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When you find an amazing place you are often torn between keeping it a secret and telling all your friends – the Great Lakes is one of those places.

The Great Lakes is a region defined by water. At its heart is a unique triple lakes system surrounded by rivers, vast tracts of forest, 145km of stunning coastline, golden beaches, true wilderness, rich history and a rolling hinterland all with the magnificent Great Dividing Range as a backdrop. This amazing space contains everything you will need to create memories that will last a lifetime and in summer it comes alive.

Summer in the Great Lakes means long days, warm blue water, sandy beaches and cool forests. It’s all about getting outside and exploring new and old places, it’s about reconnecting and rekindling, about celebrating and reflecting. Summer in the Great Lakes is all about you.

This guide has everything you will need to get the most out of summer in the lakes. Ideas, must do’s, what’s on, activity guides, secret spots, information on our beaches and parks and a fantastic competition. There is plenty in here to fill a day or more.

It is those unique moments, with important people, in spectacular places, at special times that become treasured memories. The Great Lakes is an amazing place in summer.
At the Northern tip of the Great Lakes these twin towns are where Wallis Lake meets the Pacific.

The area is bounded by National Parks, majestic headlands and long secluded beaches. In summer Forster Tuncurry comes alive. Boating, fishing, diving, paddling, cruises, whale watching and coastal walks combine with galleries, unique shopping and award winning restaurants to create an experience rich summer destination.

Our waters are famous for seafood, and are a fisherman’s paradise. Whether it is a quiet lake edge spot, or the adventure of deep sea fishing, there is a fishing experience for everyone. We are renowned for our events. This summer we have concerts, markets, and shows happening. The community loves to celebrate and you are invited to join in.

must do

Cape Hawke Lookout

A short climb to the top will take you to the tower that offers 360° views taking in the Pacific Ocean, Wallis Lake, Pacific Palms and beyond. The view is equally as good at night with lights dancing off the water and the twin towns shining.
destination › forster tuncurry
Encompassing Blueys, Boomerang and Elizabeth beaches, Tiona, Coomba, Smiths Lake and Seal Rocks there is a special charm that draws people to the ‘Palms’. Named after the majestic cabbage tree palms, Pacific Palms blends with the magnificent Booti Booti and Wallingat National Parks and the Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park. Scenic lookouts, secluded coves, hidden beaches, famous surfing, coffee shops, galleries and rainforest walks characterise this amazing wonderland. Combine this with a community in touch with its natural surroundings and you begin to understand why the ‘Palms’ is the perfect summer retreat that will have you coming back for more.

must do

Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse

You will not be disappointed with the most eastern point of the Great Lakes. The lighthouse at Seal Rocks is a historic site nestled amongst rugged coastal forests.
destination › pacific palms
myall coast

it’s pure

The Myall Coast stretches from the twin towns of Tea Gardens Hawks Nest through the Myall Lakes National Park to Seal Rocks. This piece of coast is truly unique and home to vast tracts of wilderness.

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest lie at the mouth of the Myall River and reflect a relaxed coastal lifestyle with a sense of peace and tranquillity. From here you can journey into the Myall Lakes National Park which is a spectacular blend of lakes, coastal forests, pristine beaches and a huge sand dune system. The National Park is internationally recognised for its wetland ecology and home to hundreds of species of birds.

Off shore is Broughton Island, with white sandy beaches, volcanic peaks and wind-swept vegetation. It has some of the best diving and snorkelling sites in NSW and a vast array of wildlife including penguins, turtles and seabirds.

The Myall Coast offers a truly natural summer experience.

must do

Dark Point Sand Dunes

Located in the Myall Lakes National Park. Huge sand dunes as far as the eye can see. The Dark Point sand dunes are spectacular.
Beyond the coast lies a lush green region rich in history, agriculture and country atmosphere.

The townships of Stroud, Bulahdelah, Wootton, Coolongolook and Nabiac reflect the personality of the Great Lakes hinterland. Cafes, eco-retreats, boutique wineries, country markets and fascinating flora and fauna combine with rolling green fields, farm gates and forests of flooded gums.

Nestled on the banks of the Myall River, at the foot of Alum Mountain is Bulahdelah – the gateway to the Myall Lakes. Right in the heart of the Great Lakes this town has a variety of experiences on offer including the tallest tree in NSW.

Further, into the hinterland, along Thunderbolts Way, is the historical township of Stroud. There are over 30 heritage buildings in Stroud and it was Australia’s first company town founded in 1824. It is an irresistible mix of country charm, modern café culture and Australian history. Take some time to admire the view and historic cannons from Silo Hill.

The Great Lakes hinterland is a landscape full of natural treasures, secret spots, fresh farm produce and country hospitality.

must do

Alum Mountain

Shadowing Bulahdelah is the rugged Alum Mountain. You can explore the mountain using its network of trails. It is also home to unique flora and fauna amongst remnants of a rich mining past.
destination › hinterland
events in december

it’s festive

tom richardson ~ live music @ the aztec

DATE: Fri 14, 7pm
VENUE: The Aztec, 8 Little St, Forster
CONTACT: 02 6554 5906

Fabulous night of great music & great food!

bookings required

kids fishing workshop

DATE: Sat 15, 10am to 2pm
VENUE: Fisheries Office, 2 Palm St, Tuncurry
CONTACT: 02 6591 6300

Kids love fishing. This is an opportunity to learn from the experts. Ages 8-14 yrs.

bookings required - $20-40

breakfast with santa

DATE: Sat 15
VENUE: Jamaica Blue, Stockland, Breese Pde, Forster
CONTACT: 02 6554 5044

Invitation only event – pick up an entry form from the customer care desk – the best 30 entries will be invited to join Santa for breakfast!

kids christmas craft

DATE: Sat 15 & Sun 16, 10am to 2pm
VENUE: Stockland, Breese Pde, Forster
CONTACT: 02 6554 5044

Join the fun and get crafty for Christmas.

free
**carols by candlelight**

**green cathedral**

DATE: Sun 16, 7pm  
VENUE: Green Cathedral, Tiona  
CONTACT: 02 6555 9843

The beautiful Green Cathedral offers a Carols by Candlelight by the edge of Wallis Lake that you will not soon forget.

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**carols by candlelight**

**tuncurry**

DATE: Mon 17, 6:30pm  
VENUE: John Wright Park, Tuncurry  
CONTACT: 02 6554 6771

Carols by Candlelight presented by the Rotary Club of Tuncurry Forster - compered by Lyn Lelean with special guests Santa & Big Dog.

