

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO YARRABIN FROM SYDNEY

(approx driving time from Penrith is 1 hour 45 minutes)

Via Katoomba and Great Western Highway:

From Penrith, follow the Great Western Highway through Katoomba towards Lithgow

As you approach the outskirts of Lithgow, the road will be divided and the speed limit will drop to 70 kph

Turn LEFT at the Shell Service Station at South Bowenfels, on **Magpie Hollow Road**, signposted to Lake Lyell

SET YOUR TRIP METER TO '0' as all distances are measured from this point

Via Richmond and Bells Line of Road

Follow the Bells Line of Road through KURRAJONG over the Blue Mountains to Lithgow

Continue through Lithgow until a T intersection at MacDonalds

Turn LEFT on Great Western Highway towards Katoomba (NOT to Bathurst)

Follow divided road for about 2 km past Lithgow Hospital

Turn RIGHT at Shell Service Station at South Bowenfels onto **Magpie Hollow Road**, signposted to Lake Lyell

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- **Please drive carefully on this road to Yarrabin - it is a good road, though windy and narrow in parts. No need to drive at the maximum speed limit.** The route you are taking was the route the famous Cobb and Co Stage Coach would go in the 1800s! Bathurst was the HQ of Cobb and Co.
- Follow **MAGPIE HOLLOW ROAD** past **Lake Lyell** (at 5.5 km; water supply for Lithgow and popular skiing area) to T intersection after 11.2 km
- Turn RIGHT towards RYDAL then first **LEFT after about 20 metres to TARANA** (about 10 minutes to this point)
- **Take care at 13.5 km on 2 single lane bridges over railway line**
- At 15.6 km from turn off, drive through **SODWALLS** (a sleepy 3 house village; notice an olive grove on your left as you leave town)
- At 21.6 km, drive past **EVANS CROWN** on your left (about 15 minutes from turn off). Evans Crown is a popular walking spot, with views over the whole valley. And only about 25 minutes from Yarrabin!
- At 24.9 km, you will approach **TARANA** (another small town, but this time with a pub, run by Christopher Robin - no, not Winnie the Pooh's friend!). **Take care at the intersection with a dirt road - you will need to GIVE WAY, even though you may feel like you have the right of way.** Stay straight through on the sealed road
- Follow the road around to the left, past the **TARANA** pub on your right
- At 25.7 km, and before you leave the "built up area" of **TARANA**, turn **LEFT** onto **MUTTON FALLS ROAD** towards **O'CONNELL**

- Follow this road through **MUTTON FALLS** (at 29.7 km - a beautiful valley with many poplar trees; cross over the FISH RIVER). Just after the bridge, you will pass one of the original homesteads on your left - circa 1840
- At 30 km, continue **STRAIGHT AHEAD** on MUTTON FALLS ROAD (LOWES MOUNT ROAD branches to the left, but continue straight ahead)
- At 37.9, pass a swimming and camping area on your right called **FLAT ROCK** (a great place to chill out in summer!)
- At 44.4 km, reach the main **O'CONNELL ROAD**. Turn **RIGHT** towards **BATHURST**
- After only about 100 metres, you will see the **O'CONNELL HOTEL** (built 1864) on your right (another great place to have a couple of beers; families are very welcome)
- Follow **O'CONNELL ROAD** towards Bathurst through part of the O'Connell village - past a café on your left (open Thu to Sun from 1030), and a building on your right that was once a convent. Drive through a line of Desert Ash trees (planted after the First World War to commemorate our fallen soldiers). At the end of the line of trees, the road will veer left. About 800 m from the O'Connell Hotel, slow down to turn **LEFT** onto **BEACONSFIELD ROAD** just **after the corner - between two white houses**. (The one on the left was once a staging post for Cobb & Co where they changed their horses.)
- **Set your trip meter to '0' again.**
- Follow BEACONSFIELD ROAD for 6.5 km to Yarrabin. You will pass the O'Connell Church on your left, then BOX FLAT ROAD (a dirt road to the Hotel). At 3.6 km from the turnoff, drive past the grazing part of the property ("**Menmuir**") and our shearing shed - there is the older 1850 shed on the road side, then a new shed above it. Just after a road to the right called Bloom Hill Road, watch out for our mud brick house on your left. It was built about 1850 by a pardoned convict named Clancy!
- Very soon, the road will become windy and you will move up into the tree line...you are VERY close now!! Can you smell those sumptuous meals? Can't wait to canter over open paddocks??? Or just relax in the hot spa?
- You will start seeing horse riding caution signs about 6 km from the turnoff, and then cross a one lane bridge. About 100 metres past the bridge, take the second entrance into Yarrabin...**YOU'VE ARRIVED!!!!** Drive slowly down the hill (cos we have loads of kids and animals everywhere!) to park in front of the right-hand building, or grab a car park half way down the slope, to the right or left.

Annie, Graeme or one of our wonderful team will welcome you as you drive in.

**Thank you for choosing to holiday with us at world famous
Yarrabin!! 😊**