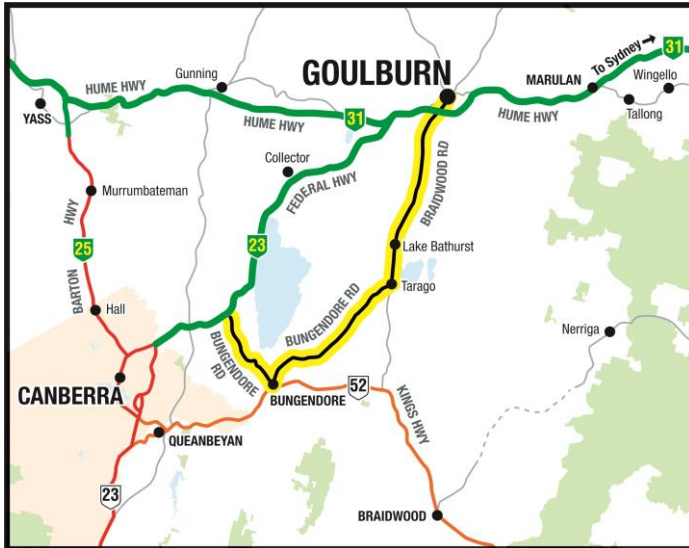


# tourist drive 8

## goulburn to the federal highway

### via lake bathurst, tarago and bungendore



Length: 85km

Tourist Drive 8 commences in Goulburn. Start your journey after visiting the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre and finding out what there is to see and do in Australia's First Inland City. The Visitor Information Centre offers an extensive range of local produce, arts and crafts, and local and regional wines all available for purchase.

On your way out of Goulburn, stop in at the Rail Heritage Centre, which operates as a working Roundhouse housing heritage locomotives, rolling stock and railway ephemera. For a different take on history, stop in at Garroorigang Historic Home, the home of the Hume family, collateral descendants of explorer Hamilton Hume.

Travelling along Braidwood Road you will pass spectacular sheep and cattle grazing country, dotted with historic farm houses and some of the area's original pastoral properties.

Some 30km down the road you will be pleasantly surprised to find the peaceful tree-lined village of Lake Bathurst. Originally discovered back in 1818, the village has several surviving buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, including the old school house, Anglican Church and hall.

11km along is the village of Tarago – home of the Loaded Dog Hotel. The hotel (est. 1848) is an important part of Australia's heritage. It was the meeting place and 'safe house' for many bushrangers, including the notorious Frank Gardiner and Ben Hall. Much of the hotel is still in the original stone, brick and wood of that era. From the Loaded Dog Hotel, follow Tourist Drive 8 along the Bungendore Road and just enjoy the scenery.

You will soon notice the Capital Wind Farm to your right. This 140 megawatt wind farm was completed in 2009, costing around \$220 million, and was designed to produce more than enough energy to offset the power usage of the Kurnell Desalination Plant. It is the largest wind farm in New South Wales. The Capital Wind Farm is located on the foothills of Lake George (Weereewaa in the indigenous language), which is considered one of the world's oldest lakes and has no natural outlet (known as an Endorheic Basin). Lake George has a long reputation for mystery.

Continuing onto historic Bungendore, this beautiful town is an evolving arts and design destination, with many award-winning galleries and artisans calling Bungendore home. Art gallery openings, antique shops, gift shops and world renowned crafted furniture and sculpture are a few of the many vibrant and diverse attractions that make Bungendore a much talked-about place to visit.

After exploring Bungendore, continue along Bungendore Road towards the Federal Highway, where you will discover several of the area's cool climate award-winning wineries and restaurants. Plan to drop in at one of the wineries along the way and purchase some of the region's award-winning wines to take home and enjoy later.

At the Federal Highway you can continue left into Canberra or Queanbeyan, turn right and head back towards Goulburn, or take the time to discover the nearby villages of Sutton and Gundaroo.



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