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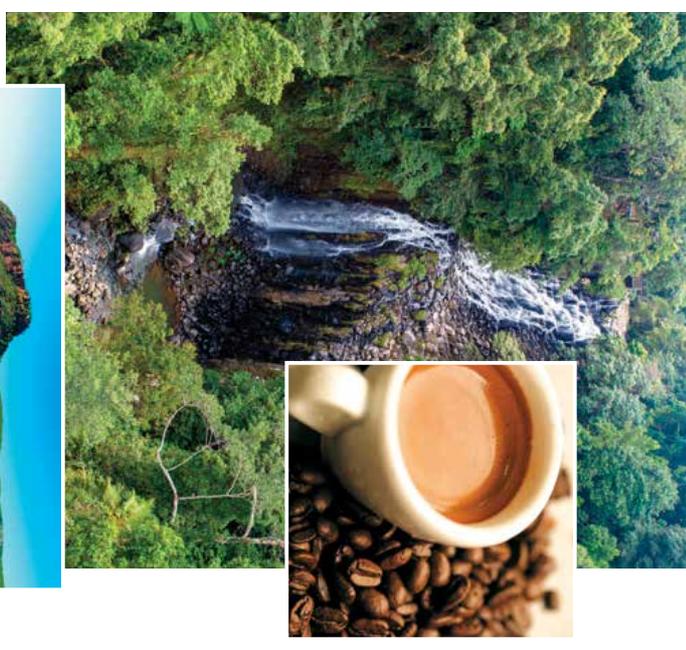
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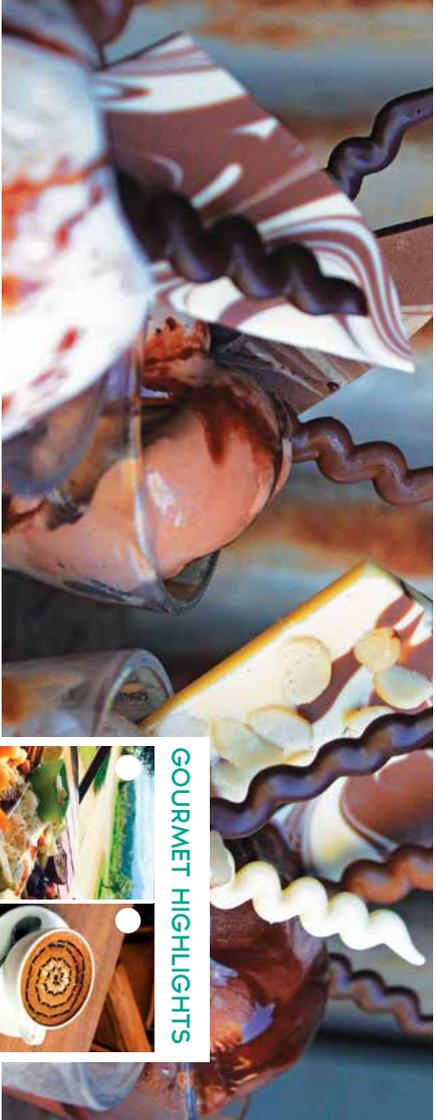
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# Food and Wine



The geology and rich fertile soils of the Atherton Tablelands give rise to some of the country's most breathtaking scenery and support an agricultural industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Here you will find coffee, tea, milk, sugar, tropical fruits and cheese, plus avocados, citrus, papaya, potatoes, herbs, pumpkins, watermelons, blueberries, strawberries and more.

Growers also continue to diversify their farming practices, bringing a bounty of tropical fruit wines, liquors and spirits made from mangoes, lychees and other exotic fruits. You can sample these at a number of cellar doors, including Murdering Point Winery, Golden Drop Winery and Mt. Uncle Distillery.

At Millaa Millaa, the biodynamic dairy Mungallil Creek produces exquisite cheeses, yoghurts, icecream and milks. Nearby, between Malanda and Atherton, is Gallo Dairy and. It has a fully-licensed restaurant and a delectable range of cheeses produced on-site with milk from the cows outside the window. A visit here will not disappoint.

Nerada Tea is also a fascinating working tea plantation near Malanda. Open seven days a week from 9am to 4pm, it also offers Devonshire teas, and has two friendly tree kangaroos – Billy and Misty, that can be spotted in the tree tops.

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Range around 550m above sea level, Slybury Cafe & Roastery is located

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In town, a gourmet feast awaits at Coffee Works. Compare the finest flavours of coffee, tea, chocolate and liquor. Don't miss the exquisite chocolate in the chocolaterie. Take the time to stroll through the gift store, offering unique homewares and gifts handpicked by the owners and enjoy a delicious meal with coffee. Gourmet travellers will also discover Brett's Outback Tasting Adventures with all the foodie highlights.

The Bakerville Tearooms at the Historic Village Herberton also offers a charming setting for lunch. Open seven days a week, this quirky restaurant serves pies, quiches, sausage rolls and more. There is also a great range of homemade bottled sauces and jams available for purchase.

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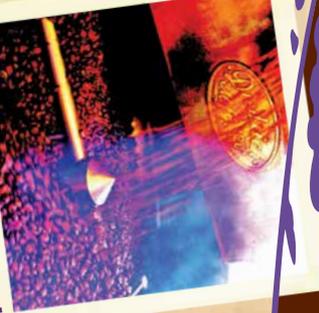
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# Birding and Wildlife



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The outstanding natural values of Australia's tropical rainforests were recognised in 1988 when the Wet Tropics of Queensland was inscribed on the World Heritage List. You can learn more about World Heritage-listed places from regional visitor centres, or look for the green tree frog logo as you explore the area.

Playful platypus, dancing Broilgas and cute tree kangaroos are just some of the unique Australian wildlife you can encounter in the region. Viewing and studying wildlife is made possible by a network of National Parks, bushwalks, wildlife spotting tours and the knowledgeable interest of so many local people.

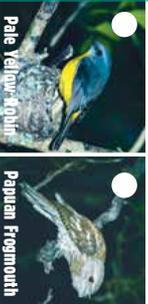
## BIRD SPOTTER'S GUIDE

Birding Birdwatching on the Atherton Tablelands attracts global attention due to the diverse avifauna and variety of local habitats, including riverine, wetland, woodland, rainforest, grassland, agricultural and parkland.

Top birdwatching spots include the drier regions of Mt Moolly and Kaban, Nylea Bird Hide (Hasties Swamp National Park), Nardello's Lagoon, Bromfield Swamp, Abattoir Swamp, the National Parks of Mt Hypipamee, Crater Lakes, Davies Creek, Barron Falls, Mt Lewis, Mareeba Wetlands and the Wongabel State Forest.

October to April may be the region's hotter and wetter months, but it is also the time when the migrant species arrive from Papua New Guinea, including the beautiful Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher, Channel-billed Cuckoo and Common Keel.

Many birds such as the White-eared Monarch and Nobis Pita are also breeding at this time of year and are easier to observe as they search for food. During the cooler, drier, winter months from May to September, Victoria's Riflebirds are also displaying.



Pale Yellow Warbler



Papuan Frogmouth



Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher



Black-necked Stork



Victoria's Riflebirds

At this time, Broilgas and Sarus Cranes can also be found on the Atherton Tablelands feeding on the harvested agricultural fields.

**Unique Wildlife Encounters** The Bat Hospital in Atherton is internationally known and has a visitor centre where you can see and learn more about microbats and flying foxes. You can also take in the wildlife at excellent attractions such as the Daintree Discovery Centre and Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. If you look very hard, you may spot a Lumholtz's or Bennett's Tree Kangaroo up high in the branches or platypus in freshwater lagoons.

Many animals on the Atherton Tablelands are nocturnal and several tourism companies and lodges can arrange a night time safari. Or just sit outside your accommodation and wait for the forest kangaroos, sugar gliders and bandicoots to come to you.

Alan's Wildlife Tours specialises in tree kangaroos, birds and nocturnal mammals. His love of wildlife, knowledge and interest in the history of the local area has set the foundation for an exciting and interesting tour.

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are more than 430 bird species in the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef and 327 of these can be seen on the Atherton Tablelands.

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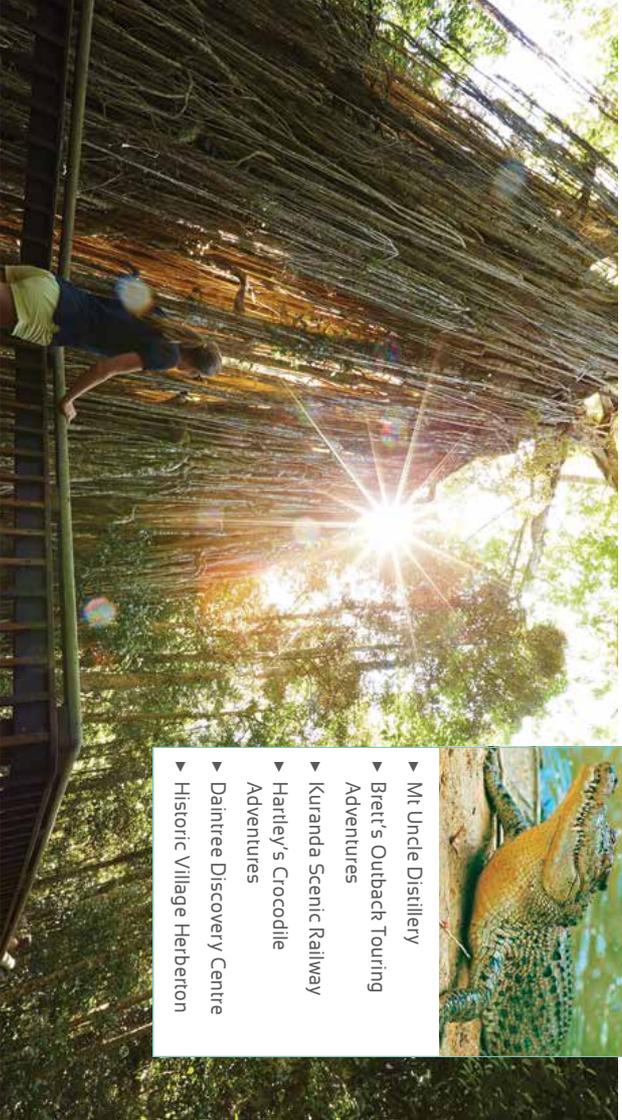
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# Touring



## "MUST DO" TOURS

- ▶ Mt Uncle Distillery
- ▶ Brett's Outback Touring Adventures
- ▶ Kuranda Scenic Railway
- ▶ Hartley's Crocodile Adventures
- ▶ Daintree Discovery Centre
- ▶ Historic Village Herberton

Tropical North Queensland has rightfully earned its reputation as one of the most beautiful and diverse localities to visit in the world. Finding your way around has never been easier, with some fantastic tried and tested drive routes that all lead to the Atherton Tablelands and beyond.

Want to explore all that the Atherton Tablelands and beyond has to offer but prefer to sit back, relax and let someone else do the work? Choosing a guided tour can be a lot of fun and ensures you get the most out of your visit, learning a lot about local culture, art and history along the way. Tours also offer the chance to meet other like-minded travellers and of course the friendly locals.

**Food Tastings** Brett's Outback Tasting Adventures offers unique and exclusive food experiences that allow you to savour regional foods at their source and hear the stories behind the foods. Departing from Cairns and Port Douglas, you will travel across the Atherton Tablelands sampling locally grown coffee, wine, cheese and more.

**Touring** Travel north to the prehistoric Daintree Rainforest with a stop at the Daintree Discovery Centre a must. This award-winning world-class interpretive facility allows visitors easy access to

every level of the rainforest, from the forest floor to the upper-most reaches of the canopy. The animated, life-size dinosaurs, bugs, reptiles and fish will also keep the kids entertained for hours. It has a number of self-guided tours for visitors wanting to explore the fascinating centre and its rainforest environs. Venture out with an audio guide and take in the aerial walkway, cassowary circuit, 23-metre high canopy tower, bush tucker trail and boardwalks.

**Attractions** No journey would be complete without a visit to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. See the big crocs up close during feeding times as well as experience the wetland boat rides and wildlife presentations. Hartley's is family friendly and offers a three-day return pass.

**Transport** For travel further afield, Trans North provides an excellent service. It offers three return trips weekly from Cairns to Karumba

connecting at Undera, as well as six return services weekly from Cairns to Cooktown, including an inland service via Mareeba and Lakeland.

Twice a day Kuranda Scenic Railway will take you on a journey of ancient rainforest, towering waterfalls, 15 handmade tunnels and 37 towering bridges. This rail journey between Cairns and Kuranda has been enthraling travellers for 125 years with its sheer beauty, engineering feats and historic significance. Opt for Heritage Class for old world charm or Gold Class for personalised service and a touch of luxury.