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**"benjalu"**

~ live music @ the aztec

DATE: Thur 20, 7pm  
VENUE: The Aztec, 8 Little St., Forster  
CONTACT: 02 6554 5906

An Aztec “favourite” – don’t miss "Benjalu" live.

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**kids christmas craft workshop**

DATE: Fri 21, 2:30pm to 3:30pm  
VENUE: Tea Gardens Library, 135 Marine Pde.  
CONTACT: 02 6591 7330

The kids create their own Christmas decorations.  
Ages 5-12 yrs.
**Holiday Surf Groms ~ Great Lakes Surf School**

**DATE:** Sat 22 to Sun 27, 8am to 10am  
**VENUE:** One Mile Beach, Forster  
**CONTACT:** 0427 823 029

Kids from across The Great Lakes can now take part in what is undoubtedly the most exhilarating junior program ever designed for surfing!  

**Bookings required ~ $40+**

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**Carols by Candlelight Blackhead**

**DATE:** Sat 22  
**VENUE:** Wylie Breckenridge Park, Blackhead  
**CONTACT:** Blackhead Surf Club

Heaps of fun activities from 12noon leading up to the carols at 6:30pm which will start with a recital by Taree City Band.

**Free**

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**Carols by the Foreshore Smiths Lake**

**DATE:** Sat 22, 5pm to 8pm  
**VENUE:** Frothy Coffee Boatshed, Smiths Lake  
**CONTACT:** 02 6554 4202

Bring your own candle, blanket, chair & your very best voice. A serene location for some seasonal song!

**Free**

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**Kids Christmas Craft**

**DATE:** Sat 22 & Sun 23, 10am to 2pm  
**VENUE:** Stockland, Breese Pde, Forster  
**CONTACT:** 02 6554 5044

Join the fun and get crafty for Christmas.

**Rainy day ~ Free**

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**Carols on the Canal Forster Keys**

**DATE:** Sun 23, 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
**VENUE:** Elizabeth Reserve, Forster Keys  
**CONTACT:** 02 6555 3314

Celebrate a little differently with a procession of boats taking carols out to the waters around Forster Keys.

**Free**

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**Circus Ringbarkus**

**DATE:** Sun 23 Dec to Mon 28 Jan,  
**VENUE:** John Holland Park, Forster  
**CONTACT:** 0412 101 815

Experience the famous Circus Ringbarkus live under the little big top! A 90 mins extravaganza of mirth & mayhem.

**Bookings required ~ $10-20**
holiday surfgroms ~ great lakes surf school

DATE: Fri 28 to Mon 31, 9am to 11am
VENUE: One Mile Beach, Forster
CONTACT: 0427 823 029

Kids from across The Great Lakes can now take part in what is undoubtedly the most exhilarating junior program ever designed for surfing!

bookings required ~ $40+

100th birthday celebration ~ stroud central hotel

DATE: Sat 29, 5pm
VENUE: 52 Cowper St., Stroud
CONTACT: 02 4994 5197

Art exhibition, cocktail food & swing band celebrating a 100yrs!

free

new year's eve forster tuncurry

DATE: Mon 31, 9pm
VENUE: John Wright Park, Tuncurry
CONTACT: 02 6554 8799

Celebrate New Years Eve Great Lakes Style! From 7pm the park will be filled with music and entertainment for the entire family featuring “Countdown Explosion”. The celebrations lead into one of the largest fireworks displays on the North Coast. Tune into Great Lakes FM 101.5 at 9pm for the fireworks simulcast.

free

new year's eve tea gardens

DATE: Mon 31, 4pm
VENUE: Tea Gardens Country Club, 2 Yalinbah St
CONTACT: 02 4997 0250

Kids entertainment from 4pm & spectacular fireworks at 9:30pm.

free
blackhead head2head ocean swim

DATE: Sun 6
VENUE: Blackhead Surf Club
CONTACT: 0419 995238

A great day out for the whole family with Breakfast on the Balcony from 7.30am at the surf club, markets all morning & a BBQ on the beach with presentations at the end of the 1.5km swim around midday.

free family movies

DATE: Mon 7, 11am & 4pm
VENUE: Club Forster, Strand St
CONTACT: 02 6591 6591

'The 3 Stooges' rated PG 92 mins.

rainy day ~ free
**Kids Craft**

**DATE:** Mon 7 to Fri 11, 10am to 2pm  
**VENUE:** Stockland, Breese Pde, Forster  
**CONTACT:** 02 6554 5044

Join the fun and get crafty for Summer.

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**Bent on Kids' Pizza**

**DATE:** Tue 8, 10am to 1pm  
**VENUE:** Bent on Food Cookery School, 22 Bent St., Wingham  
**CONTACT:** 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn to make dough from scratch & create some great fillings.

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**Rainy Day - Free**

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**Rainy Day - Bookings Required - $20-40**

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surf awareness school

DATE: Wed 9, 9am to 12noon
VENUE: Forster Main Beach
CONTACT: 0402 486 093

Aimed at educating kid’s not familiar with surf conditions. Led by experienced & qualified surf life savers. Ages 5-15yrs.

booking required ~ $20-$40

bent on kids' healthy cooking

DATE: Wed 9, 10am to 1pm
VENUE: Bent on Food Cookery School, 22 Bent St., Wingham
CONTACT: 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn how to create a healthy meal that they can make for all the family.

rainy day ~ bookings required ~ $20-40

kids cartooning workshop

DATE: Wed 9, 2:30pm to 3:30pm
VENUE: Tea Gardens Library, 135 Marine Pde.
CONTACT: 02 6591 7330

Creative fun at the Tea Gardens Library. Ages 5-12 yrs.

rainy day - bookings required - <$20

kids' bingo

DATE: Wed 9, 4pm
VENUE: Sporties Club, Beach St., Tuncurry
CONTACT: 02 6554 9270

Bring the whole family along for Kids’ Bingo. Lots of prizes.

rainy day - <$10

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kids cartooning workshop

DATE: Thurs 10, 10:30am to 11:30am
VENUE: Great Lakes Library, Breese Pde, Forster
CONTACT: 02 6591 7330

Creative fun at the Forster Library. Ages 5-12 yrs.

rainy day ~ bookings required ~ <$10

kids' bingo

DATE: Thurs 10, 4pm
VENUE: Club Forster, Strand St
CONTACT: 02 6591 6591

Bring the whole family along for Kids' Bingo.
Lots of prizes.

