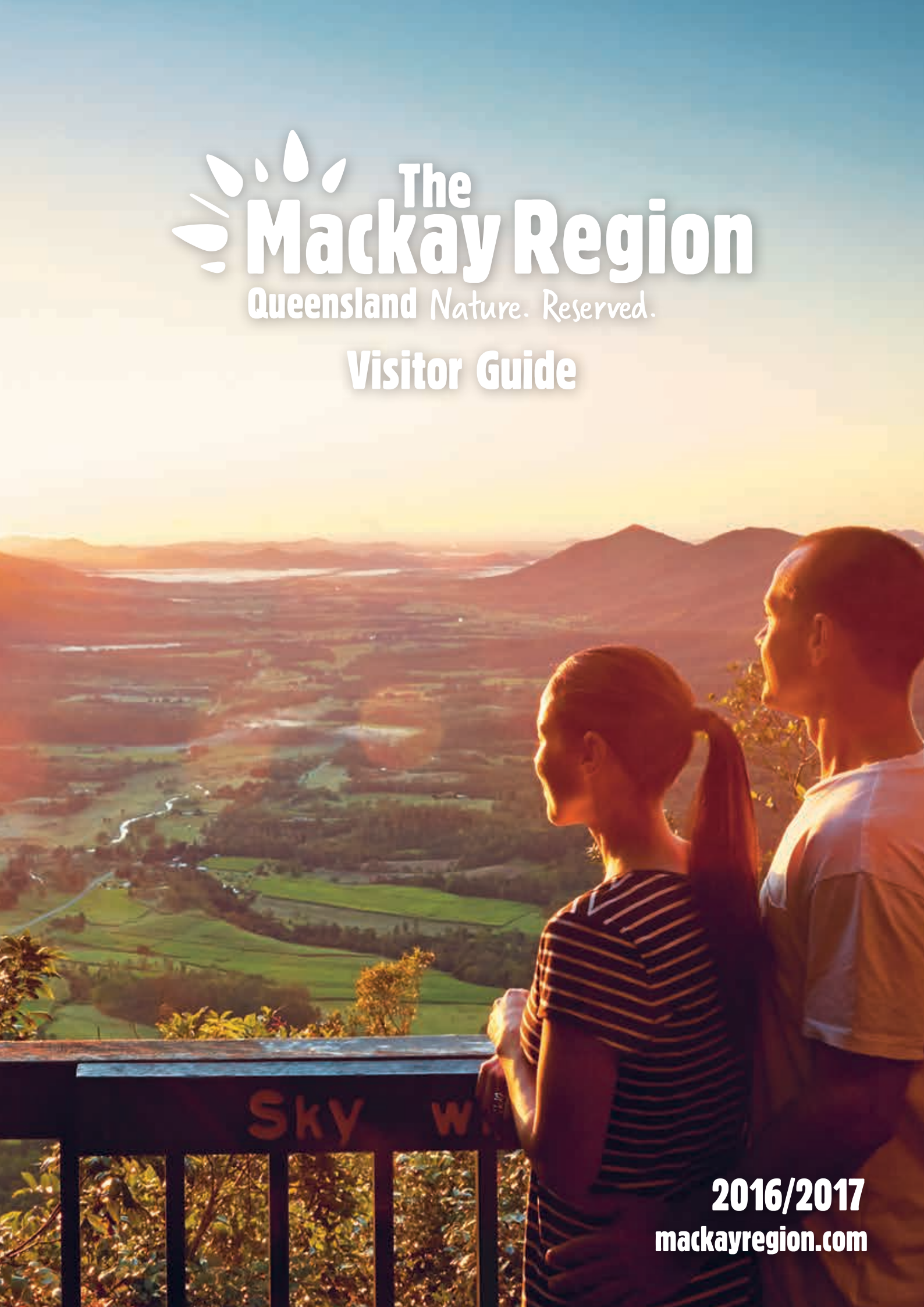


A couple is seen from the side, looking out over a vast valley at sunset. The woman is in the foreground, wearing a striped shirt, and the man is behind her. The landscape below is a patchwork of green fields and a winding river, with mountains in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

The Mackay Region

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Visitor Guide

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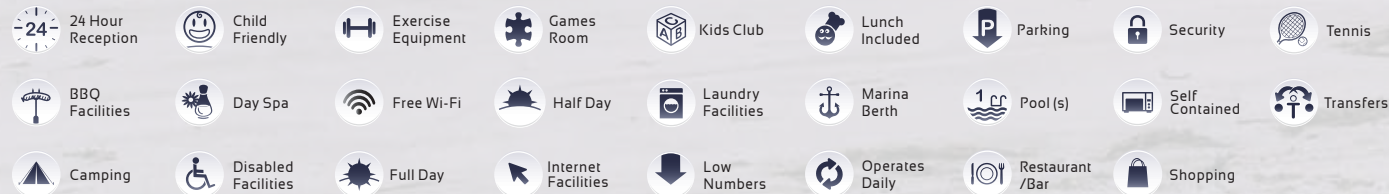
The Mackay Region to choose from, chances are, you'll find one all to yourself.

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Guide to Symbols



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Visitor Information

Our visitor information centres can help you find your way through The Mackay Region and beyond.



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Opening Hours: 9am-5pm, 7 days a week*
Ph: 1300 130 001
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Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre

Railway Square, Bruce Highway, Sarina
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E: sarinainfo@mackay.net.au

**Note: Weekend hours are subject to change*



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E: pvtlda@pioneervalley.com.au



Broken River Visitor Information Centre

534 Eungella Dam Road, Broken River
Opening Hours: 10am-4pm, 7 days a week
Ph: 07 4958 4745
E: brkiosk@bigpond.com



Clermont Visitor Information Centre

17217 Gregory Highway, Clermont
Opening Hours: 9am-3pm, Wed-Sat
Ph: 07 4983 3311
E: clermont.museum@isaac.qld.gov.au

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Telstra Air – 24 Evans Ave, North Mackay
Telstra Air – 106 Nebo Road, West Mackay
Telstra Air – 50 Oak Street, Andergrove
Walkerston Library, Dutton Street, Walkerston

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Cover Image: Eungella National Park, Sky Window Lookout

Editorial: Amanda Wright
Image: Cape Hillsborough Beach

Mackay Region Map



LEGEND

- Train Route
- Domestic Airport

Travel Information

Getting here

By Air

Mackay Airport is serviced by major carriers; Virgin Australia, QantasLink and Jetstar. Short-term and long-term car parking is available. Taxis can be located upon arrival and a number of rental car companies operate from the airport terminal.

Charter services from Mackay Airport provide a 25-minute direct flight to Hamilton Island.

Moranbah Airport is a 10-minute drive from the town of Moranbah and is serviced by QantasLink and Virgin Australia, providing direct flights to Brisbane. Short-term and long-term car parking is available. Taxis and rental cars are available at Moranbah Airport.

By Rail

Take a journey aboard the Spirit of Queensland with Queensland Rail Travel to Mackay. Choose from premium economy seats or the lie-flat, meal inclusive RailBed. The Mackay Train Station is located at Paget, 5km south of the City Centre.

Fly direct to Mackay from Brisbane and Sydney.

By Road

Major coach operators include Mackay in their scheduled services from other destinations throughout Queensland and major cities along the coast.

