

# Fish, relax as the river runs

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THE northern end of the Kosciuszko National Park, just five hours from Sydney by car draws traffic during the warmer months as well as winter.

With a population of 6000, Tumut is the biggest town, with the best accommodation available between Perisher and Albury.

The Elm Cottage complex is set on 40ha overlooking the Goobragandra River.

The bend of the Goobragandra which runs through the property offers trout fishing and rubber tubing.

Your hosts supply the tubes and nets for yabbying in the dam.

The cottages are clean, comfortable, and come with all mod cons, including airconditioning.

The deck with its barbecue is one of the most spectacular spots around at sunset.

The region's roads are a treat with a number of picturesque drives to choose from: willows drooping over rivers, barren hills, deep gorges and patchwork orchards.

Away from the hubbub of swanky chalets and gourmet eateries, it's easy to leave behind the stress of having to lock the car.

Now with a thriving timber industry, Tumut and its surrounds was home just 100 years ago to thousands of gold-



Sunset over the Goobragandra River.

seekers. Nearby historic Adelong has vestiges of the goldfields which you can visit along the river banks, while Kiandra – about an hour north – has ruins of the original buildings of the 1850s gold rush.

Nearby Yarangabilly Caves feature spectacular decoration from front to back.

Check out the stunning limestone gorges below, and ask your guide to point out the fossils of river creatures near the cave entrance, dating back eons to a

time when the river level was far higher than it is today.

Take your own snacks, as well as a sweatshirt to cope with the 12C temperature underground.

Another worthwhile trip is to take the winding road up to the apple orchards in Batlow and taste freshly picked fruit from February to June.

Continue on to Laurel Farm, pick some blueberries and pig out on their famous pancakes.

Ninety minutes away past vast dams and barren hills is the

fantastic Yarramba Horse Trail Rides. With patient instruction, absolute beginners can find themselves at a sitting trot in 15 minutes.

Yarramba covers beautiful remote acreage across windy, eucalypt-strewn plateaus and dips down to the mighty Murrumbidgee River, affording some wonderful trail rides. Many holidaymakers make use of the great value (\$65 for two hours).

For details visit [www.tumut.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tumut.nsw.gov.au) or phone 6947 7025.



Tubing on the river.



Take a horse trail ride.



Eat the apples at Batlow.