rainy day ~ <$10

annual art & craft exhibition & sale

DATE: Fri 11 to Sun 13, 10am to 4pm
VENUE: Myall Community Art & Craft Centre, Myall St, Tea Gardens
CONTACT: 02 4997 0270

What better way to get to know a place than through the eyes of an artist.

rainy day ~ free

james johnston ~ live music @ the aztec

DATE: Sun 13
VENUE: The Aztec, 8 Little St., Forster
CONTACT: 02 6554 5906

After receiving rave reviews for his performances, James Johnson has built a solid fan base everywhere he performs.

bookings required

oysters in the palms

DATE: Sun 13
VENUE: Sundowner Tiona, Pacific Palms
CONTACT: 02 6554 0291

Local seafood celebrated in a serene setting at the edge of Wallis Lake.

free family movies

DATE: Mon 14, 11am & 4pm
VENUE: Club Forster Strand St
CONTACT: 02 6591 6591

'Tinkerbell: Secret of the Wings' rated G 92 mins.

rainy day ~ free
kids craft

DATE: Mon 14 to Fri 18, 10am to 2pm
VENUE: Stockland, Breese Pde, Forster
CONTACT: 02 6554 5044

Join the fun and get crafty for Summer.

rainy day ~ free

bent on kids’ pasta

DATE: Tue 15, 10am to 1pm
VENUE: Bent on Food Cookery School,
22 Bent St., Wingham
CONTACT: 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn how to create a healthy meal that they can make for all the family.

rainy day ~ bookings required ~ $20-40

surf awareness school

DATE: Wed 16, 9am to 12noon
VENUE: Forster Main Beach
CONTACT: 0402 486 093

Aimed at educating kid’s not familiar with surf conditions. Led by experienced & qualified surf life savers. Ages 5-15yrs.

bookings required ~ $20-$40

bent on kids’ biscuits

DATE: Wed 16, 10am to 1pm
VENUE: Bent on Food Cookery School,
22 Bent St., Wingham
CONTACT: 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn how to make biscuits from scratch & decorate their own creations.

rainy day ~ bookings required ~ $20-40
**bob turner wildlife show**

**DATE:** Wed 16, 9:30am to 10:30am  
**VENUE:** Great Lakes Library, Breese Pde, Forster  
**CONTACT:** 02 6591 7330

The Bob Turner Wildlife Show is coming to Forster - definitely not one to miss!  
Ages 5-12 yrs.

*rainy day ~ bookings required ~ <$10*

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**kids' bingo**

**DATE:** Wed 16, 4pm  
**VENUE:** Sporties Club, Beach St., Tuncurry  
**CONTACT:** 02 6554 9270

Bring the whole family along for Kids’ Bingo.  
Lots of prizes.

*rainy day ~ <$10*

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**tuncurry seafood race day**

**DATE:** Sat 19  
**VENUE:** Tuncurry Race Course, Chapman Rd,  
**CONTACT:** 0429 967 823

As well as racing, local sea food will be promoted & sold all day. Free buses run every half hour from Forster Tuncurry.

*rainy day ~ <$10*

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**free family movies**

**DATE:** Mon 21, 11am & 4pm  
**VENUE:** Club Forster Strand St,  
**CONTACT:** 02 6591 6591

'Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3' G98 mins.

*rainy day - free*

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**bent on kids' cupcakes**

**DATE:** Tue 22, 10am to 1pm  
**VENUE:** Bent on Food Cookery School, 22 Bent St., Wingham  
**CONTACT:** 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn how to make cupcakes from scratch & decorate their own creations.

*rainy day - bookings required ~ $20-40*
surf awareness school

DATE: Wed 23, 9am to 12noon
VENUE: Forster Main Beach
CONTACT: 0402 486 093

Aimed at educating kid’s not familiar with surf conditions. Led by experienced & qualified surf life savers. Ages 5-15yrs.

bookings required ~ $20-$40

kids’ bingo

DATE: Wed 23, 4pm
VENUE: Sporties Club, Beach St., Tuncurry
CONTACT: 02 6554 9270

Bring the whole family along for Kids’ Bingo. Lots of prizes.

rainy day ~ <$10

bent on kids’ gnocchi

DATE: Tue 23, 10am to 1pm
VENUE: Bent on Food Cookery School, 22 Bent St., Wingham
CONTACT: 02 6553 4057

Kids will learn how to create a healthy meal that they can make for all the family.

rainy day - bookings required ~ $20-40

kids’ bingo

DATE: Thurs 24, 4pm
VENUE: Club Forster, Strand St,
CONTACT: 02 6591 6591

Bring the whole family along for Kids’ Bingo. Lots of prizes.

rainy day - <$10

australia day family fun day

DATE: Sat 26, 11am
VENUE: Club Forster, Strand St
CONTACT: 02 6591 6591

Celebrate Australia Day with a free family fun day in the outdoor BBQ area with a sausage sizzle & entertainment. From 4pm at the Sporties Tuncurry you can enjoy some great traditional Aussie country music.

australia day breakfast hawks nest

DATE: Sat 26, 8am to 12noon
VENUE: Moira Pde Reserve, Hawks Nest
CONTACT: 02 4997 0440

The Lions Club invites you to their aussie day breakfast. Morning includes face painting and real Aussie Games for the kids and fly past from RAAF Willamtown.

free
australia day
forster tuncurry

DATE: Sat 26
VENUE: John Wright Park, Tuncurry
CONTACT: 0421 641304

Australia Day Celebrations commence on Pilot Hill with a Flag Raising Ceremony & Breakfast at 8.30am then on to the Awards ceremony at 11am at Club Forster. From 11am there will be family fun at John Wright Park, Tuncurry with the giant flag raising ceremony at 1:30pm. Finishing with the Australia Day Talent Quest finals at 2pm.

free

coomba fest
australia day

DATE: Sat 26
VENUE: Coomba Foreshore
CONTACT: 02 6554 2455

A community celebration of Australia Day featuring the famous Coomba Park Raft Race. Breakfast at 8.30am.

free

downunder
pro ~ oceanic &
australian formula
windsurfing champs

DATE: Sat 26 Jan to Mon 4 Feb 2013
VENUE: Jimmy’s Beach, Hawks Nest
CONTACT: 0402 467 857

The Downunder Pro is Australia’s top windsurfing event. Take a trip to Hawks Nest & watch the best of the best compete in this spectacular sport.

free

salt water
fresh water festival

DATE: Sat 26
VENUE: Elizabeth & Fotheringham Park, Taree
CONTACT: 0403 822 499

The largest regional Aboriginal culture event on the Mid North Coast! Iconic rock band Coloured Stone, hip-hop favourites The Last Kenection and Triple J favourites The Medics will headline this free festival.

free
events in february

**battle of the boats - pacific palms surf boat carnival**

**DATE:** Sat 23 & Sun 24
**VENUE:** Elizabeth Beach,
**CONTACT:** 02 6554 0757

15 years & going strong! The Battle of the Boats is one of the largest surf boat Carnivals in NSW and has given Pacific Palms its largest annual event.