Getting around

By Taxi

Taxis are available throughout The Mackay Region, call 131 008 to book a pickup, or look for the taxi ranks within the city and at Mackay Airport.

By Bus

Mackay Transit Coaches operate a public bus schedule, linking Mackay city with outer suburbs, including Mirani, Sarina, Walkerston and the Northern Beaches.

Tour Services

Capture the best of the region by joining a tour, with information from local experts. Contact your nearest Visitor Information Centre for local tour recommendations.

The drive time from Mackay to Cairns is approximately 8.5 hours, and Brisbane is approximately 11 hours.

AUSTRALIAN DRIVING TIP
Kangaroos and other wildlife often jump onto highways without warning. They are most active during dawn and dusk. Drive with care during low-light conditions.

Swimming

Marine stingers (dangerous jellyfish) can be present in the ocean.

The high-risk season is from October to May. Please observe warning signs and swim at patrolled beaches. Where possible, wear a protective stinger swimsuit. If in doubt, ask a lifeguard for advice.

Climate

Month	Max (C)	Min (C)	Rainfall (mm)
Jan	30	23	310
Feb	30	23	354
Mar	29	22	245
Apr	28	19	167
May	25	16	88
Jun	23	13	62
Jul	23	11	33
Aug	24	12	34
Sep	26	15	25
Oct	28	18	34
Nov	30	21	80
Dec	31	22	128

*mean monthly (data as of June 2016)

Source: www.bom.gov.au/climate from Mackay Aero Station



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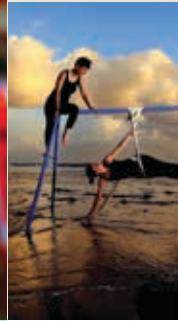
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Events Calendar

For more information on events in the Mackay area, please visit www.mackayregion.com/events

JAN 2017	Australia Day Celebrations	APR	Songkran Thai New Year
			
		Circus Oz	Wintermoon Festival
FEB	31st Annual Bridal Fair	MAY	Greenmount Homestead Heritage Fair
			
Chinese New Year Celebrations		Melbourne Int. Comedy Festival Showcase	Lamberts Beach Seafood and Wine Festival
			Mackay Toyota Nebo Rodeo
			Anywhere Festival
		Mackay Home Show & Caravan, Camping & Boating Expo	
MAR	Easter Lanes Festival	JUN	Art on Show Awards
			
	Melbourne Int. Comedy Festival Road Show	Mackay Show	Pioneer Valley Show
			
Flickerfest on Tour			Mackay Marina Run
			

JUL	Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase	G & S Engineering Wine and Food Day	OCT	River 2 Reef Charity Ride	Moranbah Rotary Home & Leisure Expo
					
	Mackay Festival of Arts			Pioneer Valley Country Music Festival	
				The Travelling Film Festival	Global Grooves Cultural Festival
			Fashion Week Mackay		
AUG	Twilight City Street Party	Bridal Expo	Careers Expo	NOV	Sarina Beach Triathlon
					
Mackay Airport Beach Horse Racing Festival					
	Mechanos Wings & Wheels	Sarina Sugar Shed Barrels of Fun Festival	Mackay Mountain Marathon		
SEP	Pioneer Valley Classic Car Club - Dad's Day in the Valley	Beach to Gardens Charity Fun Run	Cape Hillsborough Blokart Regatta	DEC	Christmas Carols at the Bluewater Quay
					
Sarina Beach Coconut Festival		Mackay Triathlon Festival	Professional Bull Riding		
Bikes, Bulls, Buggy's & Bands					
Grasree Beach Motorbike Races					
				New Year's Eve Celebrations at the Bluewater Quay	

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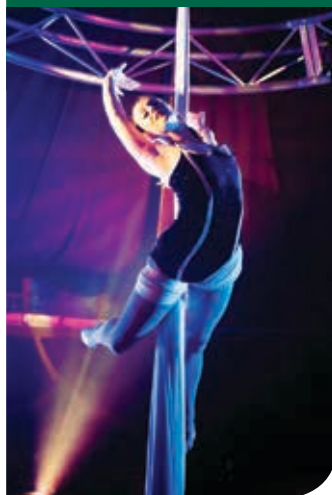
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**BMA Mackay
Marina Run**



July 7-16, 2017

**Mackay Festival
of Arts**



Each year in August

**Twilight City
Street Party**



Each year in August

**Mackay Airport
Beach Horse
Racing Festival**



Find more events at
mackayregion.com/events



IT'S LIVE! in Queensland



Shopping and Markets

Major Shopping Centres

Caneland Central

Location: Corner of Victoria Street and Mangrove Road, in the City Centre

Parking: Free of charge

Mackay's largest shopping centre, Caneland Central, is located beside the Pioneer River on Mangrove Road. With more than 200 stores, everything you need is conveniently located within a modern, air-conditioned mall.

Mt Pleasant

Location: Phillip Street, Mt Pleasant

Parking: Free of charge

Markets

Mackay's markets and riverside warehouses are becoming the place to grab a bargain for locals. Here you can discover an array of the freshest seafood and produce, artisan specialty foods, original art pieces and fashionable garments.

For more information on markets in The Mackay Region, visit mackayregion.com

Weekdays	
Greater Whitsunday Farmers' Market	Every Wednesday
Paxton's Night Markets	Fridays, once a month
Saturday	
Showground Produce Markets	Every Saturday
Sunday	
Seaforth Sunday Markets	Every Sunday
Eungella Markets	1st Sunday
Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Markets	1st and 3rd Sunday
The Troppo Treasure Markets	2nd Sunday
Marian Markets	3rd Sunday
Sarina Showground Markets	Last Sunday
Moranbah Markets	Last Sunday (Feb – Nov)

The Mackay City Centre is where you will find an abundance of local fashion and specialty retailers. Stroll the captivating laneways to explore more of the city.



Greater Whitsunday Farmers' Market



Boutique in the City Centre

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Nature and Wildlife

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Lush rainforest, rugged hinterland peaks and unspoilt surroundings. The Mackay Region is nature. Reserved for you and for those that seek out life's quieter corners.

Eungella National Park

Top 3 wildlife experiences

Watch a sunrise with wallabies on the beach

CAPE HILLSBOROUGH NATIONAL PARK

- Watch a spectacular sunrise at Casuarina Beach as wallabies frolic in the tide, searching for their breakfast.
- Meander through Melaleuca woodland, mangroves, eucalypt and vine thicket along the Diversity Boardwalk, or walk the Juipera Plants Trail for a fascinating insight into local Aboriginal history. The park contains a wide variety of habitats and bird species, making birdwatching a rewarding activity.

Scuba dive with a platypus

FINCH HATTON

- Finch Hatton Gorge is the only place in the world where you can scuba dive watching a platypus in its natural environment. See a range of unique marine life, including turtles, in the rainforest water.

- Zipline through the rainforest treetops 25 metres above the ground.

- Take a refreshing swim in one of the many clear rock pools found in the rainforest at Finch Hatton Gorge.

Birds, butterflies, bees and fireflies – an island oasis

KESWICK ISLAND

- Keswick Island is home to purebred Caucasian bees. The honey produced in these hives is unique to Keswick Island and is dark red in colour.
- Surrounding the island you can find turtles, manta rays, dolphins, tropical fish and even the occasional dugong. Keswick Island is one of the best vantage points in The Mackay Region to watch migrating humpback whales between June and October.
- See colourful birds and butterflies on a bushwalk by day and bats and fireflies at night.