Discover Australia's fascinating past at the amazing Historic Village Herberton with a private guided tour. There are a number of tour options that include some of the Atherton Tablelands' most scenic attractions, while also giving you the opportunity to explore this amazing heritage village.

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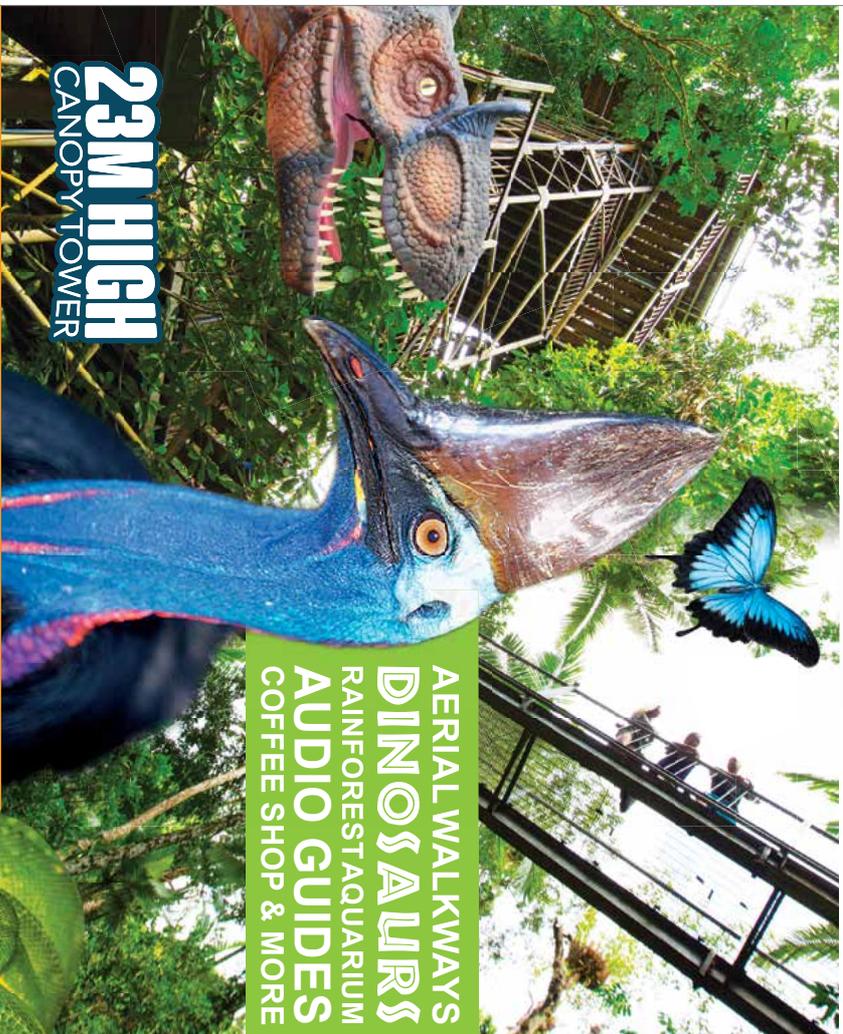


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## Getting Here



Tropical North Queensland has rightfully earned its reputation as one of the most beautiful and diverse localities to visit in the world and finding your way around has never been easier, with some fantastic tried and tested drive routes that all lead to the Atherton Tablelands and beyond. Whether it's a self-drive adventure that lets you discover the region at your own pace, or a tour that lets someone else take the wheel, the landscape is a joy to explore.

### COOKTOWN AND CAPE YORK

The push to the tip of Australia is a must for the intrepid road warrior. Visit amazing Aboriginal rock art and pioneer relics, marvel at nature in the national parks or try your luck sport fishing.

The Palmer River Gold Fields, Lakeled Downs, the Annan Gorge, the mysterious Black Mountain and historic Cooktown all warrant further exploration.

### CHILLAGOE AND THE WHEELBARROW WAY

The Wheelbarrow Way encompasses some of the richest and most important history of our national heritage between Mareeba and Chillagoe.

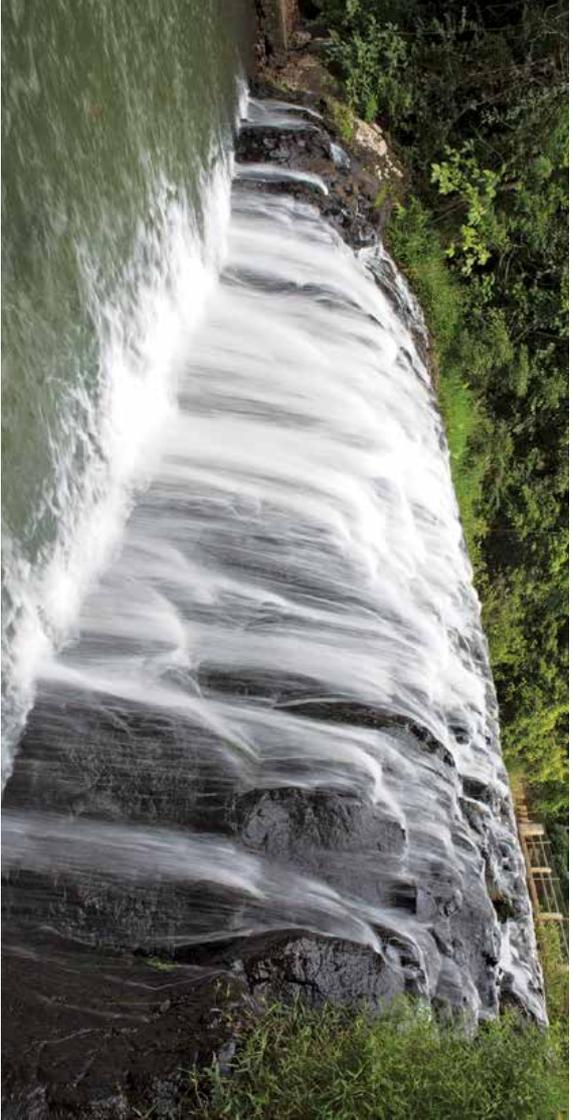
Drive through ancient landscapes with spectacular escarpment formations and be sure not to miss the beautiful limestone caves at Chillagoe. Also spend some time in Chillagoe touring the historic copper mines of the Old State Smelters.

### THE GREAT BARRIER REEF DRIVE

This drive takes in 140km of spectacular scenery, hugging the rugged coastline from Ellis Beach to Port Douglas, passing through Mossman and over the Daintree River before meandering through the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest on the way to Cape Tribulation. Enjoy the brief ferry ride across the crocodile-filled Daintree River and prepare for the wild and untamed beauty that awaits.



# Malanda



The pretty town of Malanda is situated in the heart of the Atherton Tablelands' rainforest region. It's great for bird watching, bushwalking and taking a cooling dip at the falls. As well as being the centre of a highly successful dairy industry, the village has many resident artists. Their work can be viewed on an art trail showcasing a series of vibrant mosaics depicting the town's history.

**Attractions** Take a break at the historic Malanda Hotel and step inside for a cool ale.

The Malanda Dairy Centre in the main street features an innovative retro milk bar restaurant, which will take you back when days were longer and times simpler. The Pioneer Museum depicting the history of the area is also worth a visit. Gallo Dairy/and is also a must stop visit with delicious cheese and chocolate to sample and buy.

**Accommodation** Visitors have a range of accommodation options, including The Canopy Rainforest Treehouses and Wildlife Sanctuary. These are situated in the stunning surrounding rainforests, offering plenty of opportunities to encounter native wildlife.

**Activities** The Malanda Falls Visitor Centre is a great place to start. Allow time to browse the fascinating displays and learn about this unique tropical region, its natural history and its people.

The area's traditional owners are the Ngadgon-ji people. Informative and highly personalised guided rainforests walks with an Indigenous elder are available on weekends or by appointment at a small cost. Centre volunteers provide local information – ask about the guided rainforest walks through the Conservation Park, which are moderate, enjoyable trails.

In the rainforest surrounding Malanda there have been more recorded daytime sightings of the rare Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo than anywhere else. It is common to see platypus, turtles and lizards as well.

Two self guided walking trails, the Tulip Oak Walk and the Rainforest Walk weave through the forest or along the banks of the North Johnstone River, each taking approximately 30 minutes to enjoy, and start right near the visitor information centre.

The beautiful Malanda Falls is a must-see stopover and offers year round swimming and picnicking.

Gallo Dairy/and is located half way between Atherton and Malanda. Here you will find a fully operational dairy farm, gourmet cheese factory, cafe and world class chocolate.

At Glen Allyn Road, visitors can tour the Nerada Tea Estate in the shadow of Mt. Bartle Frere. This is the largest tea plantation in Australia, and the visitor centre provides tours and tastings. Visitors can see how tea is grown and processed, see the factory operating, buy fresh tea or a special gift and enjoy a Devonshire tea overlooking the plantation.

Not far from Malanda is Bromfield Swamp, an extinct volcanic crater. A roost to hundreds of cranes each winter, this is a must for bird enthusiasts hoping to see the enchanting dancing displays of the Sarus Cranes and Brolgas.

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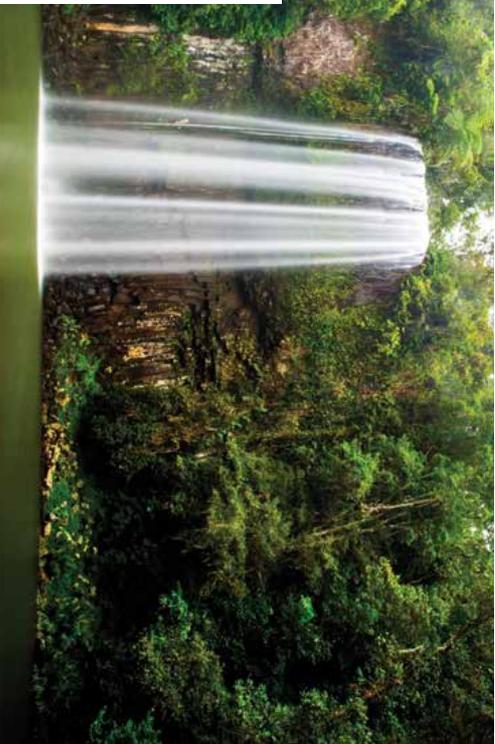
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# Millaa Millaa



## TOP TEN WATERFALLS



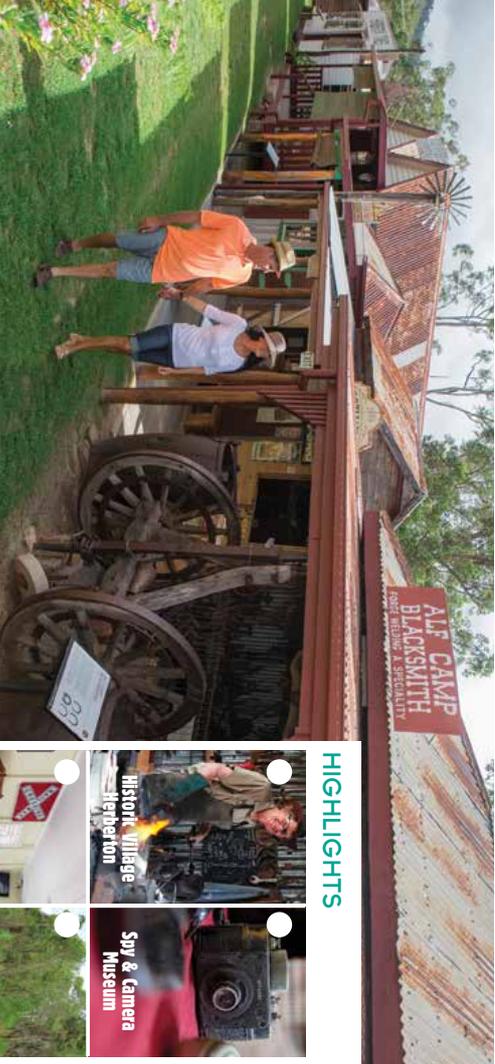
Beautiful Millaa Millaa, known as the Village in the Mist, is the gateway to the southern Tablelands. The image of its picturesque waterfall has graced thousands of travel pages. At 850m above sea level, the town is nestled among emerald hills surrounded by lush dairy pastures, majestic rainforests and magnificent waterfalls.

**Millaa Millaa Town** The village is over 100 years old and its rich, rural heritage is outlined in the local museum. Don't miss the massive Kauri Pine logs, a memento of the logging industry of the past.

Next to the museum is a covered picnic area featuring a sculpture of the famed explorer, Christie Palmerston. One of the most superb vistas in the region can be seen from the Millaa Millaa Lookout just west of town.

