Please note that road conditions and travel time will depend on the weather and your vehicle.*

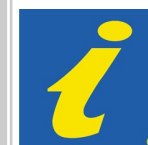
*Drive carefully along Tourist Drive 7 as there is often stock and wildlife on the roads.*

From Wee Jasper to Tumut you will pass through dry sclerophyll forest, farming land and pine forests. Beautiful multi-aged stands of eucalypt with an understory dominated by hard leaved shrubs, grasses, brackens and fern will line the roads and go back into the forest depths.

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### Yass to Wee Jasper



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## Tourist Drive 7 *From Yass...*

- 1) As you leave the town of Yass following the Wee Jasper Road, you will notice a maze of buildings, wires & towers on your right. This is the Yass Sub-Station distribution point for power generated by the Snowy Mountain Hydro Electricity Authority.
- 2) On your left you will pass Gums Lane. Nestled behind the pine trees is Yass Marchmont Racecourse, the venue for the annual Yass Picnic Races.
- 3) Approaching the Good Hope turn-off you will enter an ancient seabed which geologists assure us, was the situation millions of years ago. Evidence of the sedimentary rock strata is visible in the unusual knoll or hill on your right just past the turn-off.



- 4) As you continue along the Wee Jasper Road, at the top of the hill, glorious views of the Brindabella Ranges will unfold before you.
- 5) Warroo Creek on your right was the site of Brassils "Harp of Erin" Inn. The old shade and fruit trees are the only indication that a building existed.

## Tourist Drive 7 *...to Wee Jasper*

- 6) Panoramic views of the Murrumbidgee Valley and backed up waters of Burrinjuck Dam can be seen as you descend Tameas Hill to the bridge. Clear views of the limestone rock formations and extensive folding cliffs arising from the lake, can be seen to your right. Geologically described as an 'Anticline' formed in the Devonian period the formations are estimated to be in the vicinity of 400,000,000 years old.
- 7) Taemas Bridge - the original bridge was washed away in May of 1925. The present bridge was opened in 1930. A punt was used during the period 1925-1930 to get across the Murrumbidgee River.
- 8) Continuing along the Wee Jasper Road you will follow extensive limestone formations which feature for the next few miles.
- 9) To your left after Taemas Bridge will be the turn of for an alternate route to Canberra, Via Mountain Creek Road. This is partially unsealed and will take you to the south of Canberra.



## Tourist Drive 7 *Landmarks*

- 10) "Coodravale Station" is a private property on the left just before you cross the Goodradigbee River over a charming white bridge. It was formally owned by A.B "Banjo" Paterson.



- 11) Once you cross the Goodradigbee River you are in the picturesque village of Wee Jasper. It is not known when the locality was first named, but in 1860 when gold was found at Kiandra, Wee Jasper was named as a point on the track from Yass to the new gold field.
- 12) Situated on your right was you leave the bridge is the former Police Barracks c1880. Further on your right is the Wee Jasper School opened in 1889. Originally situated on the river banks, but the building was moved once Burrinjuck Dam was filled in 1929.

A journey through one of the most diverse geological landscapes in Australia the road passes through a range of volcanic and sedimentary rocks with a mix of the broadacres and grazing rural properties. Winding down through fantastic folded limestone belts you will enter a beautiful valley about 20km long with the Goodradigbee River running its length surrounded by hills and containing a wealth of natural features.