4 nature walks in Mackay

Kommo Toera Trail

KEELEYS ROAD, SLADE POINT

Difficulty: Easy

The Gooseponds

MALCOMSON STREET, NORTH MACKAY

Difficulty: Easy

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

LAGOON STREET, WEST MACKAY

Difficulty: Easy

The Bluewater Trail

NUMEROUS LOCATIONS, MACKAY CITY

Difficulty: Easy to moderate



Wallabies and Kangaroos at Cape Hillsborough



Forest Flying

EXPERT TIP
Take binoculars. If the cheeky platypus is across the other side of the river, binoculars will give you a much better view.



Local's guide

How to spot a platypus in the wild

- Be patient and quiet!
- Look for air bubbles and ripples rising to the surface.
- Platypus in Queensland are small, approximately the size of your forearm.
- As their fur is wet, they appear as a shiny glint on the surface.
- Platypus look for food on the muddy bottom of the river. They surface to chew their food and to breathe.
- They will be under water from one to two minutes, and usually surface for around 10 seconds.

UNIQUE TOURS TO THE MACKAY REGION

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- Platypus and Rainforest Eco Safari
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Fishing and Boating

WET A LINE

Whether you enjoy the serenity of chasing barramundi at an inland dam or the thrill of a deep-sea, big game expedition; The Mackay Region is home to some of the most exciting fishing in Australia and won't leave you floundering for choice.

FAMILIES AND BEGINNERS

1. Kinchant Dam

MIRANI / NORTH ETON

Located approximately 30 minutes west of the Mackay City Centre, Kinchant Dam boasts some of the best barramundi fishing around. Catches over the magical metre mark are relatively common.

Luke's Tip: Weedlessly rigged plastics or surface walkers around the weed beds will often account for some excellent catches.

2. Bucasia Beach

THE NORTHERN BEACHES, MACKAY

This is a great child-friendly location where you can cast straight off the beach. Bream, whiting and flathead are the most commonly caught fish at this location.

3. McEwens Beach

McEwens Beach is located 15 minutes south of Mackay. Bream, whiting and flathead are common catches, large queenfish can also be caught near the creek mouth.

Luke's Tip: Large poppers 'blooped' across the surface is a popular way of landing a catch.

4. Pioneer River

Bream, whiting, flathead and queenfish can easily be caught in the town reaches. Access the river from the Bluewater Trail via the Pioneer Environmental Walk or fish from one of two platforms. The first can be found near Mackay's Base Hospital at the end of Bridge Road, the other is on the Pioneer Promenade part of the Bluewater Trail near River Street.

Follow local fishing personality Luke Galea for his latest local catch at facebook.com/LukesFishinMission

Bucasia Beach

EXPERIENCED FISHERMEN

1. St Helens Creek

SEAFORTH

St Helens Creek is a fisherman's paradise. Barramundi and mangrove jack can be caught on lures, soft plastics and live baits, and are most active during the warmer months. Be sure to bring your crab pots.

2. Cattle Creek

PIONEER VALLEY

Cattle Creek boasts plentiful numbers of hard fighting sooty grunter. The thriving vegetation is a popular location for kayak fishermen who want to get away from the hustle and bustle.

3. Funnel Creek

SARINA RANGE

Funnel Creek is located roughly 100km southwest of Mackay. There is a campsite located next to the main road and main bridge crossing. A kayak or canoe is essential here as the banks quickly encroach on private property. Sooty grunter and the majestic saratoga can be caught from this location.

4. Constant Creek

BELMUNDA

Constant Creek is an excellent creek for targeting barramundi and mangrove jack. A boat is necessary as there are crocodiles living here. There are many deep bends in the river, which often yield large barramundi and threadfin salmon on live baits.

Luke's Tip: A depth sounder is vital in this creek so that you can locate the deeper holes for your live bait and also to locate the shallow rock bars that could be a potential boating hazard.

ISLANDS, OUTER REEF AND FISHING CHARTERS

1. Mackay and Southern Whitsunday Islands

It's not a question of what you can catch here, more of what you can't! Coral trout and giant trevally can be caught around the reefs surrounding the many islands.

Luke's Tip: Large poppers are the best way to catch the trevally, whereas reef species can best be caught on soft plastics or baits such as squid or fish strips.

2. Mackay Outer Reefs

Approximately 100km from the Mackay Harbour, deep-water fishing at around 50m will provide an exciting haven for hauling in massive trophies. You can encounter red throat emperor in excess of 10kg, large coral trout, nannygai and sweetlip.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are catching red emperor for food, immediate bleeding and placing in a salty ice slurry will enhance the flesh.



Family fishing fun



Dusky Flathead caught in the Pioneer River



Luke Galea at Funnel Creek

EXPERT TIP
For experienced fishermen, moving upstream to the brackish water around Dumbleton you will start to encounter larger numbers of barramundi and mangrove jack which can be caught on lures, soft plastics and live baits.

Do I need a fishing permit?

Before you go fishing in any of Queensland's dams, check whether you need a Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP). There are 32 stocked dams in Queensland where a SIP is required if you are over 18 years old. The permit covers all 32 dams and costs \$10 per week.

Visit qld.gov.au/recreation for a full list of the 32 dams.

To purchase a permit online, visit smartservice.qld.gov.au or purchase one at the Mackay Visitor Information Centre.

Boating

Some of the nearest islands to explore by boat are the eight islands protected in Newry Islands National Park. The nearest island is only 5km from the Victor Creek boat ramp near Seaforth. Walk past abandoned resort ruins or picnic on the beach. Camping grounds and a tourist park are nearby.

Theresa Creek Dam, near Clermont, is perfect for water skiing and fishing. Near Mackay; Kinchant, Teemburra and Eungella Dams are where the locals go for water skiing and fishing.

There are more than 25 boat ramps in The Mackay Region. A list of boat ramps can be found on mackay.qld.gov.au.



Host of the 2013 Australian Fishing Championships



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Host of the 2016 Australian Fishing Championships



Family Time

MAKING MEMORIES

Mackay is as much of a kid's playground as it is a haven for adults. From eye-opening wildlife encounters to adrenalin-pumping adventure, The Mackay Region is full of once-in-a-lifetime experiences to create memories your family will cherish forever.

Bluewater Lagoon



Stoney Creek Farmstay



GoWake Cable Park Mackay



Finch Hatton Gorge



Artspace

Swimming

The Bluewater Lagoon

RIVER STREET, MACKAY
With three age-appropriate lagoon-inspired swimming pools, a children's water park plus a water slide to keep the older children entertained, the Bluewater Lagoon is a refreshing riverside destination. Shaded grass areas plus picnic tables and barbecues make it an ideal picnic destination. Lifeguards patrol the pools and admission is free.

Educational

Taste and learn at Sarina Sugar Shed

FIELD OF DREAMS PARKLANDS, SARINA
Watch how sugar is extracted from the cane on miniature processing and distilling equipment, then taste a range of sweet delights made on-site.

Inspire at Artspace

GORDON STREET, MACKAY
In the heart of Mackay, Artspace is a modern art gallery and museum, with attractions to inspire young and old. Activities for children are often run during the school holidays.