**Waterfalls** Millaa Millaa's picturesque waterfalls, which have been attracting visitors for over a century, are Queensland Heritage-listed. The Waterfall Circuit begins at Theresa Creek Road just east of town and the drive encompasses Millaa Millaa Falls, Zillie Falls and Ellinjaa Falls. All the falls have walking tracks, in addition, Millaa Millaa Falls also has picnic tables, change rooms and toilets.

Other falls to visit include Pepina and Soula, which are located 10km from Millaa Millaa along the Old Palmerston Highway towards Ravenshoe.



# Herberton and Irvinebank

In the late 1880s, miners like John Moffat created a boom on the back of the tin they extracted from the bush clad hills. Today, Herberton's well-preserved buildings and inviting streets are drawing people back with a new vibrancy. Connect with Australia's history and folklore by re-visiting the past.

**Historic Village Herberton** The Historic Village Herberton provides a rare glimpse spanning two centuries into Australia's pioneering past and cultural history. Exhibits range from dwellings, antiques and vehicles through to

Aboriginal artifacts and World War II memorabilia. It is a living museum experience, with demonstrations of vintage machinery and trades, including blacksmithing and printing.

The Village occupies 16 acres (6.5 hectares) at Herberton and has been laid out to resemble a tin mining town with a garage, newspaper office, butcher's shop, chemist, grocery store, frock salon, toy shop, coach house, John Deere tractor shed, radio store, sewing machine shop and tool shed. Each are stocked with period wares and items.

Elderslie House, built for John Newell, 'the father of Herberton', sits grandly among more than 60 restored buildings. These include the Herberton State School, circa 1883, and the 'haunted' Bakerville Tearooms, where food is served daily.

## HIGHLIGHTS



Allow a full day for your visit. The Village is open seven days and dogs on leads are welcome.

**Herberton Town** The oldest town on the Atherton Tablelands has its entire precinct listed on the National Heritage Register, and is best discovered via its intriguing photo posts and self-guided Heritage Walk. See the earliest building, the 1881 School of Arts, in the main street and wander down to the Jack B Newell Store c.1882, which houses the fascinating Spy B Camera Museum.

Open seven days, this museum is one-of-a-kind and will transport visitors from downtown Herberton to the cold, dark streets of the former USSR and the world of espionage. Learn the history of photography, starting with the birth of today's modern camera and finish with owner Michael Peterson's favourite – the spy camera.

**The Railway Museum** Also worth a visit is the Railway Museum, located at the end of John Street. Open on weekends and public holidays, the museum is

operated by The Atherton-Herberton Historic Railway Inc, volunteer organisation. Having restored the old train line, they now operate train rides from Herberton Station to the Historic Village Herberton on a regular Sunday timetable between 10am and 3pm. Please check the Historic Village's website for more information.

**The Herberton Mining Museum and Information Centre** Occupying the site of the first big tin discovery at the Great Northern Mine, the museum has themed areas telling the fascinating story of Herberton's mining history and the town's development. There are mineral collections on show, plus a small theatre for multi-media displays.

**Irvinebank** Established in 1882, Irvinebank boasts many century-old buildings. These include Loudoun House, now a museum, which was the home of the town's founder, John Moffat. At nearby Montalbin, a former Cobb B Co. stop, you can fish in the dam and camp under the stars.

# Atherton



From its beginnings as a timber-getters' camp and staging post between the outback tin mines and the coast, Atherton has blossomed like its trademarK Jacaranda trees into a diverse regional centre. Well known to the locals as a highland getaway destination, Atherton is also famous for its rich soils, which grow superb produce and flowers.

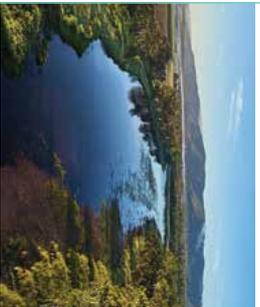
**Attractions** The region has a wealth of artists whose works are best seen at the Tablelands Regional Gallery. Check out the wonderful pre-war Barron Valley Hotel, browse through the town's quaint shops like Atherton Antiques & Australiana and enjoy a picnic at Halloran's Hill with a view of the Seven Sisters volcanic cones.

Hasties Swamp (Nylera Wetlands) is a seasonal wetland with an annual wet and dry cycle. The two-storey bird hide provides wheelchair access on the lower section.

Take time to get to know the inhabitants at The Bat Hospital on the road to Herberton. Here, you can meet flying foxes and microbats at the visitor centre. This internationally renowned facility is operated by a not-for-profit group dedicated to the conservation of bats and their habitat. They rescue, rehabilitate and release hundreds of bats each year and the facility is open seasonally to the public.

**The Crystal Caves** In the main street, you will find one of the most remarkable and novel attractions in the whole of Australia.

## HASTIES SWAMP



Hasties Swamp National Park is a 'must-do' for birdwatchers with a two-storey bird hide providing a comfortable vantage point across the seasonal wetland.

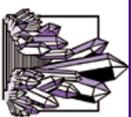
More than 220 species have been recorded at Hasties Swamp (sometimes referred to as Nylera Wetlands), 4km south of Atherton on the road to Herberton.

The swamp sits amid open Eucalypt forest and it is not surprising that many of the migratory and resident birds are aquatic and woodland species.

The spectacular private mineral collection features more than 600 specimens, including rare crystals, gemstones and fossils.

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**Chinatown** Gold attracted Chinese settlers to North Queensland in the late 1800s and when the gold ran out, many turned to timber cutting and market gardening. The remains of Atherton's Chinatown are now an archaeological site featuring the community's fully restored place of worship, the Hou Wang Temple. The Temple was the social and religious heart of Atherton's Chinese community. There was also a community hall, kitchen and pig oven. People gathered here to worship, celebrate festivals and discuss community issues.



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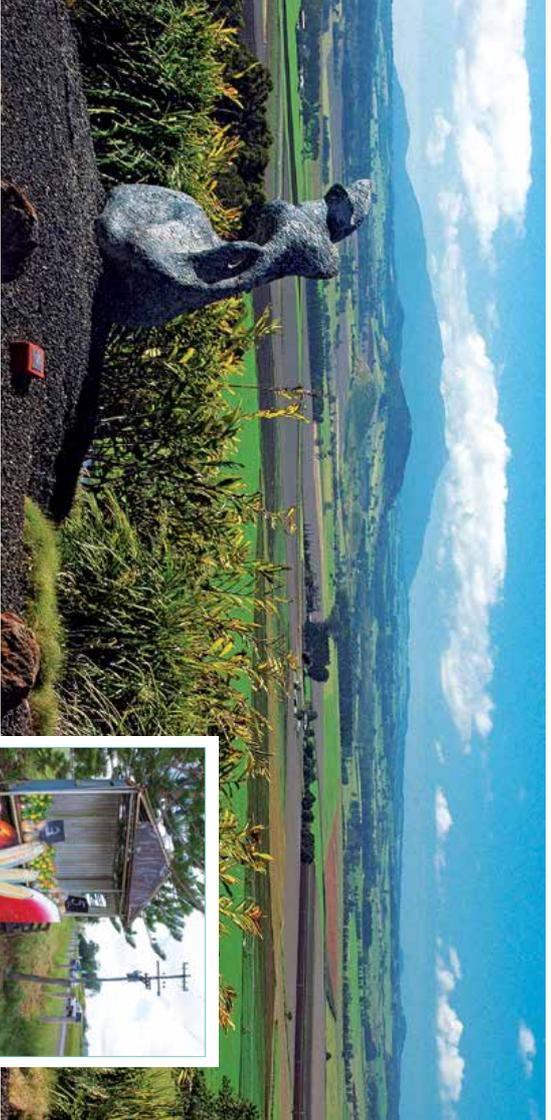
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The Temple is part of a complex featuring a Chinese museum with interactive displays of Atherton's Chinese heritage and a prized collection of original artefacts and historic photographs of the once bustling precinct.

The Chinatown grounds host regular markets and food festivals.

**Agriculture** The rich basalt soils of the Atherton Tablelands yield an amazing range of produce. Around the Atherton area small to large farming enterprises produce lettuce, strawberries, macadamia nuts, bananas, beans, maize, corn, sugar cane and avocados. Sample these at roadside stalls and take away a memory of the taste of farm fresh produce.

**Accommodation** Atherton has always featured as a service centre and a stopover point for travellers. Today, the Trans North transport service provides linkages between Atherton, Kuranda and Cairns all the way to Karumba via Undara. Visitors can enjoy comfortable accommodation at the Atherton Hinterland Motel or Halloran's Leisure Park.

**Atherton's History Rooted in Timber and Tin** Beatr in the days of the pioneers, Atherton was a key stop along the Mulligan Highway connecting

the seaside town of Port Douglas to the newly worked tin deposits at Herberton.

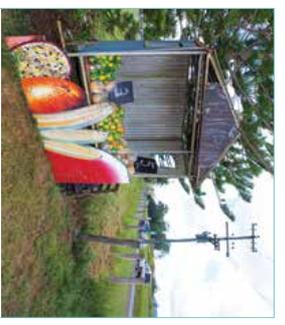
The highway passed through the present Main Street of Atherton, which was then known as Prior's Pocket. Bullock teams hauled supplies up to Herberton and ore back to Port Douglas. The route also opened up

the area to logging of magnificent rainforest timbers. The Cobb & Co ran a coach service up and over the Great Dividing Range. The road was named after James Venture Mulligan, as was the nearby Mount Mulligan. An adventurer and prospector, Mulligan was responsible for finding many of the North Queensland mining fields.

John Atherton was another colourful local. A pioneer grazier and adventurer who lent his name to the town and the region, Atherton first discovered tin while prospecting in 1879, naming the site Tinaroo Creek, now the site of Tinaroo Dam.

The town has always had a strong connection to the arts with a School of Arts opening in 1902, one year before the railways reached the town and the post office was opened.

Prior to the arrival of Europeans the area was occupied by the Yidinj Aboriginal people.



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This region, in which the Atherton Tablelands is heart and centre, is known as Tropical North Queensland's food bowl. Stretching from Julatten and Kuranda in the north, west to Chillagoe and south to Ravenshoe and Mt Garnet, the landscapes change from the soothing green of rainforest country through to the starry, drier hues of the outback. Agriculture and horticulture combined are the largest contributors to the regional economy, with a gross production value of more than \$500 million annually.

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# Yungaburra



## MIGHTY GIANTS



Some of the giant rainforest trees of the Atherton Tablelands include the Curtain Fig Tree near Yungaburra. It is 50 metres high with a trunk circumference of 39 metres. It is 500 years old and was placed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 2009. Other not-to-miss giants include the Twin (Kauri) Trees at Lake Barrine, The Cathedral Fig Tree in the Danbulla state forest and The Giant Red Cedar Tree near Lake Eacham.

Yungaburra, the historic heart of the Atherton Tablelands, is a quaint village established in 1890. With 18 heritage-listed buildings, it is the largest National Trust village in Queensland and with its lovely streetscapes largely unchanged from those early pioneer days it is easy to see why. Wide verandahs and historic shop fronts line the pretty lanes, while charming cafes, award-winning restaurants and arts and crafts galleries complete the picture.

**Attractions** Yungaburra's high profile landmark, the amazing Curtain Fig Tree, is only minutes from the village and is accessed by a short boardwalk from the sealed road. The Cathedral Fig Tree, another 500-year old strangler fig, is located in the nearby Danbulla State Forest.

The Lake Eacham Hotel, or Yungaburra Pub as it is commonly known, is a magnificent showpiece of federation architecture.

**Activities** Bushwalking is the ideal way to encounter the wildlife of the surrounding areas. A network of easy

and moderate walking tracks leads through wetlands, rainforest, scrub and lake-side paths. The village is set below Mt. Quincan, an extinct volcanic crater. Visit the Peirson Creek Walking Circuit where there are nearly always platypus to be spotted. The re-vegetation program has ensured Lumbholz's Tree Kangaroos are also making their home there. The platypus viewing platform also provides an excellent place to watch.

Nearby Tinaburra Waters is popular for sports. It features a boat ramp and special areas set aside for water skiing

and jet skiing. Active travellers will love exploring the lakes and trails by bike, boat or kayak. If you are looking for more adventure, hire a kayak, bike, or join a cycling tour.

**Accommodation** Charming B&Bs such as Birds 'n' Bloom Cottages and Blue Summit Hideaway can be found. Kookaburra Lodge is a stylish and private haven surrounded by beautiful gardens in the heart of the village. Lake Eacham Tourist Park has self-contained cabin accommodation and a campground in a forest setting very near gorgeous Lake Eacham.

**Shopping** The village features a garden centre, boutiques, art and gem galleries, crafts and country style antiques, a popular second hand book store and a foodmart/newsagent/delicatessen. For gorgeous handcrafted furniture, homewares and gifts visit Artistree Gallery.

