

Finding your way to us

Victoria Pass is closed, so the usual drive down the mountain isn't available. This route takes you the back way through the Hartley Valley.

DON'T TRUST YOUR GPS PAST MOUNT VICTORIA

Stay on the Great Western Highway all the way to Mount Victoria. Do not take the GPS exit at Blackheath. Hartley Vale Road may not show on your map app.

GPS is fine up to Mount Victoria. From there, switch to the steps below.

[NAVIGATE TO MT VICTORIA](#)

Road data © OpenStreetMap contributors. Numbers match the turns in the steps below.

UP THE MOUNTAIN



Leave Sydney on the Great Western Highway

GPS OK

A32 Great Western Hwy



Do not exit at Blackheath

Your GPS may tell you to. Ignore it and keep going on the highway.



Continue to Mount Victoria

DETOUR INTO THE VALLEY



At Mount Victoria, follow the detour

GPS OFF

Darling Causeway



Turn left onto Hartley Vale Road

Hartley Vale Rd

Signed **local / residential access only**. It's a narrow, one-way country road and may not appear on GPS.



Follow Hartley Vale Road down into the valley

You'll pass Collits Inn.



After Collits Inn, turn left onto Fields Road

Fields Rd

→ Browns Gap Rd

Fields Road continues into Browns Gap Road.



At the Old Great Western Highway (Hartley), turn left

Old Great Western Hwy



Cross the bridge onto Cox's River Road

Cox's River Rd

The bridge is just before the Lolly Bug.



Continue to the Kanimbla RFS Hut

FINAL STRETCH



At Kanimbla RFS Hut, turn left onto Blackheath Creek Road

Blackheath Creek Rd

Signposted **Maya Sanctuary**. Follow it to the end, about 10–15 minutes.



You've arrived at Maya Sanctuary

We look forward to welcoming you.

Allow extra time for the slower valley roads, and take the last stretch gently.

Heading home

Our recommended way back to Sydney stays on quiet valley roads, skips the Great Western Highway and avoids Lithgow traffic. It shows on your GPS, too.

NO HIGHWAY NEEDED

You don't need the Great Western Highway at all. From Cox's River Road you go straight onto Browns Gap Road and follow it north to Chifley Road.



OUT OF THE VALLEY

- Leave Maya Sanctuary along Blackheath Creek Road

Blackheath Creek Rd

Follow it to the end, about 10–15 minutes.

- At Kanimbla RFS Hut, turn right onto Cox's River Road

Cox's River Rd

- ↑ Follow Cox's River Road north to Little Hartley

- ↶ Cross the bridge by the Lolly Bug, then turn left

Old Great Western Hwy

- Turn right onto Browns Gap Road

Browns Gap Rd

This is where you skip the Great Western Highway.

TOWARDS LITHGOW

- ↑ Stay on Browns Gap Road

You'll pass Mid Hartley Road and Fields Road on your right.

- ↶ At the T-junction, turn left towards Lithgow

Browns Gap Rd

You're still on Browns Gap Road.

- ↑ Browns Gap Road becomes Hartley Valley Road

Hartley Valley Rd

- Turn right onto Chifley Road towards Bell

Chifley Rd

At Bell, join Bells Line of Road for Sydney, or use your preferred navigation from here.

Thank you for staying with us.

Safe travels, and we hope to see you again soon.