Wildlife and Nature

Enjoy the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

LAGOON STREET, WEST MACKAY
Stroll along more than 3km of trails and boardwalk, enjoy the lagoon views from the elevated café or take a picnic to enjoy on one of the picturesque lawns.

Drop a fishing line from the Bluewater Trail

BRIDGE ROAD AND RIVER STREET
With more than 20km of trail to choose from, this cycle and pedestrian path has two dedicated fishing platforms to fish the Pioneer River.

Ride horseback at Stoney Creek

ETON
Explore pioneering logging trails on horseback. Take a refreshing swim near a waterfall, see an array of wildlife and enjoy a campfire. For those who prefer to be closer to the ground, 4WD tours are also great fun.

Family fun on the farm

PIONEER VALLEY
Enjoy a hay trailer ride and learn how food is produced in an environmentally and ethically responsible way. Visit a miniature animal farm in the Pioneer Valley to pat and feed a variety of furry friends.

Sunrise with the wallabies

CAPE HILLSBOROUGH
As the sun rises, wallabies can be seen bounding across the sand. Click photos and treasure the moment, but please don't attempt to touch or feed the wildlife.

Adrenalin Adventure

Fly through the forest on a zipline

FINCH HATTON GORGE
Glide along a zipwire in the rainforest, 25 metres above ground. Not only an exhilarating adventure experience for the whole family, but also educational, as you learn about the delicate habitat of Eungella National Park.

Wakeboard at a Cable Park

ANDERGROVE, MACKAY
Glide across the water on a wakeboard as a cable pulls you across a man-made lake. All equipment is supplied; the experience is suitable for beginners as well as advanced riders. Relax and refuel at the on-site café.

Time for a Picnic

Queen's Park

GOLDSMITH STREET, EAST MACKAY
Two playgrounds, large recreational open spaces, educational gardens, the stunning Orchid House, picnic tables and public toilets. Shaded tables are scattered throughout the park and electricity is available to the Robert Bell Band Rotunda.

Iluka Park

TOWN BEACH, BINNINGTON ESPLANADE
An all-abilities playground, designed with sensory interactions in mind. The park is beside Town Beach and includes barbecue facilities.

Gooseponds

NORTH MACKAY
The Gooseponds are a fantastic place for a family adventure. Be entertained by a large variety of water birds, including ducks, geese and pelicans. A walking trail with exercise stations circles the ponds.

Mulherin Park

MACKAY MARINA
Expansive grassland with palm trees, picnic tables, barbecues and public toilets; with two play areas Mulherin Park is a great area for family entertainment.

For more Family Fun Ideas visit
mackayregion.com

Culture and Heritage

UNLOCKING THE PAST

Heritage Walk

Join Mackay Visitor Information Centre volunteers on the Heritage Walk, a guided stroll through Mackay's City Centre. The 90-minute walk includes historic buildings listed with the National Trust. (May-Sep)

Greenmount Homestead

Located 5km west of Walkerston, Greenmount Homestead is one of Mackay's valued historic attractions. The grounds contain a number of buildings including a 1915 Queenslander homestead, which displays a collection exceeding 20,000 historical items.

Melba House

The 1882 home of Dame Nellie Melba is now a fascinating historical museum as well as a Visitor Information Centre. The house also boasts an arts and craft shop featuring an extensive array of locally handmade gifts and souvenirs.

Mackay Cemetery

A self-guided walk can be taken at Mackay Cemetery. The Cemetery Heritage Walk brochure can be found at Mackay Regional Council, or the Mackay Visitor Information Centre on Nebo Road.

Museums

- Mackay Museum
- Pioneer Valley Museum
- Sarina Historical Centre
- Nebo Museum
- Clermont Historical Centre

War memorials

- Mackay Rats of Tobruk Memorial
- Bakers Creek Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Memorial

DID YOU KNOW?
The acclaimed opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba, spent the first year of her married life in a small house in the heart of the Pioneer Valley, in Marian.

DID YOU KNOW?
A lot of Mackay's earliest buildings were destroyed by a cyclone in 1918. Many of the re-built structures were from the 1920 to 1940 era, making the art deco style of Mackay's architecture unique for a Queensland city.

Artspace



Town Hall constructed in 1912



Holy Trinity Church Mackay

Artful Inspiration

- Bluewater Quay Public Art
- Paxton's Creative Space and Upstairs Gallery

Artspace Mackay

Artspace is an inspirational art gallery, displaying a diverse range of travelling exhibitions from international, national and regional gallery collections. Centrally located in the city's cultural precinct, the gallery also has a contemporary gift shop and alfresco café.

At its inception, the gallery inherited a large collection of artists' books, the collection is now the third-largest in Australia having grown through Artspace's own artist book competition; The Libris Awards.



Billie-Jo - Artspace

Is Artspace a family-friendly attraction?

"Absolutely! Artspace have art-trails for children, which are fun activity booklets to explore current exhibitions with. We have regular holiday drop-in activities for children of all ages and a regular art and music programme for toddlers thanks to our sponsor BMA. Teachers can also arrange interactive guided school tours."

How often do the exhibitions change?

"Our galleries are completely transformed with each changing exhibition which is every six to eight weeks."

How can I find out what exhibitions are on?

"You can find us on Facebook or look up our website, artspacemackay.com.au. We recommend joining our e-newsletter to keep up to date with all upcoming exhibitions and programmes."

Can I find unique gifts in the gift shop?

"The Artspace gift shop stocks creative giftware by local and Australian artisans; from handmade jewellery, ceramics and textiles to local books, cards and toys. It's a great spot to find something unusual and creative as a gift for someone special."



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- ~ Workshops, public programs & special events for all ages
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Taste

THE DESIRE TO DINE

Ripened in warm sunshine, raised on fertile hinterland pasture or caught fresh from the ocean, the paddock to plate experience in The Mackay Region is booming.

The Old Station Teahouse

Crazy about coffee

Elegantly refined or an aromatic earthy grind? Look throughout the refurbished City Centre with its arty laneways and follow the aroma of ground beans, it will lead your senses in the right direction. An old railway station has been relocated near Cape Hillsborough, where tiers of pretty pastries and scrumptious sandwiches can be savoured in a tropical garden. You can even enjoy organic, gluten-free goodies in the rainforest at Finch Hatton.

Brews and views

From rooftop bars in the City Centre to riverside tapas on River Street, there is an abundance of destinations to enjoy great brews with sensational views. Soak up the coastal vibe from a beachfront bar and grill at Sarina Beach or gaze over the golden sand of Eimeo from the historic hotel on top of the hill. Take your pick of locations for sunset cocktails, a resort at Dolphin Heads is a popular poolside choice. Dine beside the beach in Bucasia or for a hands-on brewing experience, visit a microbrewery in Paget and brew your own beer!

Produce from the paddock

Farms with fresh produce, free-range eggs and pasture-raised meats are a feature of The Mackay Region. Take a

tour of a farm or meet the farmer at a local grower's market in Mackay's City Centre. Find wholesome ingredients for a foodie's picnic at The Leap, where you can pick fresh lychees and browse organic groceries. Enjoy the sweetness of a perfectly ripe pineapple from a boutique farm in Bucasia.

Fabulous fresh seafood

As one of Australia's most exciting fishing destinations, delicious seafood is easy to find in Mackay. Select your own succulent seafood from vendors in Slade Point or River Street for locally caught reef and river fish. The local mud crabs are a regional specialty. Mackay's Marina is an excellent destination for lovers of fine seafood.

