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**Time for this journey approximately 3 to 4 hours not counting stops.
Distance approximately 182 kilometres starting at M2 turnoff and finishing at Windsor.**



Take the M2 Motorway and turn-off to Castle Hill. At Castle Hill travel along Old Northern Road and follow it to **Wisemans Ferry**. Cross on the vehicular ferry and turn west (left) to St Albans. This road is unsealed for most of the way to and from St Albans but is usually in good condition. Break your journey and stop at the gate

to the **Convict Heritage Trail** (approx 1km from the ferry crossing) which you will see on the right side of the road as you travel towards St Albans. You can walk up **Devines Hill** and depending on your fitness and available time, you can make this walk as long or as short as you like and still see the convict's handiwork in the retaining walls and excavations. There are informative signs provided by the National Parks and Wildlife Service which giving you an insight into the difficulties the convicts experienced whilst building this road.

Continue westward up the Macdonald Valley towards **St Albans** and you will note an old cemetery adjacent to the road on the left side as you near St Albans. This is a pioneer cemetery and the scripts on the headstones are worth viewing as this was one of the earliest settled areas in colonial times. Continue to St Albans for lunch or coffee.

At St Albans, go over the Macdonald River, turn south (left) and follow the road along the other side of the Macdonald Valley. Cross over the Hawkesbury River on the **Webbs Creek Ferry** to Wisemans Ferry, turn south (right) and head down River Road along a partially unsealed very scenic road which hugs the riverside. At **Lower Portland** turn right and take the ferry across the Hawkesbury River again. Turn south (left) into West Portland Road and follow it until it joins Bull Ridge Road. Turn east (left) and then south (right) into Sackville Road and turn east (left) into Tizzana Road. After about 1km, turn right into Coromandel Road. Follow this for a few hundred metres and Ebenezer Church is on your right at a turn in the road.



Ebenezer Church is the oldest church in Australia and is surrounded by a pioneer cemetery with graves dating back to the early 1800s. Plus, there is a schoolmaster's house which is now a museum. Devonshire tea can be enjoyed at picnic tables under the shady trees.



Retrace your steps back to Tizzana Road and turn right. Continue for approximately 4km until you see **Tizzana Winery** on your right. It is built of local sandstone and is the original winery building built in 1887. The winery is open for tastings and has a very attractive ambiance which can only be achieved with time.

Continue along Tizzana Road and turn right at the end to traverse the Hawkesbury River on the **Sackville Ferry** and continue along Sackville Road; note the beautiful juxtaposition of the orange orchard and the sandstone cliffs on your left. When you reach River Road, keep on Sackville Road and turn south (right) when you reach Wisemans Ferry Road. This road leads to Cattai National Park which has picnic facilities and if you have the kids on board there are large grassy fields for them to have a game of cricket or football.

Cattai National Park is the remains of Thomas Arndell's Estate. Thomas was an assistant surgeon on the first fleet and was granted land in 1799. His 1821 Georgian home still stands in the park and the remains of his mill and granary are Australia's oldest industrial archaeological site.

You can return home via Cattai Road and turn southeast (left) into Windsor Road which will lead to the M2 Motorway.

Alternately, if you have the kids with you turn northwest (right) at Windsor Road, pass through Windsor and over the Hawkesbury River and turn northeast (right) into Wilberforce Road. After about 3km you will see the Butterfly Farm and Indy 800 Kart Track on your right. This is a great place for the kids to have fun!



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