

The Temples of Doom

(‘four wheel drive vehicles and walking - thirty minutes from town’)

The Temples of Doom are reached off the Maiyingu Marragu Track with the last half kilometre being an unmarked walking track along the ridge on which the temples stand. The best introduction to this inspiring landscape is the drone video footage by Tim Harris that can be viewed on Youtube by searching ‘Tim Harris Temples of Doom’.



How to get there. Take the Highway from Lithgow towards Bathurst. Five kilometres out, take the Castlereagh Highway to Mudgee and proceed five kilometres to Lidsdale where you will take a right turn into Wolgan Valley Road towards Newnes. Proceed ten kilometres, turning right at the sign to Maiyingu Marragu. About a kilometre in you will pass the Maiyingu Marragu site, proceed another two kilometres and on a bend to the right on a bit of ridgy country you will be able to park and head northeast out along the ridge on foot where you will become aware of pagodas (after about five hundred metres) with views opening up down into the Wolgan Valley.

History. The formations in this area were attributed with the name Temples of Doom in 1984 by Dr Haydn Washington, environmental scientist, writer and conservationist for 45 years associated with this country and moves to protect it.

Destination Pagodas is a proposal to dedicate 39,000 hectares of Pagoda Country as a State Conservation area. The ‘Destination Pagodas’ proposal represents a fine balance between legacy coal mining interests and the need to protect this country with its diverse and unique scenery and rare flora and fauna. A recent independent assessment of the economic potential of the Destination Pagodas proposal suggests that it would benefit the Lithgow economy by some \$ 40m per annum and provide some 250 additional jobs in the region.

“A world-class tourism and conservation reserve on Lithgow’s doorstep, a win for workers, community, and environment”