

Explore Nyah/Nyah West Region



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Start from the clock tower, cnr of Campbell and McCallum Streets. This drive takes you through the Swan Hill region's central area where you can share in our history, heritage, forest and farmland. The drive is around 170km, however you can access the Murray Valley Highway to return to Swan Hill from Piangil, although it's not much further to cross into NSW to return via Tooleybuc, Koraleigh and through Nyah or cross the Murray the old fashioned way, on the ferry at Speewa.

1 The Flume

As seen from the road, it's a "channel on legs" over private land. The structure was built by the Water Commission (1914-1917) with corrugated iron, but replaced in 1930 with corrugated asbestos. It supplied stock and domestic water to farms, before the piped system was introduced.

2 Wood Wood

The General Store and Post office was once called a Wine Shade. the 80 acre Mallee Flora Reserve at the back of the caravan park has much of a floral interest, as well as a picnic table, and regional information board.

3 Nyah-Vinifera Track 1 (dry weather track only)

Start at the boat ramp or from Byrnes Lane, 1km along the Murray Valley Highway. About 6km along you'll find Pick's Point and sandbar, fenced middens, walking tracks and many ideal camping and fishing spots. This track is not maintained by SHRCC and may be subject to erosion, fallen trees and other obstacles. Proceed at own risk.

4 Nyah Township

The township of Nyah, on the banks of the Murray River, was established in the 1890s.

5 Nyah West - A Heritage Town

Nyah west was established when the railway line was extended from Swan Hill to Piangil in 1915. The main street landscape is heritage listed and has been awarded the 'Most Intact Streetscape' by the National Trust.

6 Nyah-Vinifera Park Track 2 (dry weather track only)

Travel along Takasuka's Levee Bank built with horses and scoops to control floodwaters from the Gunbower Creek during his rice growing trials. This 7km track takes you through the forest, beside the river, passing small middens where Aboriginal people camped and fished above the floodwaters. As you cross a small earthen bridge over Gunbower Creek, about 500m from the forest exit, you are near where it flows out of the Murray River and became the site of Nyah's First Irrigation Scheme 1901-1904. This track is not maintained by SHRCC and may be subject to erosion, fallen trees and other obstacles. Proceed at own risk.

7 First Rice Grown in Australia

In 1905 Joe Takasuka and family arrived from Japan and began experimenting with different rice varieties, finally succeeding with rice suitable for Australian conditions.

8 Nyah West Park

A great place to stop, with toilet facilities, children's playground, skatepark, barbeque and a massive red gum.

9 Wire Sculpture Park

Created by retired farmer Jim Watson, these unique artistic sculptures have been created using old scrap wire.

10 The Memorial Gate

Erected in 1927, these Gates list the names and commemorate local men who made the supreme sacrifice in WW1 and WW2.

11 Heritage Park

This location marks the site of the old Nyah Primary School 1913-1996. There is also a Explorers and Pioneer's Cairn erected in 1930 to honour explorers, Major Mitchell and Captain Sturt 1836, The Overlanders, Hawden and Bonney 1838 who all traveled through this area.

12 Painted Bollards

Painted bollards representing a wood pile cutter, the first female riverboat captain, a female Aboriginal shearer, a blacksmith and an orchardist.

13 Ron Dehne's Ford Tractor Collection

Australia's largest privately owned Ford Tractor collection. Open Thursday to Sunday 10am till 4pm or by appointment, Entry fee applies. Contact 0408 085 218

14 Nyah's First Irrigation Scheme 1901-1904

In 1899 an official licence was granted to Thwaites and Heath to develop the first irrigation system for the region. This system included a 70 foot deep shaft which pumped water into a concrete basin, from where it flowed to each of their blocks. The concrete basin is still there with information that tells the story of this early event.



Speewa Ferry

Cross the Murray River in style on the Speewa Punt, one of the last remaining punts in operation along this section of the river. This is a free service.



Nyah Free RV Camping

Located adjacent to the football oval with over 100 campsites, dump site and potable water. Swimming, fishing, boating and bushwalking. Stay limited to seven days. The Lions Club maintains this camping area. Donations appreciated.