City cuisine

Mackay's City Centre has become one of the top food precincts in Queensland. From the Cane Fire sculpture in the heart of the city, tempting tastes can be seen in every direction, covering cuisine from all over the globe. The foodie precinct continues to River Street and follows the Bluewater Trail to Caneland Central Shopping Centre which also provides numerous dining possibilities.



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Langton Point Lookout

Getting here

Located a short 32km northeast of Mackay, Keswick Island is quickly reached by air or sea.

There is a private airstrip on Keswick Island, making it accessible for small aircrafts from Mackay Airport. Charter boat services depart the Mackay Marina on weekends. If arriving by private boat, Keswick Island has six moorings available for hire. Contact Keswick Developments for up-to-date timetable information to arrange your transportation to the island (1300 889 290).

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Day trips to Keswick Island are available on weekends. Choose to arrive and depart by air or sea, or choose both. Diving and snorkelling expeditions can be included in

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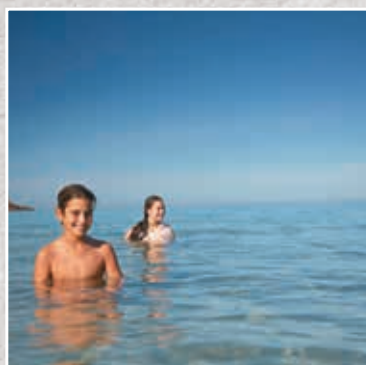
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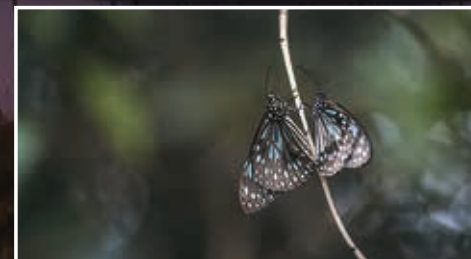
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- Watch humpback whales and calves passing the island from the shore or kayak.
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Keswick Island is home to thousands of butterflies

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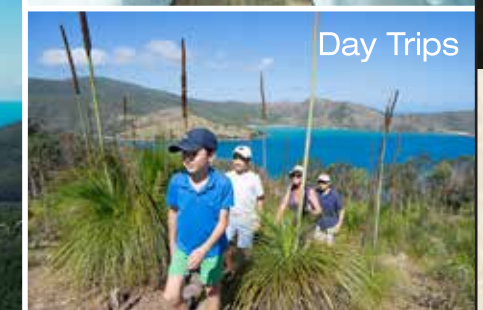
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MAKE TIME AT THE MARINA

Stay

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Play

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DID YOU KNOW?
Slade Point was named by Capt. James Cook, after Sir Thomas Slade, the naval architect who designed Nelson's H.M.S. Victory.

Slade Point – from sunrise to sunset

Slade Point Must-do's

- Take a stroll along the golden sand of Lamberts Beach.
- Enjoy panoramic views from Lamberts Lookout. An excellent vantage point to watch passing whales during migration season. You can watch both the sunrise and sunset from here.

LOCAL'S TIP

An intimate location for watching a sunset is at David Cheong Park on Ocean Avenue. There is one picnic table, perfectly positioned to capture the diminishing light while overlooking a secluded bay.

MACKAY CITY

Mackay City Must-Do's

EXPLORE MACKAY'S SCENIC BLUEWATER TRAIL

Mackay's Bluewater Trail is a pedestrian and bike path linking key attractions. From river wetlands to Mackay's public art trail and art deco inspired buildings; the trail is a blend of heritage, shopping, culture and beautiful natural experiences.

SWIM AT THE BLUEWATER LAGOON

Featuring three swimming lagoons year-round, it's a fun and refreshing destination for everyone. Entry is free of charge with public restroom facilities and a large picnic area.

DID YOU KNOW?
Mackay's Pioneer River is one of two blue water rivers in Queensland, and one of only a few in Australia.

CITY CENTRE

Mackay's recently revitalised City Centre has seamlessly linked central businesses with the attractive Bluewater Quay riverside precinct. At the intersection of Wood and Victoria Streets is Cane Fire, an interactive sculpture that, at night, produces swirling effects of colour, light and mist; controllable by visitors using a mobile phone. From here you can find your way to a range of restaurants and eateries.

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Mackay's Northern Beaches

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Getting here

From Mackay City Centre, head north on the Bruce Highway, turning right onto the Mackay Bucasia Road. Continue until you reach the Eimeo Road roundabout. From here, turn right to head to Blacks Beach, Dolphin Heads and Eimeo Beach, or continue straight to visit Bucasia Beach or Shoal Point.

Blacks Beach

When you want kilometres of sand to stroll, Blacks Beach is an ideal choice. It is also a great beach to fish from, try your luck near the creek mouth at the southern end. Relax in beachfront accommodation.

Eimeo Beach

Eimeo Beach is sheltered and a popular choice for swimming. During the summer months lifeguards patrol the beach. An esplanade park with a children's playground and barbecue facilities parallels the soft sand.

Visit a canopy of old Mango trees, planted by an early Mackay pioneer in the 1880s. The canopy on Mango Avenue, now a heritage-listed attraction, guides visitors to a historic hotel on the hill, known as the pub with the 'million-dollar view'.

Dolphin Heads

Dolphin Heads is a rocky and sandy headland, popular with photography enthusiasts. At low tide it is possible to walk from Dolphin Heads to neighbouring Eimeo Beach. A nearby resort is a popular choice for poolside cocktails and seafood.

Bucasia Beach

Bucasia is a beautiful long beach with soft sand. Keen anglers can fish off the beach at high tide for flathead, or toward the southern end of the beach near the sandy spits of Eimeo Creek. A boat ramp is nearby. Dine beachside overlooking the esplanade or poolside at a resort and spa near the old wooden swimming enclosure.

Shoal Point

The sand stretches for hundreds of metres, allowing a close-up view of Green Reef Island. Watch as hundreds of tiny blue soldier crabs scuttle along the mud flats.

The 'lone tree' found toward the northern end of the beach is a popular Instagram image, especially at sunset. It even has its own hashtag #mackayslonetree.

Grab some supplies

Shopping centres are located at Bucasia and Blacks Beach, while a larger shopping precinct can be found near the intersection of Eimeo and Mackay Bucasia Road.



Eimeo Beach



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Pioneer Valley and Eungella

ESCAPE INTO EUNGELLA

The Pioneer Valley is a patchwork of lush rainforest, waterfalls and sugar cane fields, dotted with roadside fruit stalls, rustic art and craft stores and historical places of interest.

Change your view

Short on time? Don't despair! There are panoramic lookouts for breathtaking views of the Pioneer Valley that don't require walking shoes to get to.

- Goodes Lookout can be found in the Eungella township, off North Street.
- If you enjoy a scenic drive, make your way along Dalrymple Road to Pease's Lookout.

Stay

Staying overnight in Eungella National Park is the best way to see a platypus at Broken River. Dawn or dusk provide the best chance to spot this shy creature.

Platypus Walk

Begin near the café at the Broken River car park, opposite a camping ground. The platypus path parallels the river to a viewing platform and is suitable for wheelchairs. The short walk only takes a few minutes and caters to all fitness levels. Other attractions can be spotted in the river including turtles and eels. Flowering bottlebrushes and tall river she-oaks line the river.

