

EXPLORE



Group Visit Guide

Saumarez Homestead





The magnificent 30 room mansion sits in two hectares of English style gardens with towering centenarian trees



The autumn colours of the Ginkgo biloba at Saumarez Homestead

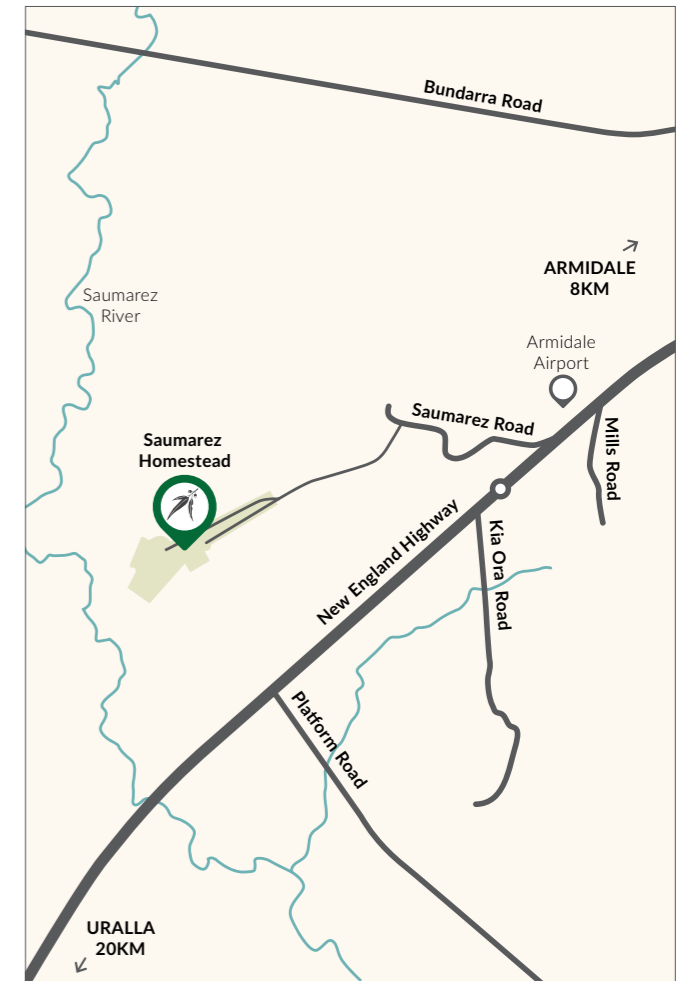
Saumarez Homestead, Armidale

Built in 1888 and extended in 1906, Saumarez Homestead is a place of great heritage significance and natural beauty. The intact furnished mansion is a time capsule of family life, largely untouched since the Edwardian era and features an extensive collection that illustrates the story of pastoral life in the 19th century.

The grounds burst with brilliant seasonal colour in spring, summer and autumn. During spring, indulge your senses in swathes of colourful bulbs, cottage flowers and spreading wisteria. In the summer months, oak trees, elms and deodar cedars provide a shady canopy for a picnic. The Heritage Rose Garden is a mass of magical blooms and sweet scents from spring to mid-summer.

Saumarez Homestead was gifted to the National Trust (NSW) in 1984 for safe-keeping for future generations by the White family.

Located on the Northern Tablelands, Saumarez Homestead is equal distance between Sydney and Brisbane and a few minutes' drive from the city of Armidale.



GETTING TO SAUMAREZ HOMESTEAD

Address

230 Saumarez Road, Armidale, NSW 2350

By car

Enter via Armidale Airport from the New England Highway and follow the signs



Group Visits

Saumarez Homestead is just the place for a perfect day out with heritage highlights. There's plenty of parking, some picnic tables to relax in the shade and it's easy to navigate and self-guide around the grounds.

1 STEP INSIDE Guided tour of the Homestead

\$12 per person | Allow 90 minutes

Experienced guides unlock the history of the White family who lived and worked on this remarkable property. Highlights of the tour include a unique collection of over 10,000 objects relating to White family life, pastoral and farming life, Australian colonial furniture and decorative arts.