**History** Yungaburra has existed largely unchanged since 1910 and the Eacham Historical Society has chronicled much of the town's early history. The town's original name was Allumbah Pocket and in the early days of the 1880s miners en-route to the tin and goldfields used the hamlet as an overnight stopover.

Take a self-guided stroll around the village with an Old Town Loop map from the Visitor Information Centre.

**Avenue of Honour** The Afghanistans Avenue of Honour is a living memorial dedicated to the memory of all who served in Afghanistan and to those brave and selfless Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of freedom and liberty.

Private Ben Chuck, one of three commandos killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2010, was from Yungaburra. Located within the Avenue is a sculptured set of wings in full flight depicting the contributions made by all services and symbolising the undaunted spirit of the Australian servicemen and women.

**Tours** The tropical rainforest and its inhabitants are there to be discovered with Alan's Wildlife Tours, based in Yungaburra. Alan's a naturalist and has plenty of amusing animal and plant stories. Yungaburra Tours will show you the town, its heritage, amenities and beautiful backdrop of lakes and trees.

**Events** In April, the Yungaburra Triathlon is held on Tinaburra foreshore. It is one of the largest sporting events on the Atherton Tablelands attracting over 550 participants. The markets held on the fourth Saturday of every month are also a highlight.

## PLATYPUS SPOTTING



- It's estimated only 10 percent of Australians have seen the elusive platypus but with a bit of time and a dab of patience you can spot this unique animal on the Atherton Tablelands.
- Watch the water surface for ripples or bubbles.
- Look for a notable bow wave produced by the animal's paddling front feet.
- They are elusive – platypus swim low in the water with only a small part of their body showing and have excellent hearing.

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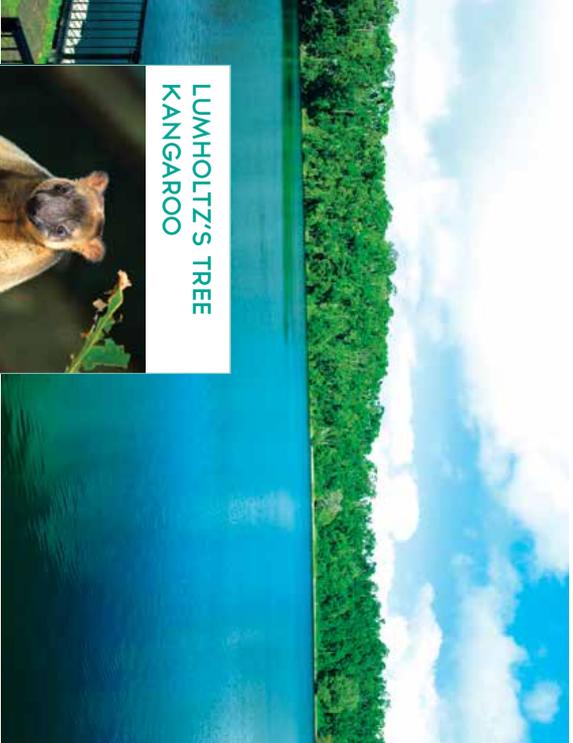


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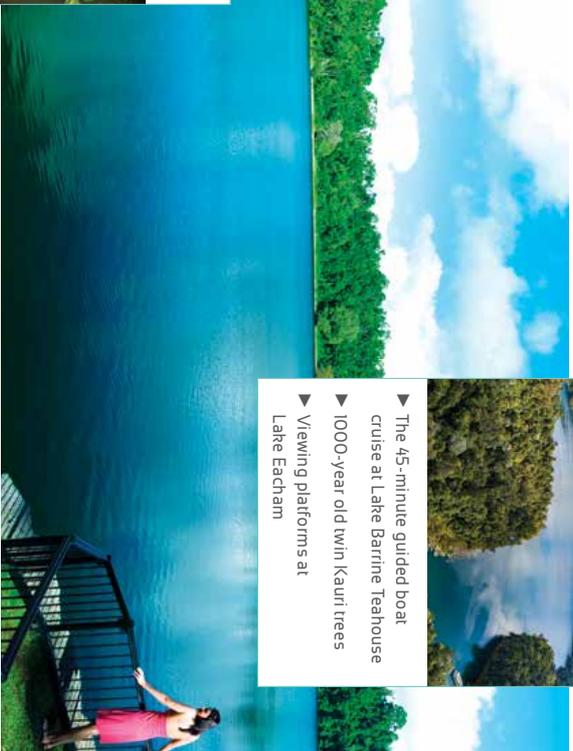
# Crater Lakes



## BE SURE NOT TO MISS



- ▶ The 45-minute guided boat cruise at Lake Barrine Teahouse
- ▶ 1000-year old twin Kauri trees
- ▶ Viewing platforms at Lake Eacham



## LUMHOLTZ'S TREE KANGAROO



- There is no best time of day to see tree kangaroos. They are episodic in their behaviours and can be encountered day or night.
- The best locations for finding tree kangaroos are Nerada Tea Plantation near Malanda and Wongabel State Forest near Atherton.
- Tree kangaroos eat a wide range of leaves from trees, vines and epiphytes. Like most herbivores they will take a high protein meal (flesh) if they can get it.
- Tree kangaroos have to be agile in the forest so they have regained their ability to walk. But they can still hop on the ground.

Swim in an ancient crater lake right here on the Atherton Tablelands. The twin volcanic crater lakes of Barrine and Eacham are tranquil pools of water fringed by rainforest. Formed approximately 12,000 years ago by violent volcanic eruptions, it took several hundred years for water to fill these giant craters and for the trees to grow back, creating the placid lakes used today by local families and visitors for recreation.

There are no streams that flow into or out of the lakes, water is lost only through soakage and evaporation and is only replenished by rain. Many people are surprised to discover the level can fluctuate by up to four metres between wet and dry seasons.

**Lake Barrine:** At Lake Barrine, the Heritage Teahouse Café offers a charming setting to enjoy tasty light lunches and Devonshire Teas as well as a 45-minute guided Rainforest and Wildlife Cruise on the lake.

Wandering along the shoreline you may see fish, turtles and eels and there are lots of waterbirds in and around the maar – another word for a crater lake.

There is a short walk to the towering twin Kauri trees, thought to be over 1000 years old, while a longer 5km circuit, will take you along the shoreline.



**Lake Eacham:** The clear blue and green waters of Lake Eacham make it a go-to-place on a summer's day and with motorcraft banned, it's a serene and pristine beauty spot on the Atherton Tablelands all year round. Surrounded by dense rainforest, it has an average depth of 65m. Access to the water is simple and there is a pontoon provided for those who want to play in the deeper water.

For those who don't want a dip, viewing platforms give a better look at this breathtaking lake and its inhabitants, including fish and turtles. The tiny fish have been known to give visitors the spa treatment, nibbling at feet.

Lake Eacham is a 10-minute drive (7km) from Yungaburra via State Route 52 (Gillies Range Highway) and Lakes Road. The drive through the rainforest is the perfect prequel to arriving at Lake Eacham where the enchanted forest gives way to a picture-book view.

There is a 3km walking track circling the lake and the area is renowned for birdwatching, not surprising given more than 180 species have been recorded within the upland rainforest. There is also lots of great interpretive signage for children to learn about the rainforest and local wildlife. There are picnic areas and barbecue facilities at lakeside and numerous places to take in the stunning scenery around the 50ha lake circumference.

No motorised boats are allowed on either Lake Eacham or Barrine so they are as serene as possible. But you can paddle out in a canoe or kayak to enjoy the pristine waters and abundant wildlife up close. Stand up paddle boarding is also now being enjoyed on these stunning crater lakes.

**Urban Legend!** It was once thought Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine were connected underground with water tunnels, but this is incorrect. Local legend once said that an aboriginal woman once fell over the side into the crater and later surfaced in Lake Eacham.

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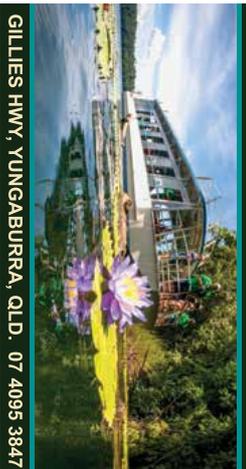
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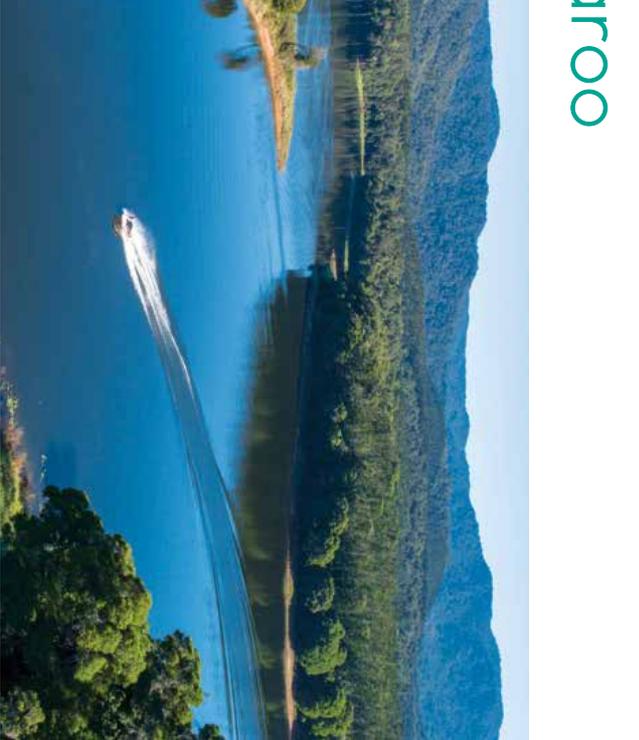
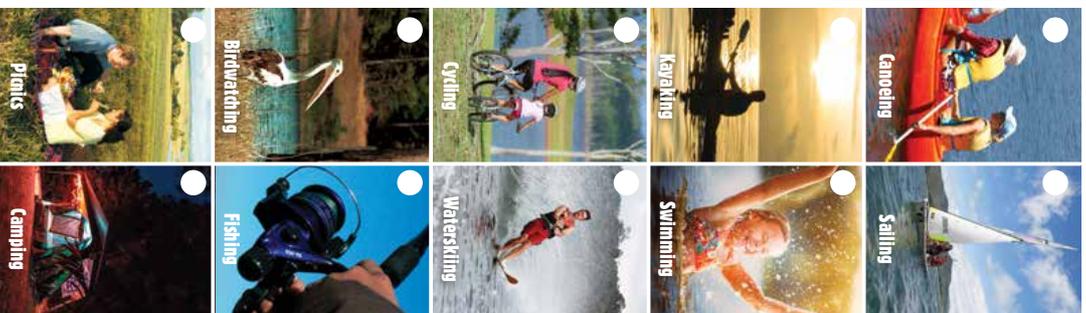


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# Lake Tinaroo



## LAKE ACTIVITIES



Lake Tinaroo is a playground for the people of the Atherton Tablelands and beyond. Each year thousands of visitors are drawn to this man-made oasis with its crenulated shoreline, abundant wildlife and rainforest backdrop. This massive lake – 86,500 acres (35,000 square hectares) - has lots of attractions, including bragging rights as the best barra fishing spot in Australia.

At the very heart of the Atherton Tablelands is Lake Tinaroo. With over 200km of shoreline, it offers fishing, sailing and water sports enthusiasts plenty of room to spread out. Each year more than 500,000 people visit the lake, which was built on the Barron River in the 1950s.

Lush green scenery and deep, clear water affords the perfect backdrop for sailing, boating, canoeing, water skiing and more. Recreational fishing is also popular with ample opportunity to catch a barramundi, sooty grunter, sleepy cod, mouth almighty, archer fish, spangled perch and many species of crayfish, including the red-claw and yabby. Fishing permits are required here.

Drive along the shores, stopping at Playpups Rock Lookout for a view over the lake and Atherton Tablelands.

**Where to Stay** Lake Tinaroo Holiday Park is a popular pet-friendly holiday spot with a range of accommodation options, including 47 waterfront villas, poolside, family and studio units, budget cabins and caravan and camp sites.

Chef prepared frozen meals are available from reception, just thirty minutes in the oven and you have a restaurant quality meal in your apartment.

**Activities** Lake Tinaroo is a mecca for water sports including sailing, water skiing and kayaking. It is a popular swimming spot - or spots with its more than 200km of shoreline.

Paddle boarders are also exploring the lake by day and night – with one evening tour available on the full moon.

Surrounded on many sides by National Park land, rainforest and pine plantations the Lake Tinaroo area is a boon for hikers from the sedate strollers around the waterfront to those who are looking for week long treks into this highland country. There are plenty of cycle trails in the area as well as picnic sites for those who just want to relax and enjoy the water views.

