

# WESTERN WILDS



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## A ROAD TRIP THROUGH WILDERNESS AND PIONEERING HUMAN HISTORY

— The Western Wilds is one of five drive journeys that span a network of roads and potential itineraries across Tasmania. Each drive journey is designed to showcase a diversity of travel experiences within that region, as a way to help travellers plan their road trips according to their interests and available time.

Tasmania's west is known for its wilderness landscapes: cool-temperate rainforests and alpine plains, mountains and glacial valleys, wild rivers and windswept coast, and the unique flora and fauna of the UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Lesser known are the human stories of the region – epic tales of an ancient Aboriginal culture that thrived over thousands of years, and of tenacious pioneers who overcame adversity and unimaginable challenges to build their lives in the wilderness.

Road trips in the Western Wilds allow travellers to explore untamed landscapes, follow in the footsteps of pioneers and unearth wild stories of mining booms and busts in western Tasmania.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### ADVENTURE

Raft the rivers, abseil a dam wall, climb a mountain, board a steam train and travel through rainforest.

### WATERWAYS

Windswept beaches, deep lakes and tranquil rivers are surrounded by cool-temperate rainforest.

### UNRAVEL THE PAST

Ghost towns, mining history and convict stories.

See these [itineraries](#) for inspiration.

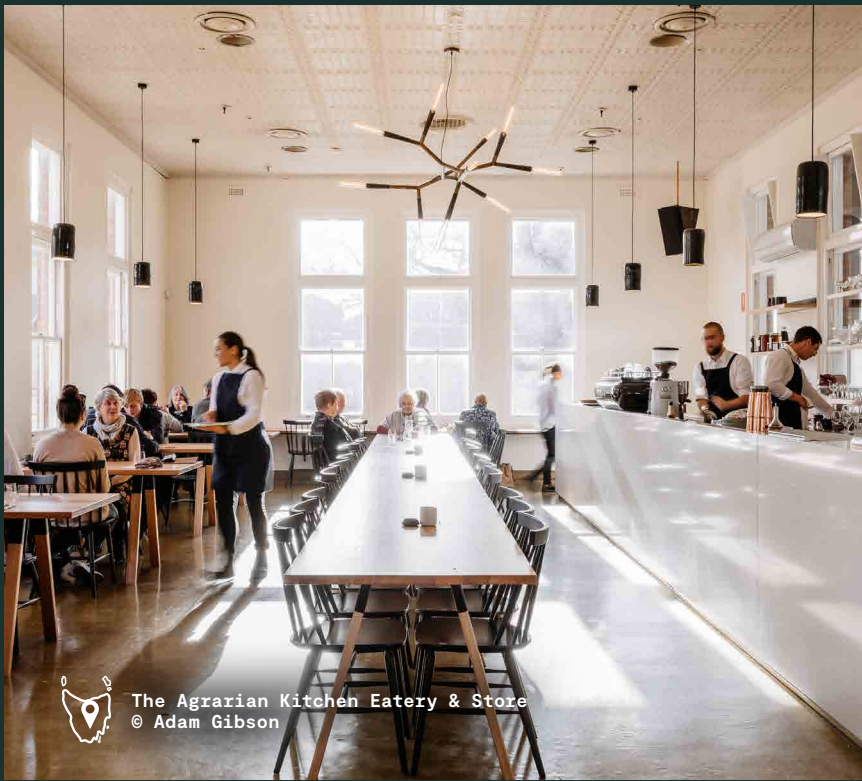
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The Agrarian Kitchen Eatery & Store  
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Derwent Bridge Wilderness Hotel © Graham Freeman

## WHERE TO EAT

— Here are some refuelling options while road-tripping in Tasmania. These eateries are uniquely Tasmanian, with a focus on fresh, seasonal and regional ingredients and warm hospitality. Bookings are recommended; check venue websites for opening hours and other details.

### **The Agrarian Kitchen, New Norfolk**

Refined seasonal fare served in a transformed mental asylum. Dine in, or buy from the kiosk and take away or enjoy a picnic on the front lawn.

### **Derwent Bridge Wilderness Hotel, Derwent Bridge**

Hearty fare and Sri Lankan curries near the end of the Overland Track

### **Hungry Wombat Café, Derwent Bridge**

Pre- and post-hike meals at Derwent Bridge.

### **Great Lake Hotel, Miena**

Hearty, modern country-pub meals in the heart of Tasmania.

**Pedder Wilderness Lodge, Strathgordon** The lodge's Twelvetrees Bar and Restaurant overlooks Lake Pedder.

### **Smelters Restaurant, Queenstown**

Modern Australian fare and fireside drinks.

### **Strahan Village, Strahan**

Two casual dining options: View 42° Restaurant and Bar overlooking Macquarie Harbour, and Hamer's Bar and Bistro on The Esplanade.

### **Risby Cove Restaurant, Strahan**

Dine indoors or on an undercover deck overlooking Macquarie Harbour.



Hungry Wombat Café, Derwent Bridge  
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