

## Tar Route 2

2012

### Hogsback

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Return – 164km



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Leave the monument and head east onto the N2 for 11km before turning left onto the R67 for Fort Beaufort, via Ecca Pass. Fort Beaufort lies about 85km from Grahamstown.

Lying in the heart of the citrus farming Katriver Valley and about 85km from Grahamstown, Fort Beaufort is a little historical town that dates back to 1822, when a frontier post was established here by the British, who occupied the town until 1870 during a period of struggle for possession between colonists, supported by the British, and the Xhosa.



Fort Beaufort also boasts a number of historical sites worth visiting, including the Martello tower, today a national monument, on which sits a mounted cannon that pivots through 360° and is considered one of two in the world - the other is in Canada.

This Martello Tower has been skilfully restored to its original condition, and is one of only two Martellos in South Africa. The other is located in Simonstown. Fort Beaufort's Martello is unique in that it is the only one of its kind in the world, which is not situated along the coast.

This 29km of scenic tar will take you into Hogsback via the Hogsback Pass. Take care in the pass as certain sections of the tar seldom see sunlight and can be slippery at times.



Spend some time in Hogsback. It's well worth the visit.

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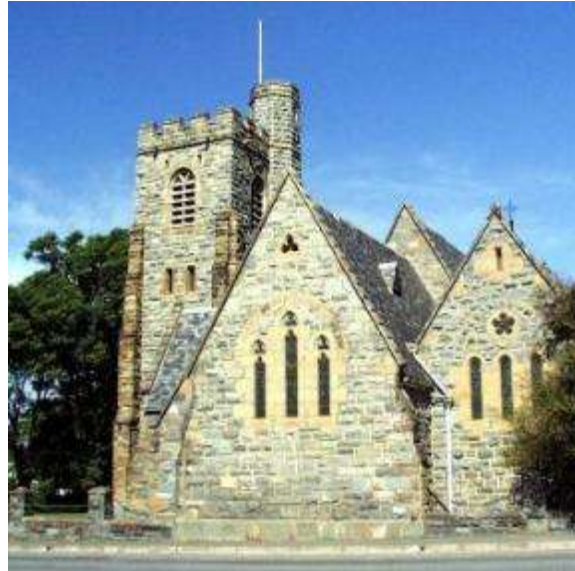
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For the return trip, return down Hogsback pass, since the tar ends about 500m North of the village.

At the T-junction with the R63, turn left and head for King Williams Town.

Considered one of the most interesting towns to visit in the region, along with Grahamstown, King Williams Town began its life on the banks of the Buffalo River as a mission station in 1834. About 50km west of East London, King William's Town is renowned for its beautiful stone buildings, many of which date back to the Frontier wars



King Williams Town also has a number of interesting museums - one of which houses the body of Huberta the hippo who walked some 1500 kilometres across KwaZulu Natal to the Eastern Cape in the early 1900's and the Amathole Museum, which has the biggest collection of mammals in Africa.



Exit King Williams Town on the N2 for 123km back to Grahamstown.

En route you will find the Old Peddie Barracks at S33 11.735 E27 07.487, and you will cross the Great Fish River at S33 14.266 E26 59.698



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### Route 2 - Return Ride