2 GARDEN RAMBLE Self-guided garden visit

\$10 per person | Allow 60 minutes

Explore the beautiful English style gardens, with its seasonal highlights at your own pace. Discover the 600 heritage roses, managed in collaboration with the Australian Garden History Society and explore the historic farm buildings. A good option for those on a tight schedule. Provides some glimpses of the inside of the Homestead with interpretive signage along the way.



Edwardian mansion dates back to 1888



Mary's Cottage Garden



Visitors enjoying the gardens



Make a day of it

Plan your trip to include lunch, a visit to the New England Regional Art Museum, and the delightful cathedrals in Armidale.

IN AND AROUND ARMIDALE

Armidale's two magnificent cathedrals are a must-see along with some of the state's most breathtaking natural wonders like Dangars Falls.

The annual Seasons of New England Expo in March celebrates the region's finest produce, artisan creations and local brewers and distillers.

The New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) is the public regional gallery located in Armidale.

FURTHER AFIELD

Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo

Less than five hours' drive from Armidale is National Trust property Dundullimal Homestead, located in Dubbo. Believed to be the oldest surviving sophisticated slab house in Australia, Dundullimal and its sandstone stables, timber church and shed are a living illustration of rural life on an isolated property.

Dundullimal Homestead

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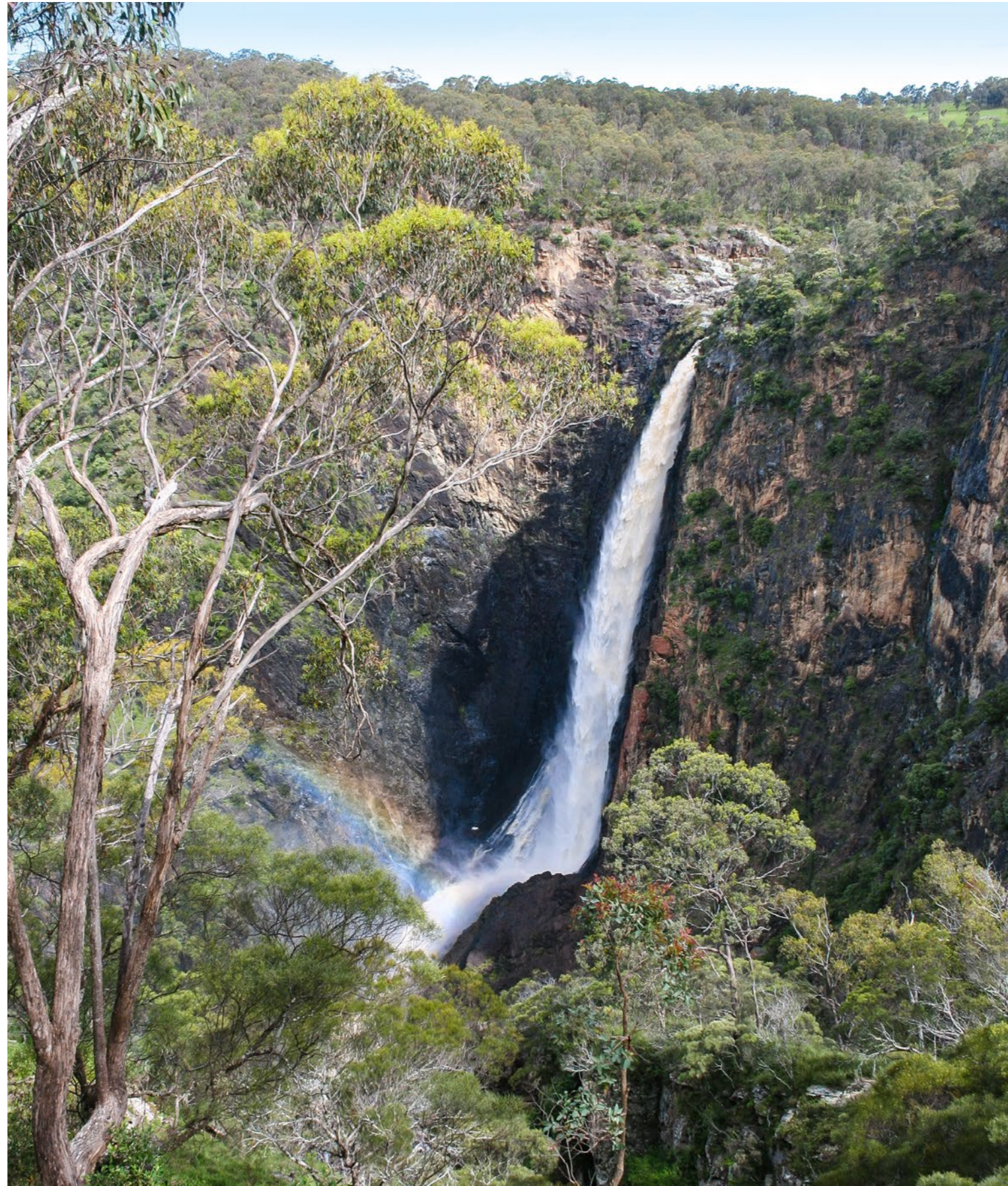
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Group Visits