Fishing is a big drawcard to Lake Tinaroo and its claimed to be the best barramundi fishing in Australia because there are no natural predators for the fish. They grow fat – fast. The largest fish taken was 40kg. And while the fish don't breed there because they can't access salt water, regular stocking means lots of fish for everyone. You will need to apply for a permit to fish.

**Events** The Tinaroo Barra Bash is a catch and release family fishing competition held each November. There are lots of prizes in different fish categories – not just barra – and it's a great way for the Tablelands Fish Stocking Society Incorporated to calibrate what fish are living in the lake.

If you are feeling energetic, the Yungaburra Triathlon is held at the Afghanistan Avenue of Honour on the lakeshore in April. The event raises money for Soldier On, Mates4mates, and the Avenue of Honour.

**History** Lake Tinaroo was created in 1958 as a dam for irrigation on the Atherton Tablelands. Taking water originally from the Barron River it is now topped up each year by the annual "wet" or monsoon season.

The Tinaroo Falls Dam itself is worth a visit with its hydro and irrigation channels structure and information on the huge project and what now lies beneath that mass of water.



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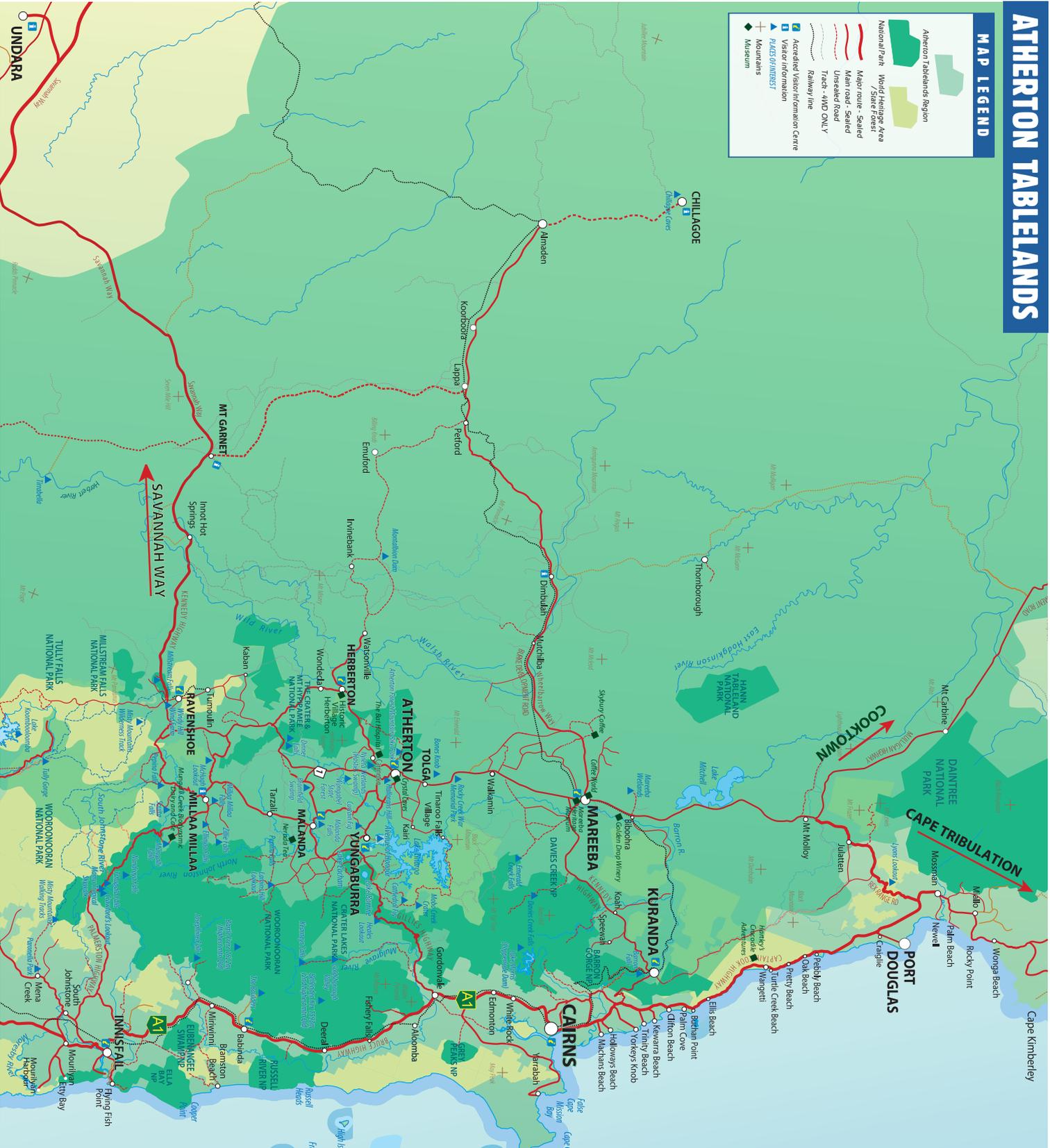


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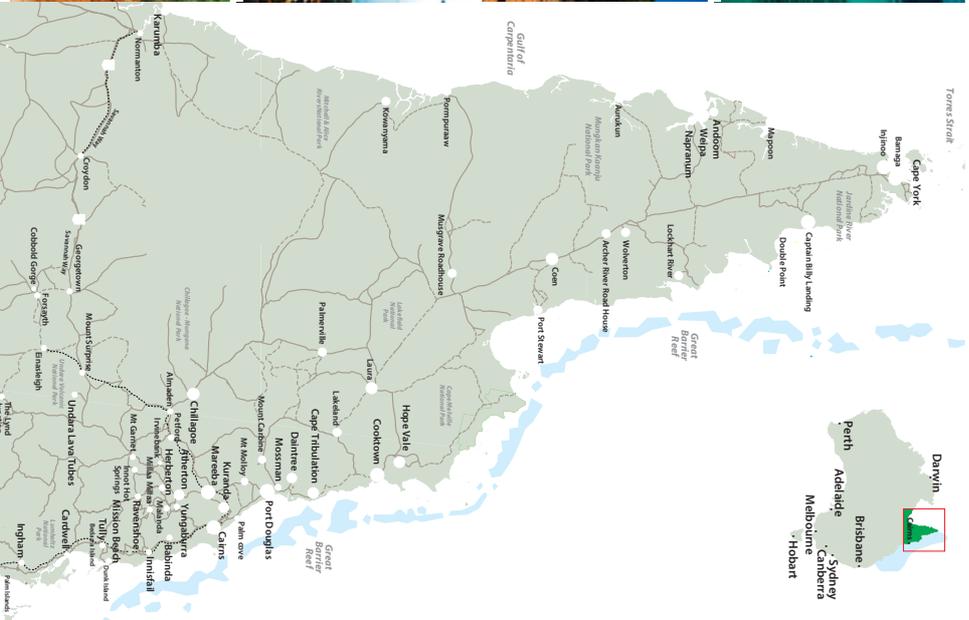
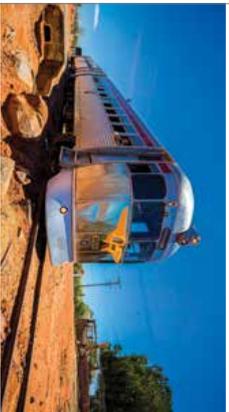
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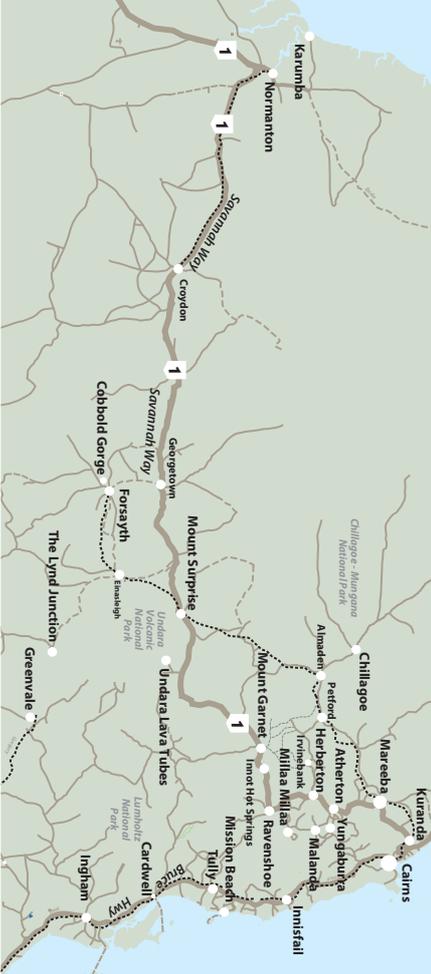
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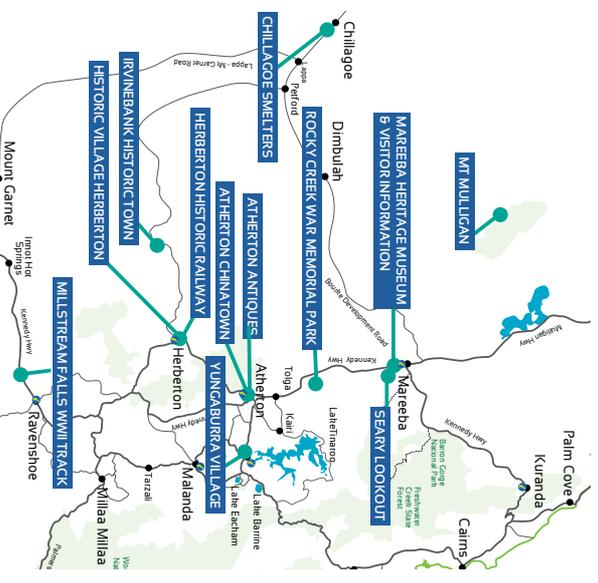
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Ravenhoe	26km	45min
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# ATHERTON TABLELANDS THEMED TRAILS

## HERITAGE



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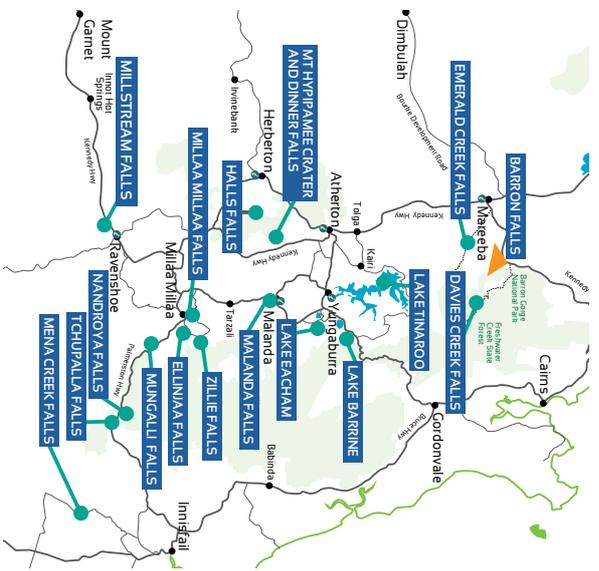


**Everslie House**  
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**Rodri Creek Memorial**  
Tolga

## WATERFALLS & WATERWAYS



The Atherton Tablelands is a natural wonderland filled with waterfalls and swimming holes, crater lakes and pristine flowing streams. At the southern end is the Waterfall Circuit, which includes beautiful Millaa Millaa Falls. The aqua blue of the ancient crater lakes of Eacham and Barkine are more than 65 metres deep.

Lake Tinaroo is a mecca for waterskiers, barramundi fishers and sailing enthusiasts. Malanda Falls spills under the Malanda-Atherton road. Many BBSs and accommodation houses are built close to small creeks and dams where you may see platypus, hite, swimming and spot wildlife.



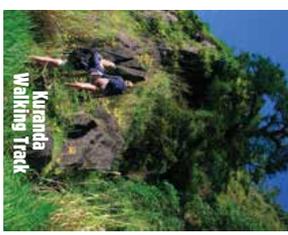
**Lake Tinaroo**



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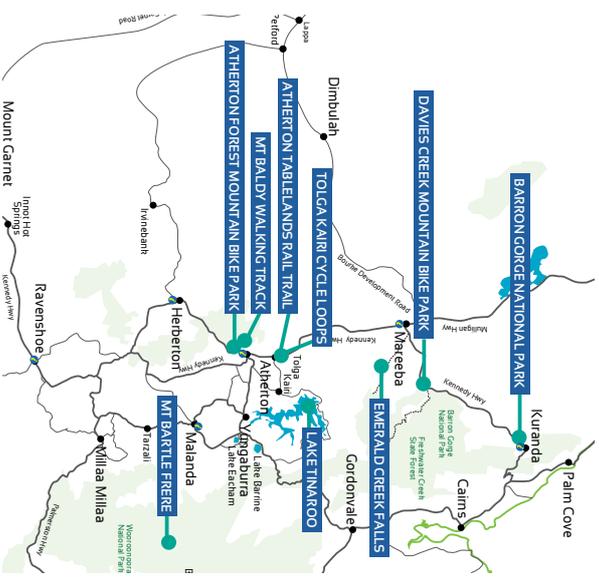
**Mountain Bike Trail**



**Kuranda Walking Track**

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These range from gentle rainforest walks to rugged trails suited to experienced hikers. Perhaps the most challenging is the climb to the top of Queensland's highest mountain, Mt Bartle Frere, and one of the most leisurely is the pleasant shady path around Lake Eacham.