Wishing Pool Circuit

For a quieter platypus experience, try a trail where fewer people trek. This circuit is 1.7km in length and takes between 30 minutes to 1 hour to complete. Wander through parts of the rainforest carpeted in ferns and listen to whip birds and fruit doves singing in the canopy. Sit by the Broken River waterhole and watch for the bubbles of a surfacing platypus to appear.

Euphoric Eungella Experiences

- Walk the banks of Broken River to see a platypus playing in its natural environment.
- Walk to a waterfall in Finch Hatton and cool off in your own rock pool.
- Scuba dive with platypus in the cool rainforest water of Finch Hatton Gorge.
- Wet a line or enjoy the serenity on the shore of Eungella Dam.
- Zipline through rainforest canopy in Finch Hatton.
- See the best of the rainforest and join a guided tour.
- Enjoy a famous rustic pie or coffee overlooking cane fields in Pinnacle.
- Visit Melba House in Marian, a former residence of opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba.
- Browse artifacts in the Mirani Museum.
- Dine among the rainforest in Finch Hatton Gorge.
- Revitalise and relax in a mineral-rich mud bath overlooking the peaceful Mia Mia State Forest.
- Stay a night in Eungella National Park and go spotlighting to see nocturnal animals.
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Morning fog in Eungella



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Cape Hillsborough and Hibiscus Coast

Waking to greet a spectacular ocean sunrise, while wallabies fossick in the tide, is the best way to become immersed in the rugged natural paradise of the Hibiscus Coast.

Get wild with wallabies

Cape Hillsborough Beach, also known as Casuarina Beach, provides one of the most iconic 'Australian' photo backdrops, the famous 'Roo on the beach'. Enjoy this unique part of Australia as the morning sky lights up in spectacular shades of magenta and tangerine as wild marsupials bound up and down the beach.

Walk with nature

The trail from Casuarina Beach to Beach Comber Cove is a must-do for butterfly lovers. During the cooler months, the dense rainforest is often engulfed in hundreds of Blue Tiger butterflies.

The Andrews Point walking trail not only provides breathtaking views, but is also a great vantage point to see turtles feeding on the grass beds. Turtle laying occurs close to September, and hatching continues through until January.

Ancient rock

The large rhyolite boulders dotted throughout the rocky headlands of the Hibiscus Coast provide insight into the region's volcanic past.

Rock formations and caves can be found on Casuarina Beach on the way to the Wedge Island causeway. If you have your own kayak, paddle around Wedge Island into the inlet to discover an alcove with a beach made of pumice.

Culture

The Yuibera people lived in Cape Hillsborough for thousands of years and signs of their special connection to the area are still present.

Starting from Hidden Valley, the Yuibera Plants walking trail shows how the original inhabitants of the area gathered food within Cape Hillsborough.

The Diversity Boardwalk meanders through Melaleuca woodland, a mangrove community, open eucalypt forest and vine thicket. The trail showcases how the Yuibera people used the diversity of these environments to thrive.

creeks provide some of the best fishing in The Mackay Region and the laid-back nature of friendly locals make it a popular holiday location. Nearby is the Victor Creek boat ramp providing access to Newry Islands National Park.

The Leap

Shop for precious gems beside the hotel, visit an organic store or taste lychees fresh from the farm.

Our wallabies are wild – please respect their habitat

Please do not...

- Chase, corner or attempt to touch the wallabies.
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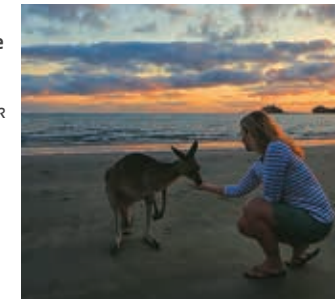
Please do...

- Respect their space.
- Sit quietly and enjoy the natural surrounds.
- Take photographs from a distance.
- Leave only footprints and take only memories.

DID YOU KNOW?
Mount Mandurana, now known as The Leap, was the scene of a historic tale of conflict between early European settlers and Indigenous inhabitants. Visit the hotel and view the large sculpture to discover the tragic story for yourself.

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Sarina and Surrounds

Sarina is a charming rural town full of sugar cane heritage and historical attractions, 30 minutes' drive south of Mackay.



Sarina Farms

Snap a selfie with one of Queensland's BIG icons

Keep an eye out for 'Buffy', the giant cane toad statue in the middle of Sarina. Buffy's name is derived from his scientific name, Bufo Marinus.

A step back in time

The Field of Dreams is a historical and educational park, displaying finely restored period buildings. Look back at a rich era of gold mining, sugar and coal at the Historical Centre, formerly St Anne's Catholic Convent, or visit the Yukan Art Gallery, transformed from the old Yukan Station.

Sweet sensation

The Sarina Sugar Shed is a multi award-winning attraction located in the Field of Dreams and is Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery.

The Sarina Sugar Shed tour is an educational and interactive way to understand the journey of sugar, from paddock to plate. Learn about Mackay's sugar cane pioneers, watch how sugar is extracted from the cane and then taste a range of sweet delights; from candy floss to rum, specialty liqueurs, chutneys and fudge.

Curious about coal?

Stretching for kilometres across the water, you can't miss the two jetties at Hay Point. The Port of Hay Point services a large number of the Bowen Basin coalmines. Find the lookout off Hay Point Road for a great view of the facility, complete with information boards about the region's coal industry.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal jetty is 3.8km in length, making it one of the longest coal loading jetties in the world.



Buffy Cane Toad



Sarina Sugar Shed



Grasstree Beach

1. Armstrong Beach

A 12-minute drive from Sarina, Armstrong Beach is a picturesque beach for walking. Head to nearby Freshwater Point, named by Captain Cook in 1770, when he was searching for fresh water, funnily enough.

2. Sarina Beach

Sweeping golden sand, gentle crashing waves and a popular location for nesting turtles. This beautiful beach is fringed by an esplanade park with barbecue facilities. Enjoy a meal overlooking the coast at a beachside bar and grill. Beachfront accommodation is available.

3. Grasstree Beach

This pretty bay is lined by sweeping trees and is shallow and sheltered; an ideal choice for swimming. An esplanade park with public facilities, picnic tables and a playground runs adjacent to the beach. A boat ramp is nearby.

4. Campwin Beach

Campwin Beach shares the same stretch of coastline as Sarina Beach, with Leeper Reef and adjoining rock flats separating the two at low tide. Search for oysters and mussels on the rocks or fish straight from the beach. Enjoy the view from Coral Point Lookout near Campwin Beach.

5. Salonika Beach

The 2km stretch of sandy beach is ideal for swimming and relaxation. Gaze out toward Victor Island, only 1km offshore. The natural preservation of the area means wildlife experiences are easy to come by, with black cockatoos, sea eagles and bush turkeys. Stay and dine beachside at a nearby resort.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre is a Visitor Information Centre, located in the 'Old Sarina Court House', built in 1906.

HAY POINT COUNTRY BED & BREAKFAST

Relax in our quiet, spacious, PET FRIENDLY self-contained unit set in tropical gardens. Enjoy cooling off in the landscaped swimming pool followed by a relaxing stroll in the picturesque countryside. A delicious hot country-style breakfast, using fresh local ingredients is included in the tariff – only 10 mins from the highway.