**forster-tuncurry hawks rugby sevens tournament**

**DATE:** Sat 23
**VENUE:** Harry Elliot Oval, Beach St, Tuncurry
**CONTACT:** croc1207@bigpond.net.au

Fast and furious Rugby Sevens.

**bulahdelah bass bash & bass bash ball**

**DATE:** Sat 9 & Sun 10 Feb 2013
**VENUE:** Myall River
**CONTACT:** 0419 593 686

A catch and release bass fishing competition held at senior and junior levels. Heaps of camping along the river edge, prizes and refreshments available. And don’t miss the Bass Bash Ball on Friday night.
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The Great Lakes is renowned for its beaches. With 145km of coastline is it any wonder. There is a stretch of beach for any mood, activity or reason you have. Some of our beaches are kilometres long where you can walk for hours and not see a soul. Others offer the best surfing and beach fishing on the Coast. Others still are so remote you can only get there by boat and have it all to yourself.
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adventurers

:one that seeks adventure; a person who has, enjoys, or seeks adventures
surfing & paddling

What better place to learn to surf than where the best surfing is! You will be standing up by the end of the day and hooked on this fantastic sport. If the surf is small the Great Lakes is an unbelievable flat water paddle spot. Bring your own SUP or hire one from one of our many boat sheds.

great lakes surf school
FORSTER & SEAL ROCKS
0407 546 550
www.greatlakessurfschool.com.au

Great Lakes Surf School provide expert tuition in wave riding for all ages and all levels of surfing proficiency. Book a one on one private lesson or grab some mates and have a group lesson. Body board lessons & Mal surfing also available.

Check the Events calendar for the “Holiday Surf Groms” program at One Mile Beach.

surface surf school
BLUEYS BEACH, PACIFIC PALMS, 2428
0434 64 5796 / 02 65 529 022

Surf lessons within this academy are definitely boutique - either ‘private’ or conducted in small groups and ALWAYS tailored to incorporate 'hands on', quality tuition. Catering for absolute beginners to intermediate through to the advanced level and from ages 4 to 76 years.

carens horse riding
150 COATES RD, FAILFORD, 2324
02 6554 3162
www.cfr.com.au

Come horse riding at Clarendon and explore the 1000 acres and extensive trail network of the Talawahl Nature Reserve with its ancient trees, secret streams and abundant wildlife. Each ride is escorted by experienced instructors who are there to guide and help the less experienced riders and allow the experienced riders to have their own fun.

horse about tours
TUNCURRY, 2428
0423 830 738
www.horseabouttours.com.au

The only beach & bushland ride in the Great Lakes. Providing lots of different fun horse riding packages, from daily 1 hour bush rides to 2-3 hour adventure bush & beach rides leading onto stunning Nine Mile Beach. There are also overnight adventures; moonlight rides; sunset & sunrise excursions and ½ day picnic rides. Beginners & experienced riders welcomed.
Whether you plan to take a deep sea charter; hire a boat for a spot of lake fishing OR try your luck from one of the many beach, wharf or shore line ‘fishing spots’ - whatever your ability there are opportunities for some excellent fishing.

**forster estuary charters**
WATERLINE BOATHOUSE, LITTLE ST, FORSTER, 2428
0409 352 871
www.forsterestuarycharters.com

bookings required ~ $40+

Tony & Gudrun welcome you aboard the “Estuary Magic” for some fantastic fishing and an amazing “Eco Tour” experience, on the pristine waters of Wallis Lake. Catering for all types of lake fishing from serious fisho's to couples and families. Charters are individually designed and include Morning, Family, Twilight and Prawning Charters.

**forster fishing charters**
TUNCURRY, 2428
0409 352 871
www.forsterfishingcharters.com

bookings required ~ $40+

Novice or expert, ocean or lake Forster Fishing Charters has something for you. If you’re a beginner, Robbie and his crew will assist you with everything, from baiting your hook to taking off the catch. At the end of the day your fish will be cleaned and packed for you to take home. And don’t forget you might also go home with a Lobster in the Summer Season.

**ocean quest fishing**
1-5 MANNING ST, TUNCURRY, 2428
02 6555 4053 / 0427 777 139
www.actiondivers.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

Join the Ocean Quest crew for a half day charter where they will assist in anyway you’d like; baiting your hooks, helping you land the fish, cleaning your catch at the end of the day. Lunch is even provided on board – but it’s up to you to catch your dinner!

**top spots**
Along the Forster or Tuncurry breakwall’s on a run in tide
At the back of Wallis Lake at any of the four river entry points
Off the beach at Bennett’s beach
Hawks Nest
Along the Bulahdelah river towards the Myall Lakes

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FROM TREKKING ALONG STARTLINGLY BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE TO RIDING THROUGH LUSH COUNTRYSIDE, THERE IS AN ADVENTURE TO SUIT EVERYONE. WHETHER IT'S ON WHEELS, ON FOOT, HANGING FROM ROPE OR SHOOTING DOWN A SAND DUNE - THERE'S AN ADVENTURE WAITING FOR EVERYONE IN THE GREAT LAKES THIS SUMMER.

**barrington outdoor adventure centre**

OPENING HOURS - 9am to 5pm 7 days  
(excl. Xmas Day & New Years Day)  
126 THUNDERBOLTS WAY,  
GLOUCESTER, 2422  
02 6558 2093 / 0428 582 093  
www.boac.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

Do you want an authentic experience? The perfect adventure? A journey worth taking? The Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre offers you a range of exciting white water kayaking, canoeing, downhill mountain biking and abseiling adventures that are easy for anyone to do. Providing a high quality outdoor experience with a friendly, personal and flexible service. Catering for beginners and enthusiasts alike, with all activities graded according to your experience and expertise.