## GEOLOGICAL WONDERS



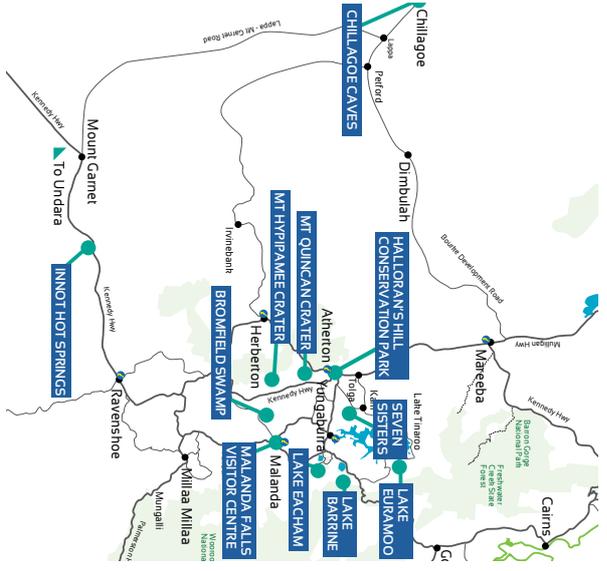
**Mt Hypipamee Crater**



**Fairy Grotto**  
Chillagoe Caves

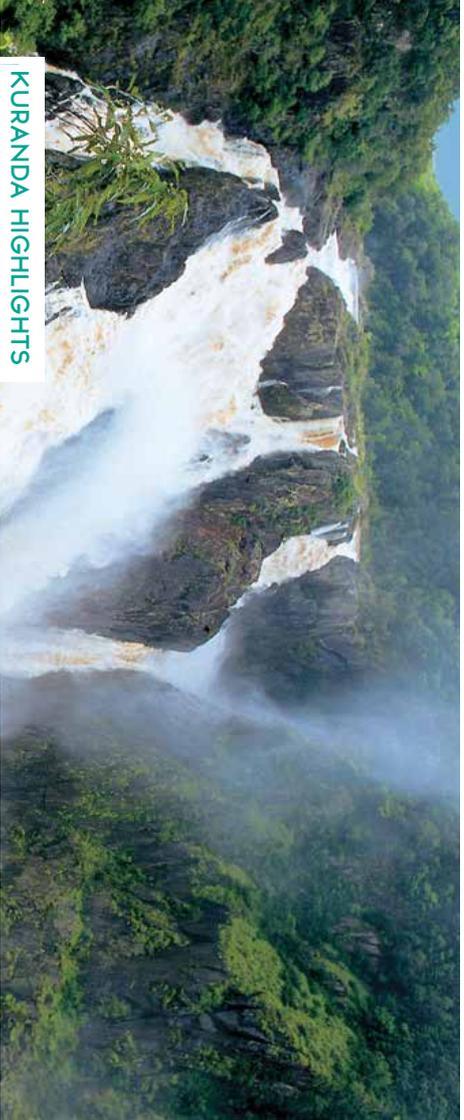
The Geological Wonders Trail provides spectacular and interesting insights into the formation of the Atherton Tablelands over millions of years. Basaltic lava from shield volcanoes weathered over the ages to become the rich, red soil that supports this regional food bowl.

Local Aboriginal people tell stories of explosive events thousands of years ago that created the volcanic cones Mt Quincan and the Seven Sisters, the rounded hills near Yungaburra, and the craters which are now the beautiful Lakes Eacham, Barkine and Euramo. Highlights along the trail include waterfalls, thermal pools, lava tubes, swamps that attract thousands of birds, and rugged ranges.



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# Kuranda



## KURANDA HIGHLIGHTS



**Colourful and quirky**, Kuranda is the place to find art, tropical handicrafts and jewellery made by local artisans. The Village in the Rainforest is one of the gateways to the Atherton Tablelands, where you can be entertained by buskers, dine at an array of restaurants, enjoy walking trails or a river cruise and experience the region's iconic nature-based attractions.

**Attractions** One of Kuranda's most treasured landmarks is the Barron River and its spectacular gorge, home of the mighty Barron Falls. The Kuranda Riverboat's wildlife spotting cruise operates from beside the train and Skyrail arrival stations. During a 45-minute calm water cruise, look for freshwater crocodiles, turtles, snakes, water dragons, fish and many gorgeous tropical birds.

The Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, the largest butterfly flight aviary and exhibit in Australia, is a beautiful garden containing more than 1500 colourful butterflies. Birdworld Kuranda has one of the best single collections of free-flying birds in Australia with more than 300 species from around the world. BarReach is a rescue and rehabilitation centre operated by volunteers. It is located off the main street and admission is by donation.

Kuranda's Koala Gardens is ideal for visitors with limited time who want to see Australia's best known wildlife like koalas, wallabies, wombats, crocodiles and reptiles.

Rainforestation on the fringe of Kuranda is a nature park, cultural

centre and wild ride all rolled into one. Enjoy a huge diversity of native animals, share the culture of the Pamagiri people and take an exciting sortie in an amphibious Army Duck.

**Shopping** Over the years Kuranda has become a great place to shop. There are bargains to be had, as well as exquisite artisan pieces. Spend time browsing the unique stores or the delightful Kuranda Heritage Markets. There are diverse stalls at these markets, which have been a feature of the Village for 25 years.

**Walking Trails** Kuranda has a network of interlinked walks that provide access through the village and its surrounding environment, including Barron Gorge National Park. The Village Walk showcases the main street and finishes at the site of the original Kuranda markets. Jurrum Creek Conservation Park is a walk through the rainforest while the Jungle Walk passes through a regenerating forest. The River Walk offers a pleasant riverside stroll down a tree-shaded esplanade. The walks are linked so that you can mix and match options to suit your interests and available time. At the start of each track is an introductory sign.



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## KURANDA HERITAGE MARKETS

The Kuranda Heritage Market has been established for over 25 years offering a wide range of stalls of locally made products. You can experience the best of Kuranda in the all-weather covered market, nestled in beautiful tropical rainforest.



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# Mareeba



## MAREEBA HIGHLIGHTS



Emerald Creek Falls



Skybury Cafe and Roastery



Rodeo



Birdwatching



Hot Air Ballooning



Coffee World Museum at Coffee Works



Golden Drop Winery



Christmas in July



Mareeba Heritage Museum

Located 417m above sea level, Mareeba is a region of breathtaking landscapes, rugged gorges, savannah grasslands, crisp blue skies and clear nights perfect for stargazing. Mareeba is the largest town on the Atherton Tablelands, once serving as a railway and communications centre.

A multi-cultural district rich in wildlife, museums, coffee and wine, Mareeba has a history going back to the gold mining days and a strong sense of community spirit, which sees support for traditional outback sports such as the famous annual Mareeba Rodeo.

Considered the heart of Australia's thriving tropical fruits and coffee industry, you will find large mango and pawpaw/papaya orchards and coffee and macadamia nut plantations alongside farms growing sugar cane, pineapples, cashews, bananas and a whole cornucopia of other crops.

**Coffee and Wine Over 70% of** Australia's coffee crop is grown around Mareeba and you can taste, buy and explore at a number of local coffee roasters and coffee plantations.

With more than 25 years roasting experience, Coffee Works owners Annie and Rob Webber have always strived for excellence, creating and perfecting more than 43 rich and delicious coffees, luscious liqueurs and fine handcrafted chocolates.

Located in the centre of Mareeba, Coffee Works offers a range of dining options, plus a selection of cakes, pastries, chocolates and more. Make sure you leave enough time to also take in Coffee World, a unique museum dedicated to the history of coffee.

Taste, experience and take home Skybury Coffee. Skybury is Australia's oldest commercial coffee plantation and is situated amid the rolling hills and huge rock formations behind Mareeba. Just 10 minutes from the town centre, Skybury Cafe & Roastery is a destination in its own right.

Its majestic building stands high above the Atherton Tablelands, offering breathtaking views, while the staff provide professional and friendly hospitality. Fruit wines are another speciality of the Mareeba region. Golden Drop's wines will introduce you to the delights of mango. Its wide range of products include sparkling wine, port and liqueurs, which are available at retail stores throughout the region.

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**Hot Air Ballooning** Each year, more people choose to experience hot air ballooning at Mareeba than anywhere else on Earth. From the minute you arrive, you will marvel at the spectacle of so many large colourful balloons standing ready for take off at dawn.

Enjoy the 360 degree panorama, before coming gently back to terra firma. Its sunny climate, consistent flying conditions and the Atherton Tablelands' extraordinary landscape make it perfect for hot air ballooning.

**Birding** The Mareeba region is acknowledged by birding experts as one of the richest areas for birdlife in Australia. Nearly half of Australia's 828 bird species can be found here and birders have recorded over 300 species within a 15km radius of Mt Mollay. The Mareeba Wetlands is a regionally significant Broliga and Saus Crane roost.

**Attractions** After exploring the markets, make your way into the Mareeba Heritage Museum. Offering a real insight into the region's rich history, the museum is a must do when visiting Mareeba. In fact, many visitors call into the museum for tourist information and end up spending a considerable amount of time there. See into the past, with displays on Aboriginal culture, early explorers, pioneer and early history, the war years, the Mt Mulligan mine disaster and the timber and tobacco-growing industries.

Nature based experiences can include cooling off in the rock pools after exploring Emerald Creek Falls where there are public toilets, barbecues and picnic tables. There is also a walking track leading to an excellent lookout.

**Mareeba Events Not To Be Missed**

The Mareeba markets are held on the second and fifth Saturday (when these occur) of the month between 7am and 12 noon in Centenary Park, next door to the Heritage Museum. Gourmet homemade jams, delicious fresh produce with an abundance of tropical fruit, arts and craft, including woodwork, handmade baby clothes and stunning jewellery, are just some of the things you will find at this great little market.

Mareeba also welcomes plenty of grey nomads for its annual Christmas in July celebrations. The Far North Nomads Chapter of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia hosts the event, which is held at the end of July. The event is now in its 18th year and has become an extremely popular celebration in Mareeba.

The Mareeba Rodeo runs from July 2 until July 18 and dates back to 1949. There's an agricultural show and exhibition, wood-chopping competition, an agricultural show and exhibition, wood chipping competition, junior cowpokes, night parade, garden show and the crowning of the rodeo queen.

**NEAR MAREEBA**



**MOUNT MOLLOY** Further along the Mulligan Highway, 30 minutes from Mareeba, is the historic mining and timber town of Mount Mollay. It is named after Patrick Mollay who, while searching for stray bullocks, found the copper outcrop, which put the town on the map in the 1890s. Today, the town and surrounding area has a population of around 300.

**HISTORIC SITE** Located at the south-east corner of the Mount Mollay cemetery near the mature grevillea tree is the resting place of James (Venture) Mulligan. A condensed but beautiful biography of his life can be read on this tombstone. Visitors can also visit the old steam engine that was used to supply the power to the local sawmill, which is located at the southern entrance to Mount Mollay.

**JULIATEN** Tucked away in the rainforest just to the west of the popular coastal town of Port Douglas and only 10 minutes drive from its neighbour Mount Mollay is Juliaten. This small village attracts thousands of birders each year on the lookout for species that include Spectacled Monarch, Blue-Faced Parrot Finch, Lesser Sooty Owl, Red-Necked Crane, Pied Monarch, Yellow-Breasted Boatbill and Orange-Footed Scrubfowl. In summer, the spectacular Buff-Breasted Paradise Kingfisher is another highlight.

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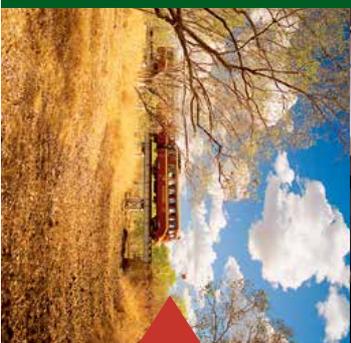
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# Tolga and Walkamin



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**Tolga** A thriving community today, Tolga began life as a simple staging post on the track linking the Herberton tinfields with Port Douglas.

During World War II, the region became a training centre and base for Allied forces.

Discover the past at the Tablelands Heritage Centre and at the Tolga Museum, which houses memorabilia of World War II and the local timber and agricultural industries, and at the Tablelands Heritage Centre.