Enjoy a group visit to one of the many National Trust gardens, galleries and house museums across Sydney and regional New South Wales.

nationaltrust.org.au/group-visits



Dangars Falls – close to Armidale on the Tourist Drive

Saumarez Homestead has been described as the heritage jewel of the New England region in NSW

CATERING OPTIONS

Self-catering

Bring your own lunch to enjoy in the beautiful park-like gardens. There are a limited number of picnic tables throughout the gardens and we can provide trestle tables and chairs for up to 20 people with prior booking.

Other local options

Surrounded by rich pastoral land, the Armidale region is known for its fresh produce. Enjoy delicious locally grown produce at restaurants, cafes, and bars all over Armidale. The New England region is also well known for its cool climate wines and beer aficionados will love the craft beers.

Nearby Uralla is considered the area's foodie capital and offers a smorgasbord of delicious experiences.

There are a number of excellent café options in the towns of Armidale and Uralla.





Facilities

More information to assist you plan a great day out for everyone in your group.

Parking

Free parking is available on site, close to the gardens and Homestead for cars and coaches, RV's and caravans.

Accessibility

We recommend that visitors with limited mobility plan their visit. Please advise our staff beforehand if there are people in your group who will not be able to manage stairs.

Inside the Homestead, there are two flights of stairs to reach the first floor. There is no wheelchair access to the inside of the Homestead.

Gravel paths enable level access to most areas of the garden and some paths can be uneven. Most of the gravel pathways throughout the gardens are accessible by wheelchair with the exception of the cottage garden.

Bathrooms

Toilets are available on site and there are also ambulant toilet facilities available.

Gift Shop

Allow some time to browse the beautiful range of gifts, books and keepsakes at the gift shop. All purchases support the conservation and care of National Trust (NSW) properties.



The Saumarez Homestead farm buildings date back to the 1830s



There is something to charm and delight garden enthusiasts across the seasons

Group Visit Terms and Conditions

All bookings are made with the National Trust of Australia (NSW) (ABN 82 491 958 802). By booking a visit with us you are deemed to have agreed to these Group Visit Terms and Conditions (which constitutes the entire agreement between you and us) and your booking will be accepted by us on this basis. The services to be provided are those referred to in your booking confirmation email and invoice.

Payment

1. Invoices will be issued for all payments and payments must be made by direct transfer or by debit/credit card. American Express is not accepted. Only a single payment as per invoice will be accepted.
2. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to confirm your booking.
3. Final numbers for your group required at least 10 days prior to the date of visit. The balance of payment will be confirmed and invoiced based on these final numbers.
4. Full payment is required before your visit.
5. Group tour leaders, coach drivers and carers acting in that capacity during a group visit are entitled to free admission to the property on the day of the group's visit.
6. National Trust Membership discounts will be applied subject to Members showing proof of Membership upon arrival. Please advise when confirming final numbers if any of your group are National Trust Members.

Group sizes

7. Minimum group size of 15 people applies. Guided tours of the house have a maximum of 30 people at any one time. Large groups may be split into smaller groups and may need to factor in time to allow for two or more consecutive house tours.

Amendments to bookings

8. Any request to change your booking must be made in writing, by emailing saumarez@nationaltrust.com.au
9. Changes to dates and session times are subject to availability.
10. On the day of the visit, should the number of visitors be less than the minimum number required, the cost will remain at minimum number. Should the number of visitors be greater than the number booked you will be invoiced for the additional visitors.