**skirmish downunder**

OPENING HOURS - 7 days.  
Paintball 8:45am & 12:45pm  
Laser 10am & 2pm  
HALF CHAIN RD, OLD BAR, 2430  
1300 822 222  
www.skirmishdownunder.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

Skirmish Downunder provides a huge variety of paintball game scenarios to play during your visit. Predator laser is also available; designed to simulate paintball, the systems offers all the fun and adventure of paintball without the projectile! No hits or age limits means great fun for all the family.

**tree top adventures**

OPENING HOURS  
7 days a week (excl Xmas Day)  
9am to 6pm  
BLUE GUM HILL REGIONAL PARK,  
MINMI ROAD, MINMI, 2287  
02 4026 7617  
www.treetopadventurepark.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

From up high in glorious gum trees you’ll slide down flying foxes, move from tree to tree on suspension bridges and tread the highwires floating above the forest floor. With 96 challenges available anyone from 3 years can monkey around in total safety, and experience life in the trees with the introduction of an innovative pulley system. These eco-friendly adventure activities are great for the body and mind, exhilarating for you and gentle on the environment.
Teeming with marine life, dotted with amazing shipwrecks, you won’t find a more captivating environment to explore. With the Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park on our doorstep, the diving in the Great Lakes is world class.

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**action divers**

1-5 MANNING ST, TUNCURRY, 2428
02 6555 4053 / 0427 777 199
www.actiondivers.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

Whether you’re someone wanting to explore a whole new world for the first time, a keen photographer after that perfect shot of teeming marine life, or a seasoned diver, the team at Action Divers can help you achieve your dreams. Daily boat charters, learn to dive courses and a fully stocked shop for all your underwater needs.

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**dive at fishermans wharf**

MEMORIAL DRIVE, FORSTER, 2428
02 6554 7478 / 0409 466 958

bookings required ~ $40+

Fisherman’s Wharf invites you to join them on some of the most spectacular dives to be had on the NSW coast. Most of our dive sites are located in the Great Lakes - Port Stephens Marine Park. They also conduct Swimming with Dolphins cruises, which give you the opportunity to Swim with Wild Dolphins.

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**forster dive centre**

11-13 LITTLE STREET, FORSTER, 2428
02 6555 4477 / 0416 168 542
www.forsterdivecentre.com.au

bookings required ~ $40+

Dive one of the famous shipwrecks off Seal Rocks, or the amazing reefs and Grey Nurse Shark aggregation sites off Forster. Forster Dive Centre offers SSI scuba diving courses from Try Scuba Diving through to Divemaster.

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**top spots**

Latitude Rock, off Cape Hawke for experienced divers

Seal Rocks for experienced divers. With many shipwrecks to explore.

Broughton Island for spectacular diving and the best snorkelling on the North Coast

Breckenridge Channel Forster for kids safe snorkelling
Pure, natural, organic are words that come to mind when talking about the amazing tastes you will enjoy in the Great Lakes. The clean waterways and rich pasturelands of the region have formed a coastal pantry of tantalising delights. Award winning dining combined with creative approaches to food and wine and unique settings are what make the Great Lakes a 'Foodies' paradise.

## Wine & Produce

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explorers

one that explores, especially one that explores a geographic area; to travel to or into (unfamiliar or unknown regions)
**The Great Lakes** is home to more dolphins than anywhere else on the North Coast. Taking a cruise almost guarantees you an up close and personal dolphin experience. Come back in whale season and be blown away.

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**Amaroo Dolphin Cruise**

DEPARTS DAILY 10AM (weather permitting)
MEMORIAL DRIVE, FORSTER, 2428
0419 333 445
www.amaroocruises.com.au

Come and join the Amaroo crew for an amazing adventure in the pristine crystal clear waters that the local dolphins and whales call home! Dolphin cruises run every day at 10am. Cruise duration is approximately 2 hours and includes morning tea.

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**Free Spirit Lake Cruise**

WATERLINE BOAT SHED,
LITTLE STREET, FORSTER, 2428
02 6555 2225 / 0427 592 899
www.freespiritercruses.com.au

Experience first hand the crystal clear and pristine, aquamarine waters of Wallis Lake. Offering a range of cruising options, freshly prepared on board catering & fully licensed bar - there’s something for everyone. The 2.5 hour Wallis Lake Discovery Cruise runs most days from 11:30am. Stunning bird life and frequent dolphin sightings, with knowledgeable commentary.

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**Honeycomb Valley Farm**

OPENING HOURS
Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue and EVERY day in the School Hols (closed Xmas day)
8:30am to 2:30pm
3736 WALLANBAH RD, NABIAC, 2312
02 6554 1460
www.honeycombvalley.com.au

In the farmgate shop you can browse farm-made goat’s milk soaps, natural insect repellent and balms and see, smell & taste the gorgeous teas, sauces and jams. You can also buy fresh produce including eggs, honey, garlic ... bush food and plenty more!

Visit the farm (admission charges apply)
• enjoy meeting the animals • learn about solar cooking • wander the gardens to learn about the plants • see Wormtropolis & the Bee Motel • experience farm-life.
boating & paddling

The best way to explore the Great Lakes is by boat. Whether you are cruising the lake or heading out to sea you will find a patch of water to call your own. Hire a boat, canoe, standup paddleboard, aqua bike, catamaran, or a party pontoon.

**lazy paddles**

DEPARTS DAILY, TIMES VARY.
73 MARINE DR, TEA GARDENS, 2324
0427 300 564
www.lazypaddles.com.au

bookings required - $40+

The very best way to experience the magnificent Myall waterways is by kayak. Lazy Paddles offers 2hr guided historical/nature kayak tours as well as independent kayak hire for those keen to explore on their own. Immerse yourself in nature in a place with air so clean you can't even see it.

**boat, kayak, s.u.p. & paddle bike hire**

AUSSIE BOATSHED
BLUE PETER BOATSHED
BOAB BOAT HIRE
FISHERMAN’S WHARF
PARADISE MARINA
SEAL ROCKS HOLIDAY PARK
WATERLINE BOATHOUSE

Little St., Forster, 2428 - 02 6555 4477
Little St., Forster, 2428 - 02 6555 6506
Great Lakes, - 1300 00 2622
Little St., Forster, 2428 - 02 6554 7478
Little St., Forster, 2428 - 02 6554 7017
Kinka Rd, Seal Rocks, 2423 - 1800 112 234
Little St., Forster, 2428 - 02 6554 6321

lookouts

**whoota whoota lookout**

WALLINGAT NATIONAL PARK, Pacific Palms

free

Whoota Whoota in Wallingat National Park, is where eagles soar. Nothing captures the Great Lakes like this mountain, beneath your feet is the Wallis with all its river systems and the view out to sea is stunning.