## Rocky Creek Memorial Park

From 1943 to 1945 the Atherton Tablelands was the largest military base in Australia, hosting between 100,000 and 300,000 troops from 140 different units.

The Rocky Creek Memorial Park was established over a decade ago at what was the site of the largest field hospital in the southern hemisphere to honour servicemen and women.

Dedication ceremonies are held in the park each August on the Sunday nearest Victory in the Pacific (V/P) Day.

For further exploration into the region's war history, follow up your visit with a trip to the Mareeba RSL, which has excellent historical displays.

**Attractions** Tolga is central, pretty and the ideal holiday base with a choice of budget accommodation. As you drive south towards Atherton, the road passes through the Tolga Scrub, a delightful, short rainforested strip with a leafy canopy. It is one of the last remaining areas of Mabi rainforest on the Atherton Tablelands. It is the most drought resistant type of rainforest in Australia. The strip is 2km long and 100 metres wide.

Just north of Tolga, Nardello's Lagoon is a peaceful retreat with waterbirds.

**Tolga Markets** The Tolga racecourse is the venue for the markets, with a wide range of local produce and crafts on display 7am-12noon on the first Sunday of every month.

**Walkamin** Walkamin was built during the construction of Tinaroo Dam in the 1950s.

## HIGHLIGHTS



**Mt Unde Distillery**



**Rocky Creek Memorial Park**

Described as food bowl country, the site for the town was chosen due to its perfectly balanced weather patterns with the ideal climate for a wide variety of crops.

Visit the Cellar Door nearby at Mt Unde Distillery and sample the excellent liqueurs and spirits.

**Mt Emerald Wind Farm** Look up and you can't miss the huge wind turbines dotted along Mt Emerald. This 'greenfield wind farm development' is home to 53 turbines, generating enough electricity to power the average use of 75,000 – 90,000 homes (one third of homes in Tropical North Queensland).

# Ravenshoe & Mt Garnet



Surrounded by natural wonders like Lake Koombuloomba and Millstream Falls the locals here live a lifestyle to be envied, and celebrate it every year during the annual Torimba Festival and Festival of the Forest in October.

**Ravenshoe** Queensland's highest town, Ravenshoe is 920m above sea level and is home to Windy Hill wind farm, which generates enough electricity to supply approximately 3500 homes. Created on the extinct Windy Hill volcano in 2000, its 20 wind turbines take advantage of the consistent winds.

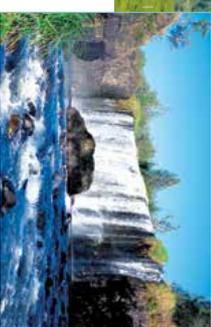
The Ravenshoe Visitor Centre at 24 Moore Street provides first-class tourist information and has excellent displays on the rainforest, timber-milling, dairy farming and the WWII military presence in the area.

It also has a section on bats as well as a noctarium, which simulates night spotting of local native animals.

The centre is home to the Ngarvaji Interpretive Centre showcasing the culture and lifestyle of the region's Jirralb people whose spoken language is the world's oldest.

Ravenshoe is the highest point in the Misty Mountains walking tracks network, and is a great location for wildlife watching, particularly for platypus, 12 species of possums, 340 bird species and of course, the

## AUSTRALIA'S WIDEST FALLS



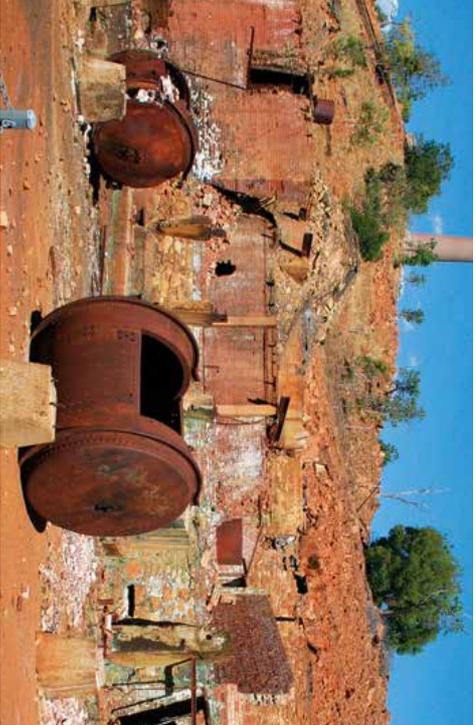
**MILLSTREAM FALLS** Tumbling over the edge of an old basalt lava flow, Millstream Falls are said to be the widest single drop waterfall in Australia.

Easily accessible by road just out of Ravenshoe on Kennedy Highway they lie within Millstream Falls National Park. Stretch your legs and take a walk down to the lookout, which offers a great view of the water crashing over the basalt rock. These are officially known as Big Millstream Falls with sidekick Little Millstream Falls accessible through a separate entrance to the park.

There are several walking tracks at Millstream Falls National Park, two head off from the Big Millstream Falls carpark and one at Little Millstream. Falling within the rain shadow of the Great Dividing Range, the landscape is dry open woodland dominated by eucalyptus.

There is also a great deal of World War II history to be mined in the park with plenty of evidence of some of the 100,000 Australian troops that came to the area for training.

# Chillagoe & Petford



Chillagoe is a genuine outback town with fascinating attractions and abundant wildlife. It is easily accessed by conventional vehicles via the Wheelbarrow Way.

The Wheelbarrow Way, which starts at Mareeba, was named after the gold mining pioneers who, when work was scarce and transportation limited, trudged out bearing their worldly goods in a wheelbarrow.

This is commemorated each May when runners compete in a fundraising footrace pushing a wheelbarrow the 140km between Chillagoe and Mareeba. Dimbulah, the gateway to the gold fields, sprang up on the Walsh River to service the ore trains.

Once mining faded, cropping became the focus and today sugar cane, mango and lychee plantations can be seen.

## MUNGANA CAVES NATIONAL PARK



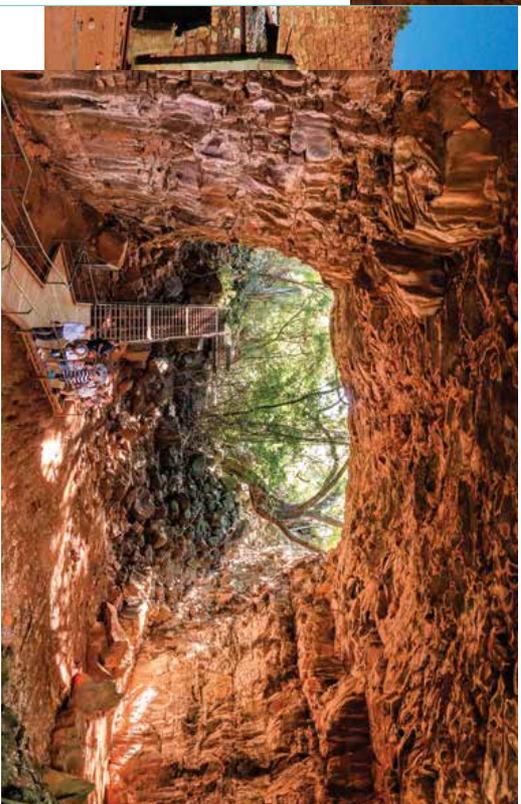
Explore an exciting underground world of vast chambers, eerie narrow passages, dripping stalactites and stunning limestone cave 'decorations'. When you join a park ranger-guided cave tour, the natural beauty of the caves will leave you spellbound. Your caving experience will be enhanced by state-of-the-art LED lighting systems and elevated walkways that allow you to see intricate detail as well as sense the awesome 'big picture' of Chillagoe's limestone cave systems.

Learn how the caves and Chillagoe's distinctive landscape were formed over hundreds of millions of years. After your cave tour, discover the area's colourful mining heritage with a visit to the historic Chillagoe Smelters.

### DID YOU KNOW?

About 400 million years ago Chillagoe was the site of a shallow sea with thriving coral reefs. Over time, the limestone formed by those ancient reefs has been folded, stretched, heated and weathered to form the jagged, glittering limestone bluffs and underground caves that characterise today's remarkable landscape.

# Savannah Way



The Etheridge region to the west of the Atherton Tablelands still echoes with the romance of the famous gold rush days that drew thousands of miners to try their luck at a series of sites from the mid-1860s. Relics of those days can still be found throughout the district and around the settlements of Mount Surprise, Elmsleigh, Forsayth and Georgetown. Several goldfields, base metal fields and gem fields still excite fossickers today. The 'poor man's' Etheridge goldfield, so-called because you don't need expensive equipment, has never been worked out. Modern day prospectors with metal detectors and hand tools find specimens such as coloured topaz, agates, sapphires, smoky quartz and other precious stones and gold nuggets.

Visitors to the region will enjoy getting off the beaten track, camping in remote locales by waterholes with giant paperbarks, bird watching, visiting historic ghost towns and simply enjoying the tranquility amid the region's wooded savannah grasslands.

**Mt Surprise** is the first town encountered within the Gulf Savannah when travelling from the East. This railway town on the old Cairns to Forsayth line is an ideal area to fossick for gemstones, explore the Forty Mile Scrub National Park, cool off at Junction Creek just a few miles west, or swim in the Elmsleigh River, especially in the early part of the year after the storms. Here you can see a wide range of gems on display and learn how faceting is done. Join a dig at a local claim with expert guides or explore by yourself with hire equipment, mud map, fossicking licence and advice. The

O'Brien's Creek designated fossicking area, 37km north of Mt Surprise, is a well-known topaz area and yields gorgeous stones.

The Undara lava fields west of Mt Surprise is the toe of the lava flow that originated from the 164 craters of the McBride Plateau. These are basalt underground and can be accessed only through the Savannah Guide Post located at the Undara Lava Lodge on the edge of the Undara Volcanic National Park.

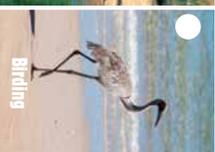
You can take local day tours or take advantage of the camping and accommodation on offer. Guided tours can be organised either by Undara Experience or Bedrock Village.

Walk the path of an ancient volcano during the day then sleep cocooned in an antique railway carriage.

## HIGHLIGHTS



Fossicking



Birding



Lake Bellmore



Terrestrial Geotown



Sunset Karumba



Wildlife



Riversleigh Fossil Fields



Savannahlander



Morning Glory Burrketown



Oak Park Races

## Cave tours

### Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park

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## BIRDWATCHING



Considered a world-class bird watching destination in its own right, the Savannah Way with its diverse habitats, seasonal weather patterns and location of migratory routes attracts birders from across the world. Australia's tropical savannahs are home to 55 of Australia's 90 seed eating birds including parrots, quails and pigeons. 13 endemics as well as 14 of Australia's 18 finch species. Great bird sightings are available all through the year, with most wildlife concentrated around water. Early morning or late afternoon is generally the best time of day for bird watching.

Check the Undara Experience website for details of the famous Undara Opera in the Outback and the Undara Outback Rock and Blues events.

**Foresyth** is the rail terminus of the Savannahlander's four-day journey from Cairns. It is located within the Etheridge goldfield and adjacent to the Agate Creek Mineral Reserve.

Ask the locals about some of the mining relics you can see when you visit. The Goldfields Hotel offers meals, accommodation, general store and fuel (diesel and unleaded).

**Einasleigh** is a tiny township originally named Copperfield, which began life after the discovery of copper in 1856.



It's on the Savannahlander rail line and sits among some unusual scenery with flat top hills rising out of grasslands.

The Einasleigh Hotel is walking distance from the beautiful Copperfield Gorge. The town comes alive at the famous races and rodeo, usually held around Easter.

**Georgetown** sits west of the Newcastle Range and is the administrative centre for the region and a service centre for local pastoralists and mining operations.

Gold was discovered near here in the mid-1860s and a reminder of this is the Cumberland Chimney, 20km west of town. It is all that remains of the gold crushing plant – it processed nearly 66,000 ounces – built by Cornish masons.

The adjoining dam is a great place for bird watching, especially in the dry season. The town is home to a motel, hotel and caravan parks.

A must-see in Georgetown is the TerrEstrial Ted Elliott Mineral Collection of more than 4500 display specimens.

About 90km from Georgetown is the striking Cobbold Gorge, formed through sedimentation of the Hampstead Sandstone 134 million years ago and hewn by nature to

leave permanent waterholes beneath spectacular cliffs. Cobbold Gorge forms part of a working cattle property and access to the gorge is by Savannah Guide-led boat trip and tours. Camping, powered sites and cabins, meals and tours are all available through Cobbold Gorge Camping Village.

Another outpost in the Etheridge Shire is the Lynd Junction, about 80km from Einasleigh.

Accommodation and meals are available at the roadhouse and caravan park, which boasts the Guinness Book of Records' smallest bar in the world.

