

Continue along Laidlaw Street

(5) Yass Public School

Opened in 1879, this was the first Government School to be built in Yass.

On your right:

(6) Victoria Park and Triggs Memorial Gates

These gates were erected in 1938 In honour of one of Yass's benefactors Arthur Bryant Triggs, a businessman and grazier.

Continue along Laidlaw Street. On your right:

(7) Rosebank (31 Laidlaw Street)

Built in 1858 as a hotel for travellers to the gold fields. It has been a private residence for over 30 years.

Turn right into Castor Street, then right into Glebe Street. On your right:

(8) Old Linton (22 Glebe Street) c 1857 was built by Moses Moses, an early Jewish inn keeper. The building was later extended by AB Triggs. It was used as a war veterans' home from 1947-1992 and is now a private residence where restoration and maintenance continue.

Continue along Glebe Street then turn left into Grampian Street. On your left:

(9) Kerrogair (24 Grampian Street) and The Elms (30 Grampian)

Both built around the same time c1862 and registered with the National Trust. These properties ooze history with English oaks, turret work and stables in the large garden.

Follow Grampian Street and turn right into Ford Street. This will take you to:

(10) Flat Rock Crossing

One of the original crossings of the Yass River and the site of the earliest cemetery in Yass.

Follow Warrambalulah Street then left into Church Street. On your left:

(11) Montrose (10 Church Street) c 1881

Once the home of Scottish stone mason George Thomson, later a Mayor of Yass.

Turn left into Rossi Street then right into De Mestre.

On the right:

(12) Devonia (7 De Mestre St) c1861

Built as a private residence but used between 1927 and 1958 as a maternity hospital. The front of the building faces Comur Street.

Continue along De Mestre St.

On the right:

(13) Boree Log Cottage (29 De Mestre St) c 1876

Is the birthplace of Australian poet Father Patrick Hartigan alias "John O'Brien".

Follow De Mestre Street then turn left into Polding Street. The gates of Yass Showground are straight ahead. Enter the gates.

(14) Yass Showground

The first Yass Agricultural Show was held in North Yass in 1863. Various locations were used over the next few decades and the first show was held on this ground in 1902. The historic grandstand was relocated from its former site in Adele Street.

Leaving the showground, turn left into Grand Junction Rd and follow this to Yass Valley Way. Turn left and drive approx. 3.5km to Cooma Cottage. On the left:

(15) Cooma Cottage c 1833

This building was the home of Hamilton Hume and is now a National Trust property. It is one of the oldest buildings in the Yass district. Please check the opening hours at the Yass Valley Information Centre.

If time permits return to Yass and visit the following:

(16) Yass and District Historical Museum

View the Parallels and 50 Years 50 Treasures exhibitions.

(17) Yass Town Railway Station

Learn the history of the Yass Tramway, see the shortest station platform in Australia and view the restored rolling stock. Please check the opening hours at the Yass Valley Information Centre.

Note: Check with the Yass Valley Information Centre for Museum opening hours.

Yass Valley

Town Drive



Total Town Drive is 18 km

*Allow at least one hour to complete the drive.
Extra time is required if visiting museums.*

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Your town drive commences at:

The Yass Valley Information Centre and follows Comur Street towards the Yass River. Turn left into Rossi Street at the roundabout just before the Hume Bridge and follow this, crossing the old tramline, until you reach the end. This area is known as

(1) **Hatton's Corner** An area which is geologically famous for fossils and from here you will see a spectacular view over part of the Yass Valley.

Turn back into Rossi Street and then left into Irvine Drive and continue until you reach the Yass Cemetery. In the Anglican section of the cemetery you will find:

(2) **Hamilton Hume's Grave.** Hamilton Hume was born in 1797 in Toongabbie, Sydney, the son of free settlers. In 1821 he discovered the Yass Plains and along with Captain William Hovell he discovered the first overland route between Sydney and Melbourne in 1824. He settled at Cooma Cottage in 1839 and lived there for the remainder of his life. He died in 1873 and is buried alongside his wife, Elizabeth.

Return along Irvine Drive and turn left into Hanley Place (Riverview Estate). A short distance on the left is:

(3) **Thomas Laidlaw's Grave.** An early shop keeper and post master, Laidlaw was known as 'Honest Tom of Yass'. He arrived in Yass in 1840 aged 27 and became a successful businessman. He was buried in this private cemetery in 1876. This site provides a fabulous view over Yass township.

Continue along Hanley Drive (one way traffic) then into Irvine Drive and left into Rossi Street. Turn left at the roundabout at Comur Street and cross the Hume Bridge. On your left you will see:

(4) **Yass Town Railway Bridge.** The Yass tramline once connected the town with Yass Junction Railway Station on the main line between Sydney and Melbourne. Opened in 1892, passenger services ceased in 1958 with the line being fully closed in 1988. The original Port Phillip Road crossed under the bridge.