**yacaaba headland**

MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK Hawkes Nest

free

Yacaaba is a volcanic peak beside Hakes Nest and a part of the Myall Coast experience. Pack supplies and head off for a moderate graded walk to the top. The headland is abundant in wildlife and has spectacular 360-degree views.
trails

discover the amazing trails of the Great Lakes. Whether you are walking or riding there are incredible views of vast and varied landscapes from dramatic coasts to deep green forests to patchwork fields that blanket rolling hinterland hills. From family friendly 2-hour strolls along the coast or through a historic village to more challenging 5-hour rides to tall lookouts, there is something for everyone in the Great Lakes.

the pebbly beach bicentennial walk
START: “The Bullring” Ocean Baths, Forster Main Beach, North St.
DISTANCE: 10km (loop)
TIME: 4hrs
GRADE: Easy/medium

This walk commences off North St, near the ocean baths of Forster Beach. It leads eastwards over Second Head along the foreshore, between Bennetts Head Rd and the ocean, past The Tanks, through Bennetts Head Reserve from where you may be able to see whales in winter and dolphins all year round and south past One Mile Beach to Burgess Beach. Return the same way. This walk can be split into two or three separate sections if preferred.

booti hill - lakeside walk
START: Ruins Campground, The Lakes Way, Pacific Palms
DISTANCE: 6.5km (loop)
TIME: 3 hrs
GRADE: Medium

This walk touches both the ocean & shores of Wallis Lake, with beautiful views from the headland and plenty of wildlife. Travel clockwise out to the stunning Seven Mile Beach & look for the signposted track – this climbs up the northern side of Booti Hill. The track emerges onto the ridge-crest above Lindemans Cove & joins a fire trail. Go straight ahead for Elizabeth Beach. Back on the main walking track cross The Lakes Way for a change of pace. The final 3.5km of the loop follows the Shore of Wallis Lake.

myall area wildflower walk
START: Dark Point Car Park
DISTANCE: 4km (one way)
TIME SUGGESTED: 1-2 hrs
GRADE: Easy

From Dark Point car park, this flat easy walk follows the old sand track on the western side of Mungo Brush Road through open heath, displaying a variety of wildflowers in the spring. The sand track joins an old road near a collapsed culvert, & shortly after the track takes a sharp turn to the east towards Mungo Brush Road. Return by walking east to Mungo Brush Road then onto the beach. Follow the beach to Dark Point (Little Gibber) then west through the dunes, past the Aboriginal middens to Mungo Brush Road.
**Stroud Heritage Walk**

**Start:**

**Distance:** 10km

**Time:** 4 hrs

**Grade:** Easy

Stroud Court House, St Johns Anglican Church, Quambi House and Silo Hill Lookout are four spots on the Stroud Heritage Walk that shouldn’t be missed. Silo Hill takes in the beauty of the rolling green hillside that surrounds Stroud & is also home to the Cannons of the Cremean War Vintage. Stroud has one of the finest collections of convict constructions in Australia. The churchyard has many historic graves & the church holds many plaques well worth inspection.

**Forster Tuncurry Bridge Ride**

**Start:** Memorial Dr, Forster

**Finish:** Point Rd, Tuncurry

**Distance:** 6.5km

**Time:** 3 hrs

**Grade:** Easy

Head along the Memorial Drive boardwalk towards the bridge, take the pedestrian/cycle passage under the bridge & continue over the bridge into Tuncurry. At the end of the bridge turn right & follow the shoreline through John Wright Park & onto the Fishermans Co-op. Retrace your steps along the foreshore, take the pedestrian/cycle passage under the bridge & continue past boat ramps & oyster leases along Point Rd.

**Tea Gardens – Hawks Nest**

**Start:** Tea Gardens Visitor Centre, Myall St.

**Finish:** Hawks Nest Shops Tuloa Av.

**Distance:** 6.5km

**Time:** 3 hrs

**Grade:** Easy

Ride along Myall Street to Singing Bridge turn left immediately over bridge & proceed to Moira Parade. Continue to the end, turn into the bush track then turn right at Tuloa Avenue. Continue, along Tuloa Avenue then turn left into The Boulevarde, Winda Woppa. Near the end of the Boulevarde turn right into Fishermans Walk and left into Anchorage Road and Winda Woppa Reserve. Proceed along the track behind the amenities block to a lagoon surrounded by mangroves. Return via The Anchorage Road into Tuloa Road, until you arrive at Hawks Nest shops and cafés.

**Woolta Woolta Wallingat National Park**

**Start:** Corner of The Lakes Way nr Bungwahl & Sugar Creek Road

**Distance:** 25km (loop from The Lakes Way), 93km from Forster

**Time Suggested:** 8hrs

**Grade:** Medium/Hard

A scenic ride through the tree canopy of Wallingat National Park, with spectacular panoramic views at the top. Although the dirt roads are generally in good condition this ride is best suited to mountain bikes since the trail gets quite loose & steep in the final ascent to the lookout.

**Forster Cycles**

7-9 Beach Street, Forster, 2428

02 6554 9222

www.forstercycles.com.au

Bookings required - $40+

Do you need a bike?

Forster Cycles has a great range of hire bikes, with over 14 to choose from including 2 tandems. Hire for an hour or the whole day!
You are invited to explore our National Parks. Covering more than half of the entire region these green spaces are a part of The Great Lakes way of life.

**booti booti**

This Park protects a narrow strip of coastal land with one of the state’s largest stands of littoral rainforest. Bordered by Wallis Lake in the west and the Pacific in the east, the Park connects Pacific Palms to Forster and is ideal for those who like water sports and nature-based activities. There are lookouts, lakeside and cliff top trails, beaches and the Green Cathedral – an outdoor consecrated church. The park has some great trekking and mountain bike trails as well.

**myall lakes**

The beautiful and remote Myall Lakes National Park offers countless opportunities for adventures, nature based escapes and exploring. The park boasts more than 40kms of beaches, forests, rugged escarpments, endless tracks and trails and spectacular Broughton Island. The centre piece of the park is the lakes system which is one of the state’s largest coastal lake systems and a Ramsar Wetland of International Significance.