Cancellation and refund policy

11. Cancellations must be made in writing to saumarez@nationaltrust.com.au
12. If you cancel your booking within 10 days of your visit, or if you fail to arrive on the scheduled day, no refunds apply.
13. The National Trust of Australia (NSW) reserves the right to cancel your visit should the need arise. If we cancel your trip, payments made may be applied to a mutually agreed alternative date or you may request a refund. In circumstances where the cancellation is due to external events outside our reasonable control, refunds will be less any unrecoverable costs.

Arrival times

14. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled booking time to allow for check-in. In the event of late arrival, please contact Saumarez Homestead on (02) 6772 3616. We cannot guarantee guide availability if groups arrive later than the booked time.

Weather impacts

15. For the safety and comfort of our visitors, it may be necessary to close the property in the event of extreme weather conditions. If this should happen your booking will be rescheduled or fully refunded.

Protecting the collection and property

16. Access to the house is by guided tour only.
17. For the protection of our historic collections and properties, large bags and backpacks are not permitted inside our buildings.

Video, sound and photography

18. Photography is permitted. Video or sound recording is not permitted inside the house or on guided tours.

Insurance

19. Group visitors are covered by National Trust (NSW) Public Liability Insurance. In case of specific concern on the day, please immediately contact the manager or tour leader.

Catering

20. Not applicable currently at Saumarez Homestead

Trading terms

21. Group visits are not available on NSW public holidays and not all tour options are available every day the property is open.
22. Confirmation of a booking request is subject to property, staff and volunteer availability and payment of a non-refundable deposit.

Safety

23. Please take care when exploring the gardens: there is loose gravel on the paths, some paths are uneven or have slopes which may become slippery in wet weather.
24. All children under 15 years must be supervised by an adult at all times.



Group Visit Booking Request

SAUMAREZ HOMESTEAD

To request a group booking please complete this form and email to saumarez@nationaltrust.com.au

VISITOR INFORMATION

Group name:	Group size (minimum 15):
Contact name:	
Contact email:	
Contact phone:	
Contact name and phone details on the day (if different from above):	

BOOKING DETAILS

Day:	Date: / /
Estimated arrival time:	We offer two group sessions per day: Morning session: earliest arrival 10am, latest departure 1pm Afternoon session: earliest arrival 2pm, latest departure 4pm
Estimated departure time:	

GROUP VISIT OPTIONS (please select one)	Price per person	Number of people (minimum 15)
STEP INSIDE: Guided tour of the Homestead (allow 90 minutes) Highlights of the tour include a unique collection of over 10,000 objects relating to White family life, pastoral and farming life, Australian colonial furniture and decorative arts.	\$12	
GARDEN RAMBLE: Self-guided garden visit (allow 60 minutes) Explore the beautiful English style gardens, with its seasonal highlights at your own pace. Discover the 600 heritage roses, managed in collaboration with the Australian Garden History Society and explore the historic farm buildings.	\$10	

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS

As representative of the above group, I confirm that I have read and accept the terms and conditions outlined in the Group Visit Guide.

Print Name:	Signature:
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Booking confirmation	Not all tour options are available every day the property is open. Your booking will be confirmed in writing.
Payment	Invoices will be issued for all payments. A non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your booking. Final numbers are required at least 10 days prior to the date of visit. The balance of payment will be confirmed and invoiced based on these final numbers. Full payment is required before your visit. Please see full terms and conditions attached.
Group size	Minimum group booking number is 15 people. Maximum of 30 people in the house at any one time. Large groups may be split into smaller groups within the house and gardens.
Arrival times	We cannot guarantee guide availability if your group arrives later than the confirmed time.
Opening hours	Saumarez Homestead gates open at 10am and close at 4pm
Coach/car parking	Free onsite parking for cars and coaches.
Accessibility	There are steps up to the house and two flights of stairs separated by a landing to the first floor. There are wheelchair accessible toilet facilities. Access to the house and gardens from the car park is pedestrian.
Wet weather	There are limited undercover areas in the grounds. Visitors should be prepared for all weather events.
Directions	Main Entry is at 230 Saumarez Road, Armidale. From the New England Highway, turn into the Armidale Airport and follow the signs.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Booking taken by:	Date taken:	Confirmation date:
Program confirmed:	Invoiced:	Payment received:




Step inside and discover the extensive collection and unique decor of Saumarez Homestead

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