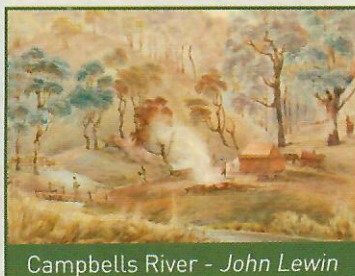


1 O'Connell to Bathurst - across the O'Connell Plains

From O'Connell, Cox's Road went west, crossing the present day Beaconsfield and Bloom Hill Roads and then in the general direction of the O'Connell Plains (Lagoon) Road, meeting the Campbells River 1500 metres north of the present bridge crossing at The Lagoon.

It then ascended the hill out of The Lagoon to cross Bidgeeribbin Road, continuing north along the ridgeline, generally following Gormans Hill Road. It terminated at a point overlooking the Macquarie River at the Flag Staff in Bicentennial Park, Bathurst.



Campbells River - John Lewin



In **Bathurst**, stand on the spot at the Flag Staff where Governor Macquarie proclaimed the settlement of Bathurst on 7 May 1815 on the western bank of the Macquarie River.

Take a walk along 'The Delightful Spot' heritage trail starting near the Flag Staff.

Spend time exploring the many attractions of the heritage city of Bathurst, Australia's first inland European settlement.

TO DO

3 Mt York to Fish River

On reaching the valley floor after Mt York, the road proceeded in a generally westerly direction, following ridge lines where possible and passing by the present day named localities of Hartley Vale, Glenroy, Mount Blaxland, Pitts Corner and the Cuthill Road to Phils Falls on the Fish River.

At Glenroy, two bridges were built, one over the River Lett and the other over Coxs River.

"... got one of the side pieces, 45 ft. long, about 100 yards down the river and fixed it in its place without accident. The other side piece we got by felling a tree across the river, about 60 ft. long, ... After dinner gave all hands a gill of spirits."

William Cox 1814

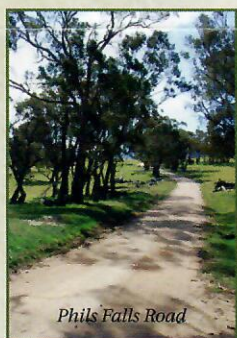
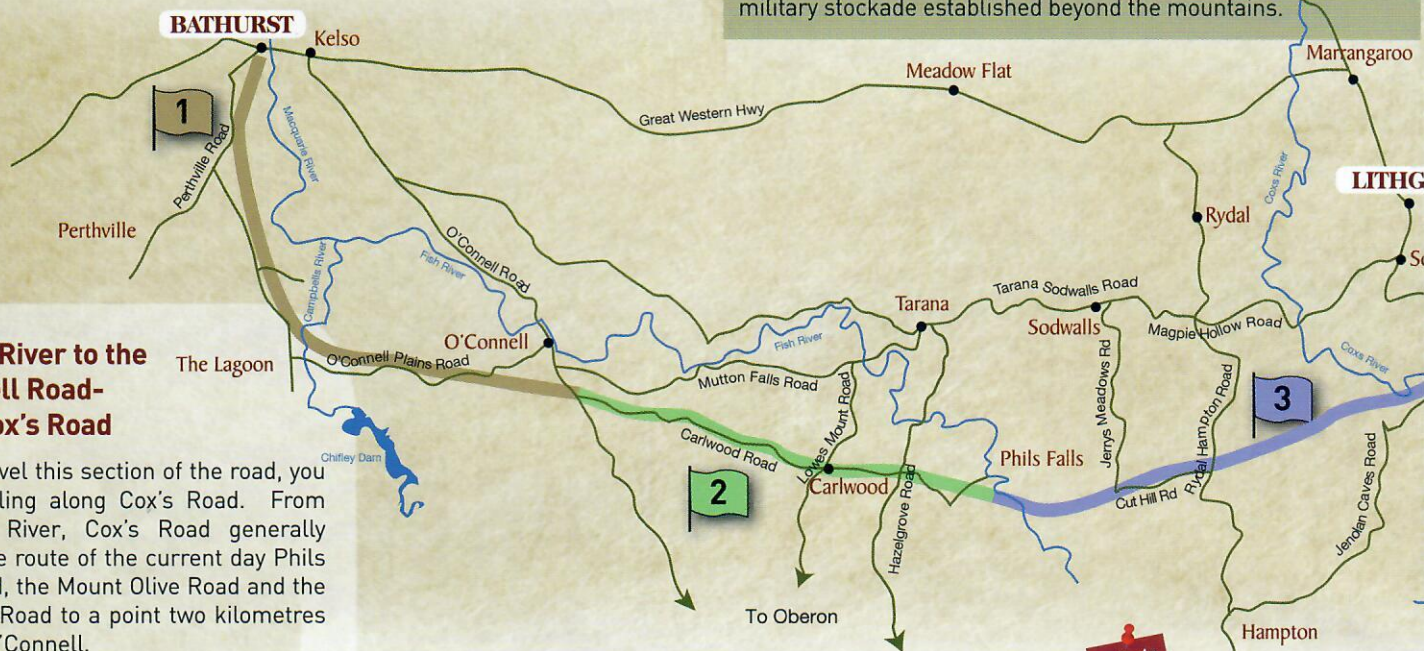
TO DO