**wallingat**

This Park is blessed with deep green forests, endless trails and tracks and the highest lookout point in the Great Lakes. Whoota lookout provides magnificent views. The Wallingat National Park contains Eucalypt forests supporting a number of threatened plant (cabbage palm and flooded gum forests) and animal species. Things to do & see include canoeing, bushwalking, bird watching, photography, mountain biking and scenic driving.

**port stephens great lakes marine park**

Whether you like to dive, snorkel, boat, fish, swim, surf or explore, you won’t believe the incredible experiences that await you in the park. The Park extends from Cape Hawke Surf Life Saving Club near Forster south to Birubi Beach Life Saving Club at the northern end of Stockton Beach and includes offshore waters to the 3 nautical mile limit of state waters.
The places and spaces of the Great Lakes are connected by scenic drives. The Myall Way will take you right through the heart of the Myall Coast, Lakes Way captures all our lakes and Wootton Way and Thunderbolts Way are part of the hinterland network taking you to hidden café’s. Whether you need to fill half a day or more there is a drive for you and plenty of places to explore.

**the lakesway**

This 80km drive winds its way beside the Myall, Smiths and Wallis Lakes taking you through Pacific Palms, National Parks and past the turn off’s for Seal Rocks, Coomba and Hallidays Point. The scenery is spectacular and there are numerous photo stops, picnics areas and unique locations. The Lakesway is also the only access road for Forster Tuncurry. Give yourself a day, whether heading north or south this drive will leave you with some great summer memories.

**the myall way**

If you want to explore the heart of the Myall Coast then this is the drive for you. Starting at either Bulahdelah or Tea Gardens this stretch of road passes through the Myall Lakes National Park with plenty of spots along the way to explore. From the public art and coffee shops of Tea gardens, to the peaceful waters off Jimmy’s Beach, to giant sand dunes at Dark point and the rainforest walk at Mungo Brush this drive will get you back to nature. There is a car ferry crossing at Bombah Point followed by 5km of unsealed graded road before reaching the hinterland town of Bulahdelah.

**wootton way**

This drive follows the old Pacific highway up into the small rural township of Wootton. Along the way there are farm gates, a locally run café and turn offs into the State Forest. This peaceful drive winds through spectacular forests of Bangalow Palms, tall flooded gums and fern gullies.
4WD

The Great Lakes has forest tracks and long stretches of beach perfect for 4WD exploring. Pack your fishing rod for some great fishing, or a packed lunch to enjoy at the top of the mountain.

Remember to always drive safe, be prepared and that some of the best areas require a permit from either Council or NPWS. Contact Great Lakes Tourism 1800 802 692 for more 4WD information.

www.greatlakes.org.au
hidden gems

The Great Lakes has some spectacular secret spots. Places hidden away that offer the chance to make a good holiday – great. Some spots not to miss include ...

green cathedral
TIONA, PACIFIC PALMS

Uplift your spirits by visiting the open air Green Cathedral by Wallis Lake. There is nowhere like it anywhere in Australia.

the tanks
FORSTER BICENTENNIAL WALK.

Visit “the tanks” for a swim in a rocky wonderland along Pebbly Beach walk – safe in most weather and ideal for young children to explore the rocks and waters edge. This is also a brilliant spot to go snorkelling or to just sit and watch the waves crash over the rock wall.

great lakes sailing club
THE LAKES WAY

A beautiful peaceful spot on the edge of Wallis Lake, popular with locals looking for a safe place for the kids to swim.
broughton island
OFF THE MYALL COAST

Take a Cruise out to Broughton Island, stay a day or camp over night – your choice. This place has the best snorkelling in NSW.

silo hill
BROADWAY STREET, STROUD

Australia’s early days can be discovered at Stroud with the original silos that were built to store grain in the ground for the early colonies survival.

the grandis
STONEY CREEK RD, MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Experience NSW’s tallest tree - a spectacular Flooded Gum souring skyward.
discoverers

a person who discovers; to gain knowledge or awareness of something not known before
big buzz fun park
OPENING HOURS
Sat & Sun, Public Hols &
EVERY day of school hols
10am to 4pm
1733 THE LAKESWAY, RAINBOW FLAT, 2430
02 6553 6000
www.bigbuzz.com.au
$20–40

25 acres of adventure & fun.
• Toboggan run • 3 open waterslides • Jumbo slide • Toddlers waterslide • Outdoor lazar tag • Speed karts • Quad bikes • Trampolines • Putt putt golf • Swimming pool swings • BMX bikes
Kiosk, undercover seating, free gas bbq, shaded picnic area.

kids spot
OPENING HOURS
Tues-Fri 10am to 2:30pm,
Sat & Sun 10am to 5pm
School Hols, 7 days, 10am to 5pm
4 ENTERPRISE COURT, FORSTER, 2428
02 6557 2767
rainy day ~ <$20

Children’s Indoor Play Centre with mega climbing maze; ball swamps; jumping castle; tunnels; soft play equipment & much more. Onsite Café.

mini golf & trampolines
OPENING HOURS
Everyday in school hols
10am to 4pm
HEAD STREET, FORSTER, 2428
$20–40

Great spot for the younger members of the family to burn off some energy. Trampolines & small putt putt golf course, located in the centre of Forster.

putt putt golf
OPENING HOURS
Every day 7am to 6pm
PACIFIC PALMS COMMUNITY CENTRE,
THE LAKES WAY, PACIFIC PALMS, 2428
02 6554 0286
<$20

9 holes of fun! Book & collect equipment at Palms Oasis Supermarket. $20 refundable deposit.
**forster squash**

OPENING HOURS
Mon to Sat, Sun by appointment.
9am til late.
16 CROSS STREET, 2428
02 6554 6022

bookings required - $10-20

Come squashing at Forster Squash Centre. Casual court hire available every day. Thursday night and Saturday afternoon social hit – bring a friend or play whoever’s here! We have balls to cater for all abilities from tots to seniors and every stage in between!

**skate parks**

SMITHS LAKE
TUNCURRY
BULAHDELAH
GREEN POINT
STROUD
TEA GARDENS
NABIAC

free

Our skate parks are a great place to meet up with friends. Open every day during daylight hours.