Fossickers may be interested in the Moonstone Hill Resource Reserve, about 90km south of the Lynd Junction on the Kennedy Development Road.

The Etheridge region is an exciting, geological wonderland with history and romance at its core.

Remember that any fossicking requires a permit and make sure you know where to dig as mining claims and mining leases are 'no-go' areas.

When you have had your fill of the excitement and discoveries of the rugged, red Savannah country, head East towards the calming, soft greens of the Atherton Tablelands.

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# Cassowary Coast



The Cassowary Coast region provides a stunning gateway to the Atherton Tablelands with beautiful beaches, offshore islands, rainforest-fringed freshwater streams, majestic mountain ranges and rich seas and agricultural land producing food from fish and shellfish to vegetables, sugar cane, beef and ultra-tropical fruit.

Where better than the Cassowary Coast to see the endangered Southern Cassowary – a two metre tall flightless bird and a key disperser of rainforest seeds? In a quirk of nature, it is the male cassowary that incubates the eggs and raises the chicks.

**Mission Beach** Local firms offer reef fishing, snorkelling and diving trips, and sightseeing tours around the Family Islands, including Famous Dunk Island. At Mission Beach you can “Jump the beach”, taking in a birds-eye view of the reef with a strydiver before landing on the sand! Perhaps a rainforest or beachside walk is more your style, or simply relaxing and enjoying a delicious meal at an excellent local eatery.

**Cassoway Coast** is Australia's banana-growing hub and centre of a growing ultra-tropical fruit industry, with mangosteens, lychees, rambutans, guanabana (sour sop) and now cocoa, with a chocolate factory at Mission Beach. It encompasses the larger towns of Innisfail, Tully, Cardwell and Mission Beach.

## COASTAL HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ Jump the Beach at Mission Beach
- ▶ Dunk Island for the day
- ▶ Island or reef fishing, snorkel or dive trip
- ▶ Fruit Forest Farm tour at Mission Beach
- ▶ Charlie's Chocolate tour at Mission Beach
- ▶ Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre at Cardwell
- ▶ Golden Gumbboot & Sugar Mill tours at Tully
- ▶ Art Deco heritage walk in Innisfail

**Tully** is home to the famous 79 metre giant 'golden gumbboot', sugar mill tours during the cane crushing season and white-water rafting. Tully has the highest annual rainfall of any populated place in Australia, receiving on average 4,000ml (160 inches) per year.

**Cardwell** is the stepping off point for Hinchinbrook Island, the largest island national park in the southern hemisphere. It is also home to the Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre, representing artists from nine traditional owner groups.

**Innisfail**, the regional centre, is a pretty town built on the confluence of the North and South Johnstone rivers. In the wake of the 1918 cyclone, the town was rebuilt in the Art Deco style. The town centre is worth a visit, boasting Australia's largest concentration of Art Deco buildings, with examples of Spanish, Sicilian, Moroccan, Italian and Anglo Saxon Art Deco design facades.

**CaneCutter Way** is a major highlight of this region and is a 52km scenic drive between Kurrimine Beach and Innisfail.

It is billed as the 'Greatest Detour in North Queensland'. It offers plenty of reasons to leave the Bruce Highway to catch a glimpse of the sweet life in the tropics. Named for the men who cut the sugar cane by hand with cane knives in the days before mechanised harvesters, the CaneCutter Way meanders from the Coral Sea-lapped shores of laid-back Kurrimine Beach, past cane land and papaya and banana plantations, through picturesque towns with old country pubs and World Heritage-listed rainforest to Innisfail and the southern access to the Atherton Tablelands via the Palmerston Highway.

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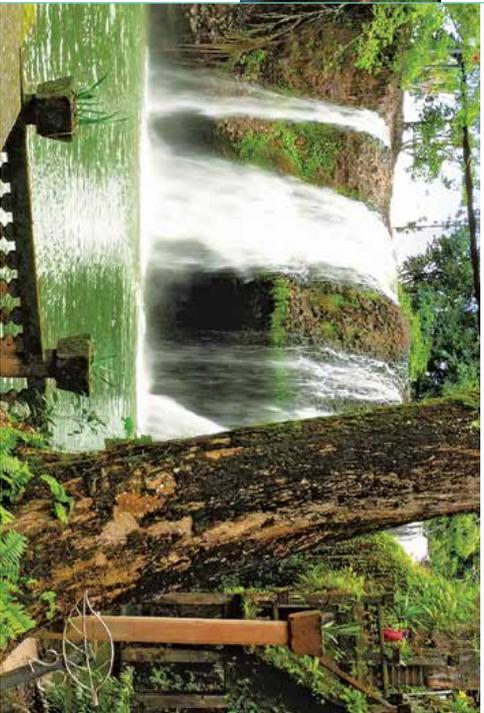
## CASSOWARY COAST TO THE ATHONTON TABLELANDS



The southern access to the Athonton Tablelands provides a scenic drive along the 55km Palmerston Highway from the coast, through Wooroonooran National Park, to the township of Milliala at the top of the range. After turning off the Bruce Highway 5km north of Innisfail, the vista opens out on to cattle and cane farm land with breathtaking views of mountain fringed valleys and the southern aspect of Mt Battle Freie.

At 1622m, this is Queensland's highest mountain. Continue past the Nucifora tea plantation and into the World Heritage rainforest, stopping en route to experience the Manu Tropical Skywalk, a 350m elevated walkway in the traditional country of the Mamm Aboriginal people. It offers close-up views of rainforest plants, insects and birds high up in the rainforest canopy, along with spectacular panoramic views of the World Heritage Area, including North Johnstone River gorge and surrounding rainforest-clad peaks.

There are numerous camping areas and places to swim in the cool, fresh water of the North Johnstone River as you drive through Wooroonooran National Park. Sections of the Palmerston Highway are quite steep so observe the speed limits. Keep an eye out for the overhead "possum ladders", which allow native animals to cross from rainforest on one side of the wide road to the other without having to come to the ground and risk being hit by vehicles. The endangered Southern Cassowary and even feral pigs (definitely ground-dwellers) have been spotted along this section of highway. From Milliala Milliala continue on the Milliala-Malanda road or take the Old Palmerston Highway tourist drive (not suitable for caravans) to the Kennedy Highway north of Ravenshoe.



**Attractions** Kurrimine Beach is famous for King Reef, which is so close to shore that walking tours are offered on the lowest of low tides. It is also popular with fisher folk.

A leading attraction nearby is the Berryman family's Murdering Point Winery, where visitors can enjoy free guided tropical fruit wine tasting and discussion of the bush tucker and locally sourced fruits used to make the medal-winning wine. Quality dry, sweet and fortified wines are produced from fruits such as mango, passionfruit and lychee and bush tucker like Lemon Aspen.

Follow the road to Silkwood, which maintains religious and cultural immigrant links with Italy. The tradition of the Feast of the Three Saints is celebrated on the first Sunday of May, with a parade, feast and fireworks. The town is home to Aussie Pepper and the smallest National Australia Bank building (no longer a bank!).

Mena Creek's history is flavoured with the romantic story of Jose Paronella, a Spanish immigrant with a dream and a passion for castles and hard work. In the 1930s he opened his pleasure gardens and reception centre, Paronella Park, powering the venture with hydroelectric generators. Today the dream continues at this restored,

intriguing venue. During the day, visitors are charmed by guided tours, including the Tunnel of Love. By night, the park presents a dramatic evening tour.

Paronella Park was voted the number one thing to do in the 2009 RACQ poll and has since been recognised as the best major tourism attraction in the region. Camping and cabin accommodation is available.

Visitors can also stay locally at the caravan park and camping grounds with its six boutique cabins or at the Mena Creek Hotel, which offers air-conditioned rooms (including family room options).

Mena Creek is home to a number of walks, including the Correll Track, an easy 3.7km to MacNamee Creek's lush rainforest and picnic spot. The cane train track runs through the centre of South Johnstone so it is a good place to grab a coffee or a beer and experience the sight of the colourful little locomotives hauling cane bins to the local mill during the sugar cane crushing season.

Next stop is Wangan where award-winning pies are on offer. If you are looking for a memorable country pub – the Currajah Hotel is worth a look see for its classic architecture and idiosyncratic decor. The Wangan Bakery is also famous for its meat pies.

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# National Parks



There are more than 30 national parks associated with the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Bellenden Ker, now part of Wooroonoan National Park, was created in 1913, followed by Hinchinbrook Island in 1932 and Lake Barrine and Lake Eacham (now Crater Lakes National Park) in 1934. Parks on the Atherton Tablelands cover a diverse range of landscapes. They serve to protect our native plants and wildlife and are places to learn about our environment, heritage and culture.

## Barron Gorge National Park and Speewah Conservation Park

With rugged landscapes, lush rainforest and spectacular views, this is a park not to be missed. Near Kuranda, the impressive Barron River tumbles 250m down a series of ledges and spills into the gorge below.

## Dawes Creek and Dinden National Parks, Bare Hill Conservation Park and Dinden West Forest Reserve

Between Kuranda and Mareeba, discover some of the region's best reptile secrets in national parks straddling the Lamb Range, the mountainous backdrop to Cairns. Granite outcrops, towering forests and boulder-strewn creeks are highlights.

## Crater Lakes National Park

Refresh in the clear blue, rainforest-fringed waters of Lake Barrine and Lake Eacham — extinct volcanic craters up to 65m deep. Laze around the water's edge with your picnic, watching the kids swim and play. Take a stroll around the lake and marvel at the 1000-year old, 50m tall twin Kauri Pine trees at Lake Barrine.

## Danbulla Forest Drive

Set aside at least a day to explore the spectacular Danbulla National Park and State Forest. With forests, plantations and World Heritage-listed

## EASY CYCLING GUIDE



The Atherton Tablelands is the perfect destination for cyclists, offering family friendly rides along country lanes between the villages and small towns to world class mountain bike trails.

- ▶ Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park Network of 17 Rides
- ▶ Atherton Rail Trail
- ▶ Easy 13km Ride
- ▶ Emerald Creek Ride
- ▶ Easy 32km Ride
- ▶ Kairi Loops Easy 28km Ride
- ▶ Atherton Farm Roads Loop
- ▶ Easy 35km Ride
- ▶ Dawes Creek Mountain Bike Park Easy 13km Ride

rainforest, this 12,000ha park is nestled between the Tinaroo and Lamb ranges and stretches along the banks of Lake Tinaroo.

## Hallorans Hill Conservation Park and Wongabel State Forest

Hallorans Hill and Wongabel State Forest are home to Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroos. At Hallorans Hill in Atherton township, walk through eucalypt forest and endangered rainforest to the summit of this volcanic cone for stunning views over the Atherton Tablelands.

## Mount Hypipamee National Park

Explore the Crater track and emerge from high-altitude rainforest to the surprising sight of a diatreme (volcanic pipe). Try to imagine the sounds and sights of the massive explosion that formed this crater. Use a spotlight to see possums, tree kangaroos, spiders, leaf-tailed geckos and insects at night.

## Millstream National Park

Explore the World War II heritage walk and see the remains of tent sites, corduroy roads, training and parade grounds, trenches and other reminders of the military role the region played in the war years.

Find out more at [queenslandnationalparks.com.au](http://queenslandnationalparks.com.au)

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## Atherton

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
7am-12noon, Platypus Park, Herberthon Rd.

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
Atherton Show Grounds Lions Park, Louise St.

## Herberton

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
7am-12noon, Wondedla Sports Ground.

## Kuranda

EVERY DAY  
Original Markets, 9am-3pm  
Heritage Markets, 9am-3:30pm.

## Koah

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
8am-1pm.

## Innot Hot Springs

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
EVERY SUNDAY (April until August), 7am-12noon.

## Kaumba

EVERY SUNDAY (April until August), 7am-12noon.

## Malanda

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
7am-12noon, Malanda Showgrounds.

## Mareeba

2ND AND 5TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
7am-12noon, Centenary Park.

## Mt Molloy

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
March-December, 8am-12noon, Fraser Rd.

## Speewah

EVERY SUNDAY 8am-1pm.

## Tolga

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
7am-12noon, Morrow Park Racecourse.

## Tumoulin

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH,  
7am-12:30pm, Tumoulin, Ravenshoe.

## Yungaburra

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7:30am-12:30pm, Bruce Jones Park.

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25-27 April 2019  
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## MAY



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## JUNE



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## AUGUST



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## SEPTEMBER



**HERBERTON FLOWER SHOW**

August 31-September 2019  
The annual flower show will be held over this weekend showcasing the local plants and photography displays and a variety of arts and crafts made by locals.

## OCTOBER



**TABLELANDS FOLK FESTIVAL**

25-27 October 2019

## DECEMBER



**NEW YEAR'S EVE STREET PARTY**

Herberthon December 31

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