In Hartley Vale, view historic Collits' Inn. Opened by Pierce and Mary Collits in 1823 as the Golden Fleece Inn, it provided food and rest for weary travellers on Cox's Rd. You can also visit Pierce and Mary's beautiful old graves in the Hartley Vale cemetery around the corner in Fields Road.

Spend some time at the amazingly intact Hartley Historic Site, a village of church and secular colonial buildings clustered around the convict-built 1837 courthouse. Before leaving Hartley view Governor Macquarie's campsite at Glenroy on Jenolan Caves Road, an idyllic camping place used by many that travelled the early Bathurst Road. Glenroy was also the location of the first military stockade established beyond the mountains.

2 Fish River to the O'Connell Road-along Cox's Road

As you travel this section of the road, you are travelling along Cox's Road. From the Fish River, Cox's Road generally follows the route of the current day Phils Falls Road, the Mount Olive Road and the Carlwood Road to a point two kilometres south of O'Connell.



Phils Falls Road

"Finished the bridge over the Fish River this evening. It is a strong and well-built one. On each end is a pier of 25 ft, which is well filled up with stone, and a very little earth over it. The span across is 25 ft. more, which is planked with split logs; and as floods will go over it, there is no earth put on top. It is altogether 75 ft. long and 16 ft. wide."

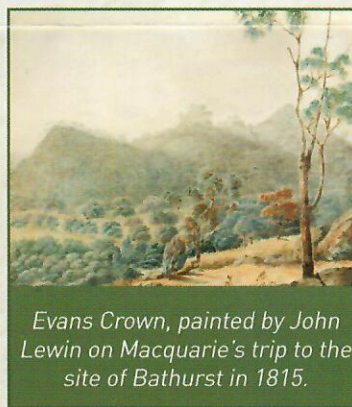
William Cox 1814



Carlwood Road

"It being Christmas day, issued to the men a gill of spirits and a new shirt each. Examined the river to find the best place to cross it, and fixed on a spot about 10 chains below where Mr. Evans crossed. The timber appears to be bad and scarce about here. Cannot find any for sawing. The land on both sides of the river is extremely hilly, and awkward for road-making."

William Cox 1814



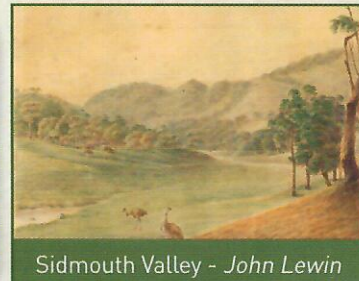
Evans Crown, painted by John Lewin on Macquarie's trip to the site of Bathurst in 1815.

"At Sidmouth Valley I never saw finer grass, or more on the same quantity of land in a meadow in England than there was here, and just in a fit state for mowing. The whole of a line, about 20 miles due west, would make most excellent grazing farms...."

William Cox 1 January 1815

Visit the historic village of **O'Connell** with its 19th century historic buildings.

You can walk to the top of **Evans Crown** and survey the landscape through which Cox's Road passed. The walk is accessed from the Honeysuckle Falls Road off the Sodwalls-Tarana Road.



Sidmouth Valley - John Lewin

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