Macwood Rd & Paradise Dr, 2428
Fazio Park, 2428
21 Prince St, 2423
4 Bottlebrush Cl., 2428
77B Cowper St, 2425
1 Myall Quays Blvd, 2324
15 Nabiac St., 2312

**great lakes aquatic centre**

OPENING HOURS
Mon to Thur: 6am to 9pm (8pm school hols)
Fri: 6am to 8pm - Sat: 8am to 5pm - Sun: 9am to 5pm - Public Hols: Closed
LAKE STREET, FORSTER, NSW, 2428
02 6591 7199
www.greatlakesaquaticcentre.com

rainy day - <$20

The Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre has a great range of fun activities for kids (& adults!) in and out of the water.

Kids Holiday Fun includes: pool slide, learn to sail, sports lovers, basketball, gymnastics, kids craft and much more. Learn to swim program runs through January.

**taree tenpin**

OPENING HOURS
Open 7 days
Mon-Thur 9am-9pm,
Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, Sun 9am-5pm
55 MULDOON STREET, 2430
02 6552 4733

rainy day - $10-20

Taree Tenpin is for everyone! Fully automatic computer scoring, Country hospitality and service. School holiday special: 2 games, soft drink & shoe hire only $13-90!
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museums & galleries

the national motorcycle museum
OPENING HOURS
7 days, 9am to 4pm
33 CLARKSON STREET, NABIAK, 2312
02 6554 1333
www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.com.au

Take a trip down memory lane and see bikes, your parents or grandparents used to ride. Over 800 motorcycles are on display, dating from the early 1900’s to 1990’s; many are unusual and rare. Explore the memorabilia associated with a bygone era of motorcycling.

great lakes historical museum
OPENING HOURS
Tues, Wed & Thur 10am to 2pm
Sun 1pm to 4pm
CAPEL ST, TUNCURRY, 2428
02 6554 6275

Come & see the original Tuncurry school building, Cheers Cottage, Tuncurry’s first Police lockup, a working windmill as well as other outdoor displays. Inside the Museum’s collection include photos, models, boats, old woodworking, shipbuilding & farming tools, aboriginal artefacts, needlework, machinery & much more.

bulahdelah courthouse museum
OPENING HOURS
7 days (daylight hours only)
ANNE ST, BULAHDELAH, 2423
Phone: 02 4987 9286

Bulahdelah’s colourful past is beautifully reflected in the town’s most important historic building - the old Courthouse. The Courthouse museum houses a large collection of historical local area items, a large genealogy data base, collection of old courthouse and police artefacts, photo displays, indigenous displays & more. The Courthouse cells out the back, are also well worth a visit!

quambi house museum
OPENING HOURS
Sun 10am to 4pm
87 COWPER STREET, STROUD, 2425
02 4994 5400

Constructed with convict labour by the Australian Agricultural Company, Stroud was a gated community in early times and has at its heart four significant buildings erected by the company. Built in 1831 Quambi House - the school and schoolmaster’s residence is one of these buildings. This beautiful building now functions as a museum.
artisans on the hill

OPENING HOURS
7 days during Jan, closed Tue & Wed rest of year
10am til dusk
702 TINONEE RD., MONDROOK, 2430
02 6553 1199 / 0418 654 822
www.artisansonthehill.com.au

bookings required - $20-40

Have you ever said to yourself, "I’d love to have a go at that!!! Well now is your chance. At Artisans on the Hill there are a variety of craft workshops on offer, from wood turning & hebel sculpture to silk painting & screen printing. There’s also lots of fun stuff for kids – kids workshops include wool craft, fabric painting, candle making, junior paper tole, cross stitch & papercraft!

tobwabba gallery

OPENING HOURS
Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm
10 BRECKENRIDGE ST, FORSTER, 2428
02 6554 5755
www.tobwabba.com.au

rainy day - free

Award winning "Tobwabba Art" is a 100% Aboriginal owned artist collective providing employment and income for twenty-two Aboriginal artists & staff. Their works can be viewed and purchased from their Forster Gallery.

gallery saltair

OPENING HOURS
Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am - 3:30pm, Sat 11am - 3pm
37 COTTESLEOE, SEASCAPE,
REDHEAD, 2430
0423 805 444 www.saltairartanddesign.com

rainy day - free

Featuring local artists from the Great Lakes and Manning Valley "Gallery Saltair" is a must visit destination. Every 6th Sat 1-day workshop are also available.

lake street gallery

OPENING HOURS - Fri, Sat & Sun 10am to 4pm
34 LAKE STREET, FORSTER, 2428
02 6554 5855 www.glas.org.au

rainy day - free

Come along to the Art Society’s Lake Street Gallery and enjoy the visual feast. You may even find the masterpiece you have always wanted.

galleries in the gardens

TEA GARDENS
02 4997 2410

rainy day - free

Take in the array of local artworks on display in shops along the waterfront businesses in Tea Gardens. And visit the outdoor art exhibition & sale every Saturday plus every Sunday during the school holidays. Located in the courtyard adjacent to Tea Gardens Hotel/Motel.

riverside art walk

MARINE DRIVE, TEA GARDENS

free

Art installations are located in a trail along the waterfront at Marine Drive, Tea Gardens with a few over in Hawks Nest. The installations donated by local artists vary from murals, sculptures & mosaics and all have relevance to the local environment & community.
The perfect place by the beach for a family holiday or a weekend getaway

Mobys Beachside Retreat at Pacific Palms is a hidden jewel. Only a 50m stroll from beautiful Boomerang Beach. Each of the architect-designed beach houses is a cool, light-filled hideaway. Each one blends naturally with its surrounding gardens that screen you from your neighbours to create a quiet, restful sanctuary. At Mobys, your 4-star resort accommodation is close to everything: Buddha by the Beach Restaurant and bar, a lagoon pool with heated spa, gym, tennis court and kids’ playground.

Win a short break for up to 4 people

To enter online go to greatlakes.org.au/summer-competition - Entries close 28 February 2013

TERMS & CONDITIONS The winner will receive a break for up to four people, to stay either a weekend (Fri & Sat) or 3 nights midweek (Sun-Thu) in a two bedroom beach house, not to include meals or travel costs. Not redeemable for cash. Any miscellaneous charges, upgrades or extra persons are the responsibility of the guest. Gift Voucher is subject to availability and not available during Christmas or easter school holidays or designated long weekends. The winner will be chosen after the current issue of the guide has finished in February 2013. The prize must be taken within the following twelve months before 1 March 2014.