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www.haypointcountrybedandbreakfast.com

SARINA BEACH MOTEL

Located only 37km south of Mackay, Sarina Beach Motel is set directly on the beach front and is nothing short of Picture Perfect, with white sandy beaches, endless blue seas and lazy, sun filled days. Our cocktail bar and restaurant is open 7 nights and the beachfront pool is simply relaxing.



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SEA EAGLES BEACH RESORT



Sea Eagles Beach Resort is 30km south of Mackay beachfront facing onto Salonika Beach, with (19) two storey self-contained two (2) bedroom townhouse apartments, fully equipped kitchen, fridge/freezer, stove/oven, microwave, dishwasher, laundry/washing machine, clothes dryer, bathroom, bath and showers, two toilets, main bedroom queen bed, second bedroom (2) single beds or double and single bed, dining room, LCD TV, DVD player, Foxtel, fully air-conditioned with fans, facilities, restaurant and bar, conference facilities, two pools and spas, barbecues, tennis, playground, volleyball, great fishing, close to Whitsundays islands and reefs, local boat ramp, corporate rates available.



149 Rasmussen Avenue, Salonika Beach, Hay Point QLD 4740
P: 07 4956 3322
E: reservations@seaeaglesresort.com.au
www.seaeaglesresort.com.au

Isaac Coast

Stretching from south of Sarina to St Lawrence, the Isaac Coast is home to patches of ancient rainforest, beautiful beaches and exciting marine life.



Carmila Beach

Delightful dugongs in Clairview

With golden sand and rocky features, Clairview is an ideal beach for crabbing. You may be lucky enough to sight a dugong from the shore, otherwise boating or kayaking provides better opportunities. Stay beachside at a camping ground and meet local artists who get their inspiration from the seaside serenity.

Catch a crab in Carmila

Camp near the ocean and reel in the ocean's bounty by trawling nearby creek mouths. Facilities include toilets, barbecues and picnic tables. A boat ramp is located at Carmila Creek with a playground and beach access nearby. The beach is great for crabbing. Sunset fishing is particularly good here for barramundi, mangrove jack, trevally and flathead.

Rugged 4WD adventure at Cape Palmerston

Cape Palmerston National Park is an off-road paradise. Open eucalypt woodland grows on the ridges; while mangrove swamps, rainforest and sand dunes are all part of the cape's rugged attraction. Traverse the oceanside cape to view abundant marine life below, including turtles, dugongs or humpback whales from June to September as they migrate north.

Flaggy Rock

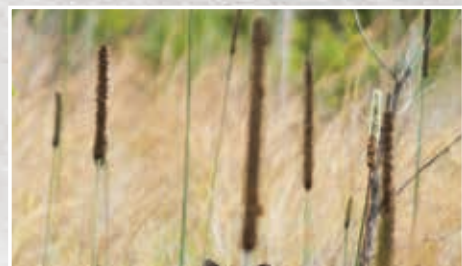
Accessible by 4WD vehicles, Flaggy Rock Bluff provides beautiful 360 degree views toward the ranges and across the Coral Sea. Stop at a local café and gift shop to indulge in home baking, sample some of the freshly-made fruit ice cream or purchase a precious gem to take home.

St Lawrence

One of the most historic towns on the Queensland coast, St Lawrence was originally built to service the Customs Office for the Port of St Lawrence.

Things to see and do

- Visit the historical Anglican Church.
- Unlock the pioneering heritage in the St Lawrence Cemetery, with graves dating back to the mid-1800s.
- Visit the historic library in the restored Railway Building.
- Enjoy the St Lawrence Wetlands, home to more than 50 species of water and shore birds.
- View the remains of the port and abattoir, constructed using convict labour.
- See a collection of past machinery and relics at the Centenary Pavilion.



Cape Palmerston National Park



Salonika Beach



St Lawrence



Become part of the Isaac story, re-energise your spirit and soothe your soul in nature reserved just for you...



From the deserted islands and seascapes of the Coral Sea to the big skies of the western plains, our region offers travellers an idyllic escape from the every day.

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Isaac Region

Head inland on the Peak Downs Highway, where the vivid red soil of the outback contrasts with the 'black gold' extracted from the region's coalmines.

OUTBACK HERITAGE

Ghosts of the past

Visit the abandoned mining town of Mt Britton, a 35-minute drive northeast of Nebo. Only remnants are left of what was once a thriving gold mining town. The Isaac Regional Council maintains markers on the original streets, and displays historic photographs on information boards to give you a glimpse of the town in the 1880s.

Giddy up in Nebo

In the cattle-grazing town of Nebo, the heritage-listed pub built in 1862 is the ideal place to get a taste of rural Australian hospitality and some good tucker.

Annual Event – Grab your hats, dust off your boots and roll up your swag, the Mackay Toyota Nebo Rodeo is the town's largest event, yearly in May. It attracts competitors from across the country and has been recognised as one of the best rodeo events in Australia.

Fossick for gold in Clermont

Gold was discovered in Clermont in 1861. And, ever since, the town has found prosperity in precious metals, coal and agriculture. Purchase a fossicking licence and gold detector from a local Clermont business for your chance to take home a shiny souvenir.

- Visit the Clermont Historical Centre.
- Visit the 'Piano in the Tree'.
- Visit the abandoned copper mining area of Copperfield.

In Capricorn Street, the iconic 'Piano in the Tree' is a replica of an actual piano found in the tree after the floodwaters subsided. It was one of three pianos found in treetops throughout Clermont after the 1916 flood.

OUTBACK NATURE

Wolfgang Peak

At 572 metres, Wolfgang Peak is one of the most popular peaks of the range and takes approximately one hour to summit.

Lord's Table Mountain

Take in the sweeping views of Lord's Table Mountain from the Lord's Table Rest Area. Keep an eye out for an array of wildlife which roam freely among the plains including kangaroos, emus and camels.

Hoods Lagoon

Take a picnic to Centenary Park and watch the variety of birdlife found near the shore of Hoods Lagoon. The footpath and boardwalk around the lagoon provides an insightful look into the history of Clermont.

Theresa Creek Dam

Just 20km southwest of Clermont, discover the oasis in the desert of Theresa Creek Dam. An angler's paradise; golden perch, jewfish, barramundi and red claw can all be found beneath the tranquil surface.

Lake Elphinstone

Lake Elphinstone is a popular destination for fishing, kayaking and water skiing with camping and amenities available beside the lake. Red crawfish can be caught here. Public facilities include toilets, hot water showers, electric barbecues, boat ramp and picnic tables. It is advisable to take your own drinking water. The lake can be accessed via the Sutter Developmental Road on the way to Glenden.



Lake Elphinstone



Lord's Table Mountain

Walk on the Wild Side

In the Mackay Highlands, there are many beautiful trails to trek, whether you are a hiker or a wanderer.

Eungella

Sky Window

Difficulty: Easy
Time: 10 minutes

The entrance to the Sky Window Walk can be found in a picnic area on the Eungella Dam Road. This loop-track circuit is wheelchair accessible. At the halfway point, walkers are rewarded with a spectacular view across the Pioneer Valley.

While trekking through the rainforest, keep an eye out for unusual flora and fauna, such as the rare gastric brooding frog, the orange-sided skink, Mackay tulip oak, Eungella spiny cray and Eungella honeyeater.

