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<u>A Day Visit to Bilpin (including Pick-Your-Own Apples)</u> <u>Sunday 21 February 2021</u>

It has been a difficult year for that area having to battle fires and Covid. So please come and support that local community.

Bilpin is a small town on the historic Bells Line of Road in the City of Hawkesbury local government area in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, New South Wales.

Bilpin is known as "Land of the Mountain Apple". Fruit orchards and beautiful gardens thrive in the fertile soil and the road is lined with roadside stalls selling home-made produce, especially during summer. Bilpin apples and Bilpin apple juice are well-known around Australia.

Bilpin is surrounded by the World Heritage listed mountains, majestic rivers and six national parks, the fertile soil, mountain elevation and mild climate have all contributed to Bilpin's reputation as one of the premium orchard growing regions in Australia.

The first journey along what is now Bells Line of Road was first undertaken by Archibald Bell in 1823, (sensibly he used the knowledge of the local Aborigines who had been crossing the mountains for tens of thousands of years).

In his diary Archibald Bell recalls that, upon his return to Sydney, he reported the richness of the soil in the Bilpin area which inevitably led to the arrival of settlers eager to grow fruit trees in the area.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR ESKY OR COOL BAG (in case you plan to purchase items that needs to be kept cool).

Approximate Itinerary

8.15sharp Leave UNSW (just outside Gate 14, Barker St).

9.15-10.45 Free time at Windsor Mall Sunday Market (Morning tea: OWN EXPENSE). .

12.00-12.45 Visit to Saliba Fruits Stall (NO 'pick-your-own')

1.00-2.00 Lunch at Maggie Lou's Bite Cafe

2.15-3.15 Pick your own apples at TNT Produce Orchard.

5.30 approx Arrive UNSW

WINDSOR MALL SUNDAY MARKET – free time:









Weekly market in the historic township of Windsor. . Quality handmade homewares, arts, crafts, fashion and fresh produce. You might like to enjoy morning tea (own expense at one of the cafes in the Mall). Browse through the many stalls and shops in the area.

Saliba Fruits Stall (NO pick your own):







For over 40 years this family-owned and run business has produced some of Australia's finest quality produce from the Bilpin district. Check out their home-made apple jams, Bilpin Apple Juice, Hillbilly Apple Cider (Non-Alcoholic) made from Saliba Apples, Wirraninna Ridge Apple Cider Vinegar and Bilpin Bush Honey. Customers can purchase fruit directly from the immaculate shed, along with delicious homemade jams.

Unfortunately, Saliba Fruits does not offer 'Pick Your Own' fruit. CASH ONLY.

Maggie Lou's Bite Café: (lunch)





Lunch consisting of burger and chips will be served. The burgers are-char grilled made of house ground beef. Everything made in-house. Please note: Dessert and hot/cold drinks: OWN EXPENSE. Please advise if a dietary requirement is required.

TNT Orchard - Pick-Your-Own Apples:





You have the opportunity to go into the orchard and pick your own apples.

Please note: you have to pay for all fruit you pick. CASH ONLY.

The orchard is a family run business that is third generation apple farmers. They have been farming for over 35 years. Their two sons have come into the business and are eager to bring new and fresh ideas to the business. The farm is nestled in the heart of Bilpin and they are one of the biggest orchards in Bilpin with thousands of trees to pick from. They take pride in their fruit and only grow quality apples.

They also sell a variety of local produce from their store.

PLEASE NOTE: The coach and venues all follow Covid Guidelines.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, visit to Windsor Mall Sunday market, visit to Saliba Fruits Stall (opportunity to buy fresh produce from their stall), lunch and visit to TNT Orchard where you can 'pick-your-own' apples::

Member (max 2 each at \$50): \$50 each
Children \$25 each
Guests: \$65 each (adults) or \$30 (Children)

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds.

For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or nadia.withers@hotmail.com Deadline: Wednesday 10/2/2021.

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