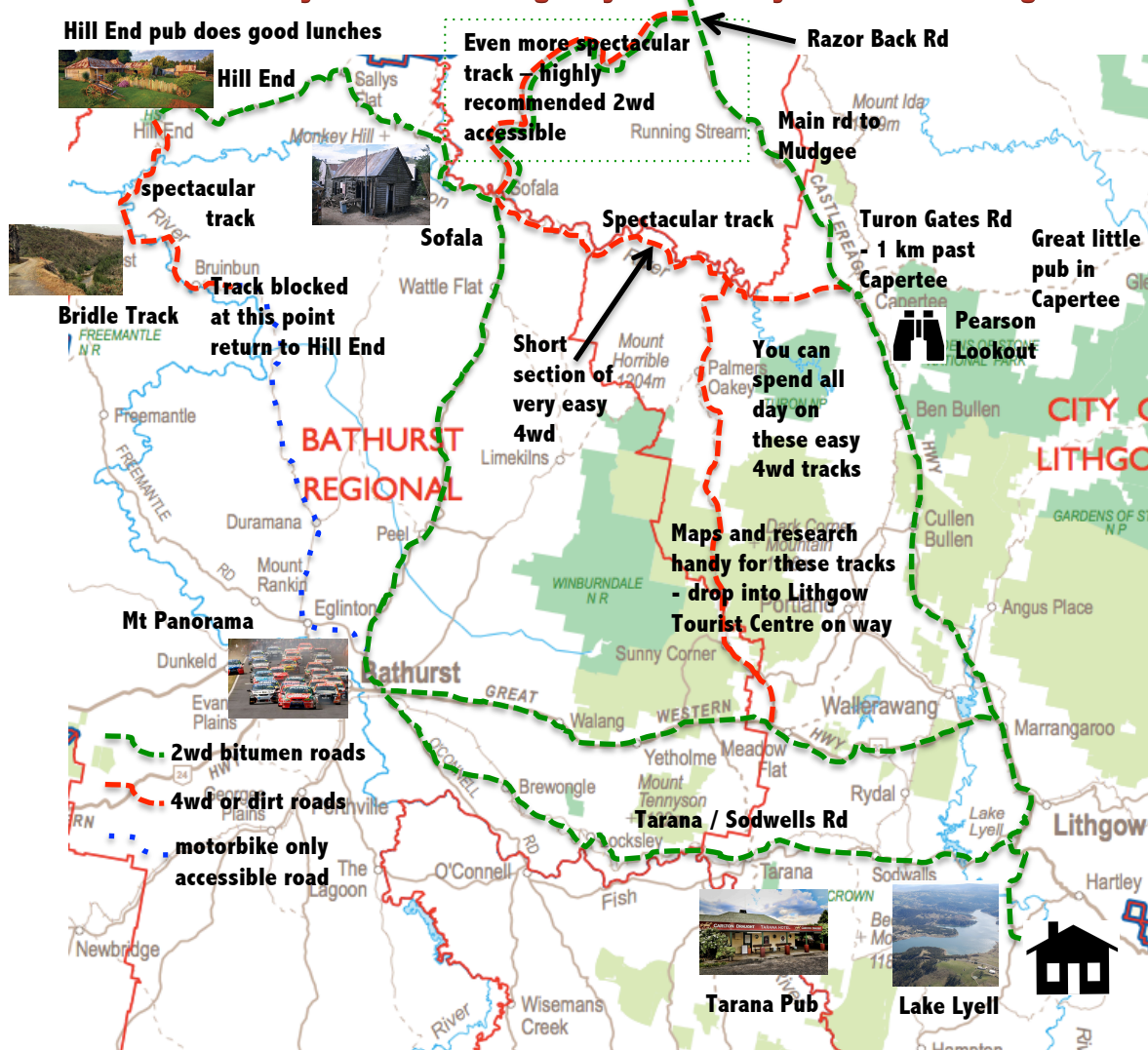


2wd or great Beginners 4WD day trip

This really is an amazing day out that you will not forget



Sofala and Hill End are both places that allow you to step back in time. They are historic gold mining towns that have been kept and somewhat restored to an original state. Sofala's main street is largely original. Hill End has a small museum and a new visitor centre that showcases the history of the gold mining days. There are pubs and quaint little places to have a meal in both towns.

Take the bitumen or the dirt

If you have a 4wd then the visit to these two towns can be done along some spectacularly scenic and quite easy trails. All roads are really just farm roads with the one section of vey simple 4wd marked on the map. Take a picnic lunch – beautiful spots to stop. If you don't have a 4wd then there is a very scenic circuit on the bitumen that you can take. Don't forget to stop at Pearson's lookout on the Castlereagh Highway 5kms before Capertee. If you have a motorbike then you can tackle the beautiful Bridle track all the way back into Bathurst.



Take the 4wd way
Drive to Capertee on the
Mudgee Rd and take the well
marked Turon Gates Rd just
north of town. This track leads
to Sofala and then onto Hill End.
From Hill End you can take the
spectacular Bridle track down
to the Macquarie river.

Unfortunately the way back into Bathurst is blocked by a rock fall -
only passable by motor bikes. Still worth the trip down and back.

Do a lap of Mt Panorama
When you return you come back through
Bathurst, so why not do a circuit of the
famous race track. Great view from on top.



Instead of coming back along the Great
Western Highway, take the scenic
original Bathurst Rd of early settlement
times. The Tarana / Sodwells Rd takes
you past the historic Tarana Pub - great
family meals.

Take the
scenic
road back

Lake Lyell