Pine Grove and Cedar Grove

Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 1 hour (one-way, 3km)

Begin near the Cedar Grove Picnic Area, near Eungella. Take in wonderful views from the Eagle View Lookout. A highlight of the walk is passing through the strangler fig tree arch. Arrive at the Sky Window Picnic Area.

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Araluen and Wheel of Fire Cascades

Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Araluen Time: 1.5 hours (return, 2.8km)
Wheel of Fire Time: 2 hours (return, 4.2km)

Walk the well-formed track through rainforest to the Araluen Cascades. This beautiful waterfall has a cooling plunge pool at its base, ideal for a refreshing swim. Continue through lush rainforest and between great granite boulders to the lookout above the Wheel of Fire Waterfall. This walk does include a number of stairs, but the view is well worth the effort.

Mackay Great Highlands Walk

Difficulty: Advanced
Time: 3-5 days (one-way, 56km)

Witness majestic panoramic views across the Pioneer Valley, then meander through dewy rainforest and mixed eucalypt forest before embarking on tracks carved by early pioneers. Pass under ancient rose gums in Crediton State Forest and uncover gold mining relics from the 1800s. Traverse through Homevale National Park to see prominent cliffs, peaks and spires, created from lava eruptions 30 million years ago. End your walk at the historic Mt Britton, a former gold mining town where relics of old machinery are all that is left of this once thriving town.

Finch Hatton

Mackay Region Directories

Getting Here & Around

Visitor Information Centres

Mackay Visitor Information Centre
1300 130 001
www.mackayregion.com

Melba House Visitor Information Centre
07 4954 4299

Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre
07 4956 2251

Broken River Visitor Information Centre
07 4958 4745
www.brokenriverkiosk.com.au

Clermont Visitor Information Centre
07 4983 3311
www.isaac.qld.gov.au

Transport Facilities and Services

Greyhound Australia
1300 473 946
www.greyhound.com.au

Mackay Airport
07 4957 0201
www.mackayairport.com.au

Mackay and Whitsundays Taxis
131 008
www.mackaytaxi.com.au

Mackay Transit Coaches
07 4957 3330
www.mackaytransit.com.au

QantasLink
131 313
www.qantas.com.au

Queensland Rail Travel
1800 872 467
www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au

Tours & Attractions

Mackay City & Marina

Aqua Fun Park Mackay
1300 500 261
www.aquafunparkmackay.com.au

Artspace Mackay
07 4961 9722
www.artspacemackay.com.au

BB Print Stadium Mackay
07 4961 9777
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Bluewater Lagoon
1300 622 529
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Bluewater Trail
1300 622 529
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Elizabeth E II
07 4955 2563
www.elizabetheli.com.au

Goanna Brewing
07 4914 2661
www.goannabrewing.com.au

Gordon White Library
07 4961 9300
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/libraries

Gowake Cable Park – Mackay
07 4805 6143
www.gowakemackay.com.au

Mackay Airport Beach Horse Racing Festival
0417 203 530
www.mackaybeachhorseracing.com.au

Mackay City Library
07 4961 9387
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Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
1300 622 529
www.mackaytix.com.au

Mackay Marina Pty Ltd
07 4955 6855
www.mackaymarina.com

Mackay Museum
07 4953 0002
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens
07 4952 7300
www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au

Mackay Regional Council
1300 622 529
www.mackay.qld.gov.au

Megaforce Charters
07 4955 5290
www.megaforcecharters.com.au

Orchid House
1300 622 529
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

The Family Table
0449 167 152
www.familytable.com.au

Town Hall
07 4961 9776
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Pioneer Valley

Greenmount Homestead
07 4959 2250
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Melba House
07 4954 4299

Mirani Library
07 4961 9231
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/libraries

Pioneer Valley Museum
07 4961 9229
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Reeforest Adventure Tours
1800 500 353
www.reeforest.com.au

Walkerston Library
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Cape Hillsborough and Hibiscus Coast

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07 4954 0011
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Sarina and Serenity Coast

Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal
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Sarina Art Gallery
07 4961 9722
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Sarina Historical Centre
07 4956 2436
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/secrets

Sarina Library
07 4961 9297
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/libraries

Sarina Sugar Shed
07 4943 2801
www.sarinasugarshed.com.au

Isaac Region

Clermont Historical Centre
07 4983 3311
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Isaac Regional Council
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Nebo Museum
07 4950 5471
www.isaac.qld.gov.au

Other Regions

Mantaray Charters
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www.mantaraycharters.com

Paronella Park
07 4065 0000
www.paronellapark.com.au

Whitehaven Xpress
07 4946 1585
www.whitehavenxpress.com.au



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Beachfront B&B

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www.noreenjensen.wix.com/beachfrontbnbmackay

BIG4 Mackay Marine Tourist Park

07 4955 1496
www.mmtp.com.au

Central Tourist Park

07 4957 6141
www.centraltouristpark.com.au

Clarion Hotel Mackay Marina

1800 386 386
www.mackayaccommodation.com.au

Coral Cay Resort Motor Inn

07 4957 7677
www.coralcayresort.com.au

Coral Sands Motel

07 4951 1244
www.coralsandsmotel.com.au

ibis Mackay Airport

07 4898 0000
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Lanai Riverside Apartments

07 4957 4401
www.lanaiapartments.com.au

Mackay Rose Motel

07 4957 6572
www.mackayrosemotel.com.au

Oaks Rivermarque

07 4862 7200
www.oakshotelsresorts.com

Ocean International

07 4957 2044
www.oceaninternational.com.au

Potter's Oceanside Motel

1800 188 133
www.pottersoceansidemotel.com.au

Premier Caravan Park

07 4957 6976
www.premiercp.com.au

Quest Mackay

07 4829 3500
www.questmackay.com.au

Quest Mackay on Gordon

07 4842 1800
www.questmackayongordon.com.au

Riviera Mackay

07 4914 2460
www.rivieramackay.com.au

Seabreeze Resort Hotel

07 4955 1644
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Shakespeare Motel

1800 075 057
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Sun Plaza Motel

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The Park

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www.theparkmackay.com.au

White Lace Motor Inn

07 4951 4466
www.whitelace.com.au

Northern Beaches

Dolphin Heads Resort

07 4944 4777
www.dolphinheadsresort.com.au

Leeway Beach House

0448 867 185
www.leewaybeachhouse.com.au

Sarina and Serenity Coast

Sarina Beach Motel

07 4956 6266
www.sarinabeachmotel.com.au

Sarina Motor Inn

07 4943 1431
www.sarinamotorinn.com.au

Sea Eagles Beach Resort

07 4956 3322
www.seaeaglesresort.com.au

Cape Hillsborough and Hibiscus Coast

Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park

07 4959 0152
www.capehillsboroughresort.com.au

The Feathered Nest – Luxury Wildlife Retreat

07 4954 0387
www.the-feathered-nest.com.au

Other Regions

Airlie Beach Motor Lodge

07 4964 1999
www.airliebeachmotorlodge.com.au

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Caneland Central

07 4944 7111
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Eimeo Pacific Hotel

07 4954 6106
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Harrup Park Country Club

07 4944 0000
www.harruppark.com.au

Mackay Fish Market

07 4953 2498
www.mackayfishmarket.com.au

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07 4963 0777
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Evergreen Interiors

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QLD Parks & Wildlife Service

07 4999 8534
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