

## Welcome to Oberon

Set on the western fall of the Blue Mountains, Oberon is a vibrant community with a rich history. Dominated by stunning natural landscapes, Oberon and surrounds are highlighted by a tapestry of rolling farmland, pine forests, steep cliffs and caves.

With a growing population of over 5,700, the area is well known for its natural wonders, farming, timber industries and wealth of activities for locals and visitors alike. The region has four distinct seasons but is popular for its cool summers and occasional snow in winter. The region has something to offer everyone whether it's relaxing by a fire with a delicious local wine, crawling through an underground cave or just driving across the countryside taking in the beautiful views. The experiences and pleasures of Oberon are only limited by your imagination. Be assured our friendly community welcomes you.



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### The Museum Precinct

- Oberon Military Museum**  
Take a tour and view an array of interesting memorabilia from World War I to the present. Outside stands the Light Horse, created by local sculptor, Harrie Fasher.  
[oberonrslsubbranch@bigpond.com.au](mailto:oberonrslsubbranch@bigpond.com.au)  
**Corner of Oberon and Dudley Streets**
- Oberon District Museum**  
Varied collection of local family history, farm equipment and artifacts including a 3D model of the township as it was in the 1930s, functioning blacksmiths shop and 1887 cottage.  
[www.oberonmuseum.com](http://www.oberonmuseum.com)  
**Entry via Scotia Avenue**
- Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway (OTHR)**  
Meet the working group committed to restoring the railway line from Oberon to Tarana and sharing Oberon's rail 'story' with visitors.  
[www.othr.com.au](http://www.othr.com.au)  
**Entry via North Street**
- Oberon Skoda & Tatra Museum**  
Housing a collection of restored vehicles manufactured by Skoda and Tatra.  
**Contact: OTHR**
- Tractor Museum**  
Extensive private collection of tractors and memorabilia.  
**Contact: OTHR**



### Mayfield Garden

Don't miss a visit to the largest cool climate garden in the southern hemisphere. An impressive 16 hectares open to view 363 days of the year with water garden, café and nursery. Seasonal openings of the Hawkins' family private garden adds a further amazing 49 hectares to enjoy. Have fun and lose yourself in the huge hedged maze, row on Mayfield Lake, explore the 80m cascade, the Stumpery, Mayfield blue stone chapel and further incredible features before heading down to Mayfield Café to sample the famous farm to table inspired menu.

[www.mayfieldgarden.com.au](http://www.mayfieldgarden.com.au)  
**530 Mayfield Road**



### Jenolan Caves

Situated just a short 29km drive from Oberon, Jenolan Caves offers extensive guided tours of Australia's largest and most spectacular limestone caves. In 2006, scientists confirmed that Jenolan Caves are the world's oldest caves yet discovered - 340 million years old. Roam along scenic bushwalks within the Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve, spot wildlife such as lyrebirds, platypus and rare Brush-Tailed Rock Wallabies. A range of accommodation options includes iconic Jenolan Caves House, designed and built in 1897 by architect Walter Liberty Vernon. Lunch at the Caves Café. Dine in the magnificent Chisolm's Restaurant, built in 1926, open every evening.

[www.jenolancaves.org.au](http://www.jenolancaves.org.au)



### Kanangra Walls

Set within world heritage Kanangra Boyd National Park, the spectacular Kanangra Walls can be found approx 1 hours drive from Oberon. 2WD accessible. Lookouts, mountain bike trails, bushwalks, camping and 4WD trails. 3 Walks from the Kanangra Walls car park – all with many photo opportunities:

- Easy 10 min stroll along a flat track to Kanangra Boyd Lookout an unfenced rocky outcrop with spectacular views of Kanangra Walls and Mt Cloudmaker.
- Medium 30 min walk along the Waterfall Track with numerous steps to a viewing platform below a picturesque cascade (1.6 km one way).
- Medium 2-4 hour walk (depending upon distance walked) including Plateau Walk and Dancefloor Cave (up to 5.5 km one way). No signposting in this Wilderness Area and limited phone coverage so walkers should have good navigation skills, be prepared for sudden weather changes, wear adequate clothing and carry sufficient food and water.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)



### Fossicking

Hire a fossicking kit from Oberon Visitor Information Centre and head out to designated public fossicking areas to try your luck at finding sapphire, zircon and sometimes gold. Demonstrations are available at the Visitor Information Centre. Permits are required outside of the public areas and guidelines apply.

[www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au](http://www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au)



### Mountain Biking and Hiking Trails

Pick up your trail maps from Oberon Visitor Information Centre.

- Oberon Dam Tracks – zigzagging native gum forest tracks from Oberon Golf Club to Oberon dam wall with some challenging hills. A chance to see our native wildlife in their natural habitat.
- Rail Trail – 6km one way of sealed pathway running alongside the scenic heritage railway line from Oberon to Hazelgrove Siding. Suitable for all the family to enjoy. Return via the same route or, for something more strenuous, extend your adventure taking in more challenging unsealed roads and state forest trails.
- Kanangra Boyd National Park – Morong Falls Trail 7.3km return. Boyd River Loop 21km. Mumbedah Loop 15km. Mount Emperor Loop 12.5km.



### Tours

Local tour operators available offering horse riding, tag-along-4WD safaris to suit all levels, gold panning, fishing, vineyards, scenic national parks, camping adventures, seasonal guided mushroom foraging tours.

Buses available for larger groups.

[www.highcountrytrailrides.com.au](http://www.highcountrytrailrides.com.au)  
[www.yarrabin.com](http://www.yarrabin.com)  
[www.detouradventures.com.au](http://www.detouradventures.com.au)  
[www.simmosoffroadtours.com](http://www.simmosoffroadtours.com)



### Fishing and Kayaking Lake Oberon

Discover great fishing spots and try your hand at catching Trout all year round in Lake Oberon. Scenic peaceful locations such as lake's edge by the golf course, Reef Reserve or the secluded Kelly's Bay. If you have a kayak, take a paddle out where you may spot platypus and an abundance of birdlife. Primitive short-stay camping is available at The Reef Reserve. A perfect way to end the day, BBQ your catch, dine at the picnic area and watch the sun set over the lake.

If you forget your fishing gear, Oberon has businesses where you can stock up on bait, lures, camping items and you can even pick up a map of Lake Oberon and also a fishing licence should you need one.



### State Forest Activities

Enjoy local State forests for, walking, cycling, horse riding and 4WD trails, fossicking for gemstones and camping amongst nature. In autumn, some people like to forage for mushrooms but be careful, some mushrooms contain toxins and can make you extremely sick. Care should be taken to properly identify mushrooms prior to picking. State forests often have fireplaces for BBQs and picturesque spots to enjoy your lunch. Just bring a picnic rug and experience our great outdoors.

[www.forestrycorporation.com.au](http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au)



### Scenic Drives on Sealed Roads OR Adventurous Off-Road 4WD Trails

Acquire a good map and venture out into our region. Discover some of the most picturesque scenery found anywhere in NSW. Take in historic villages, country pubs and cafés, farmers markets, galleries and wine tasting at unique cool climate vineyards.

- Worth the journey is a drive out onto the historic Oberon-Colong stock route where you will find the hidden gem of **Yerranderie**. This restored silver mining ghost town offers accommodation and bush camping at its best. Share your camp with curious wildlife, see relics of the silver mine and learn about Yerranderie's fascinating pioneering past. Sixty hectic years between the 1890s and the 1950s contrast strongly with its sleepy serenity of today. A truly gracious unhurried place set in an unspoiled world of high sandstone mesas and deep valleys.
- Discover the **Silerian Way** – a scenic self-drive Caves to Caves 4 day adventure. Your choice of sealed roads or 4WD tracks. Begin your journey at Oberon, the highest town in the Blue Mountains. Take the Edith road down to Jenolan Caves for an underworld experience and enjoy an overnight stay. Optional detours to Kanangra Boyd National Park and also Yerranderie. Take the high road to Shooters Hill and Abercrombie Road, south. Explore awesome guided and self guided tours of the Wombeyan Caves and camp over or book into self contained cabins. Drive on through bushranger country and visit heritage towns such as Taralga, Laggan and Crookwell where you can stock up with food for your stay at Abercrombie Caves. Return to Oberon via the pretty little village of Rockley.

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### More Information

The Oberon Visitor Information Centre is open 7 days a week from 9.30am – 5.00pm.

Call in to meet the friendly staff and see the array of souvenirs, local merchandise and maps that are available for purchase. Fossicking kits can be hired and demonstrations on how to use the equipment can be enjoyed in the Noodling Patch onsite.

**48 Ross St, Oberon**  
**02 6329 8210**  
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Villages in and around the Oberon area have their own distinctive personality and features. Black Springs, Burraga, O'Connell and Tarana all boast a uniqueness that makes each one worthy of a visit.



**O'Connell**  
On the road between Oberon and Bathurst, O'Connell is on the bank of the Fish River and was originally the last stage coach stopover into and out of Bathurst on Cox's Road. The historic O'Connell Hotel was constructed in 1865 and remains a popular meeting place for travellers. The village is classified by the National Trust as an historic village and is characterised by a memorial avenue of Desert Ash trees.



**Tarana**  
Tarana, 23km north of Oberon, is on the main western railway line from Sydney. Its attractive railway station remains in operation and the hotel and café are popular stopovers on the picturesque drive through the Tarana Valley. A short distance away is the amazing granite rock formations of Evans Crown Nature Reserve.



**Black Springs**  
Black Springs is on the Tablelands Way, 24km south of Oberon. The surveyed village began as a forestry encampment for the pre-war plantings in Vulcan State Forest and remains today the main Forestry Corporation Depot for the Oberon area. A well-known landmark is the Avoca Church, built in 1890 by local stone masons from local basalt stone. Black Springs is a great starting point for mushroom foraging and fossicking for gemstones.



**Burraga**  
47km southwest of Oberon is Burraga. Once a bustling community of over 5,000 people, now a small village set in a rural landscape of sheep and cattle properties and pine forest. See relics from the late 1870s copper mine such as the chimney stack. Burraga has an operating sawmill, General Store and Recreation Club. Also well worth a visit is the picnic area at the picturesque Burraga Dam.

# VILLAGES