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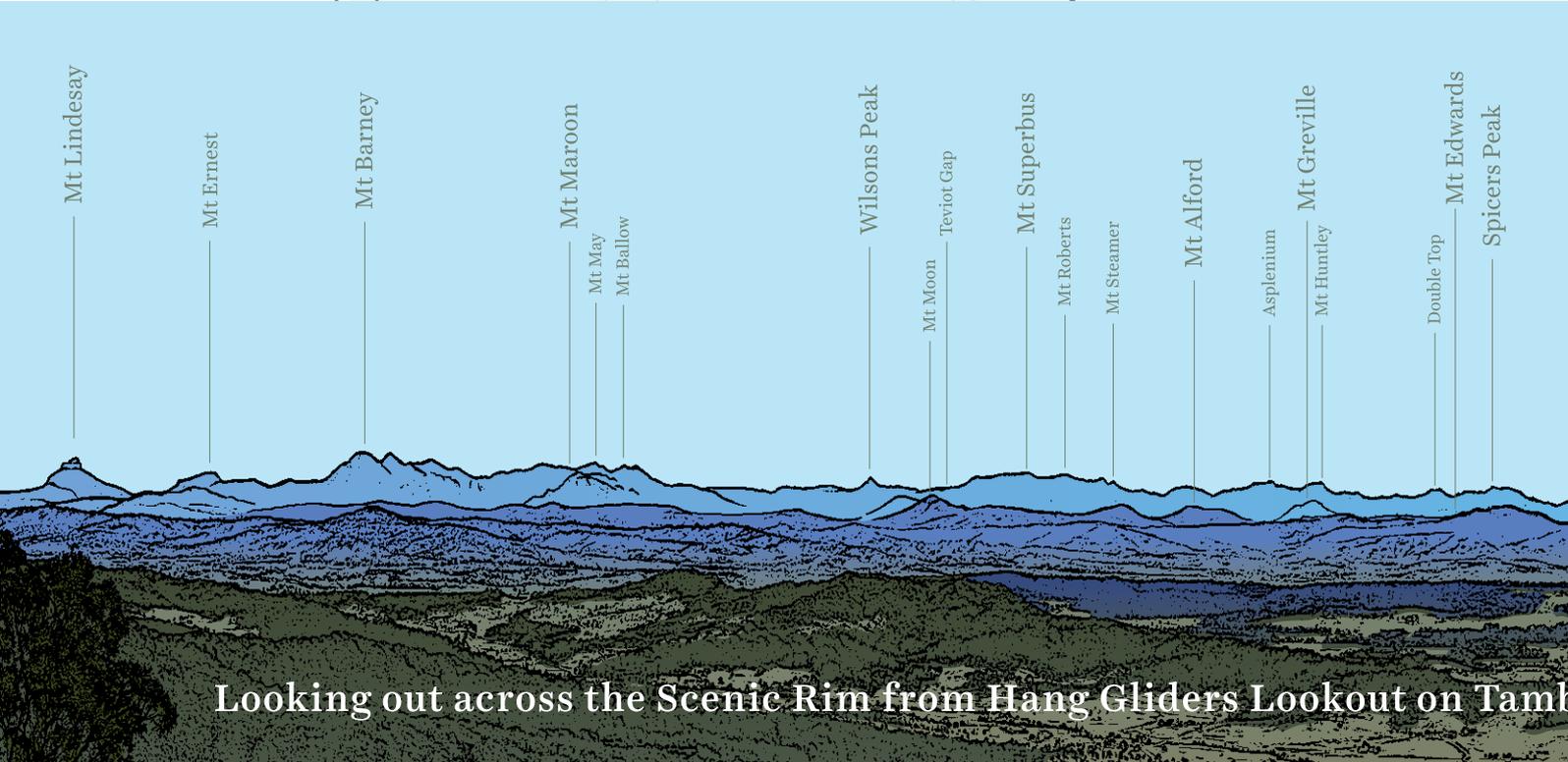
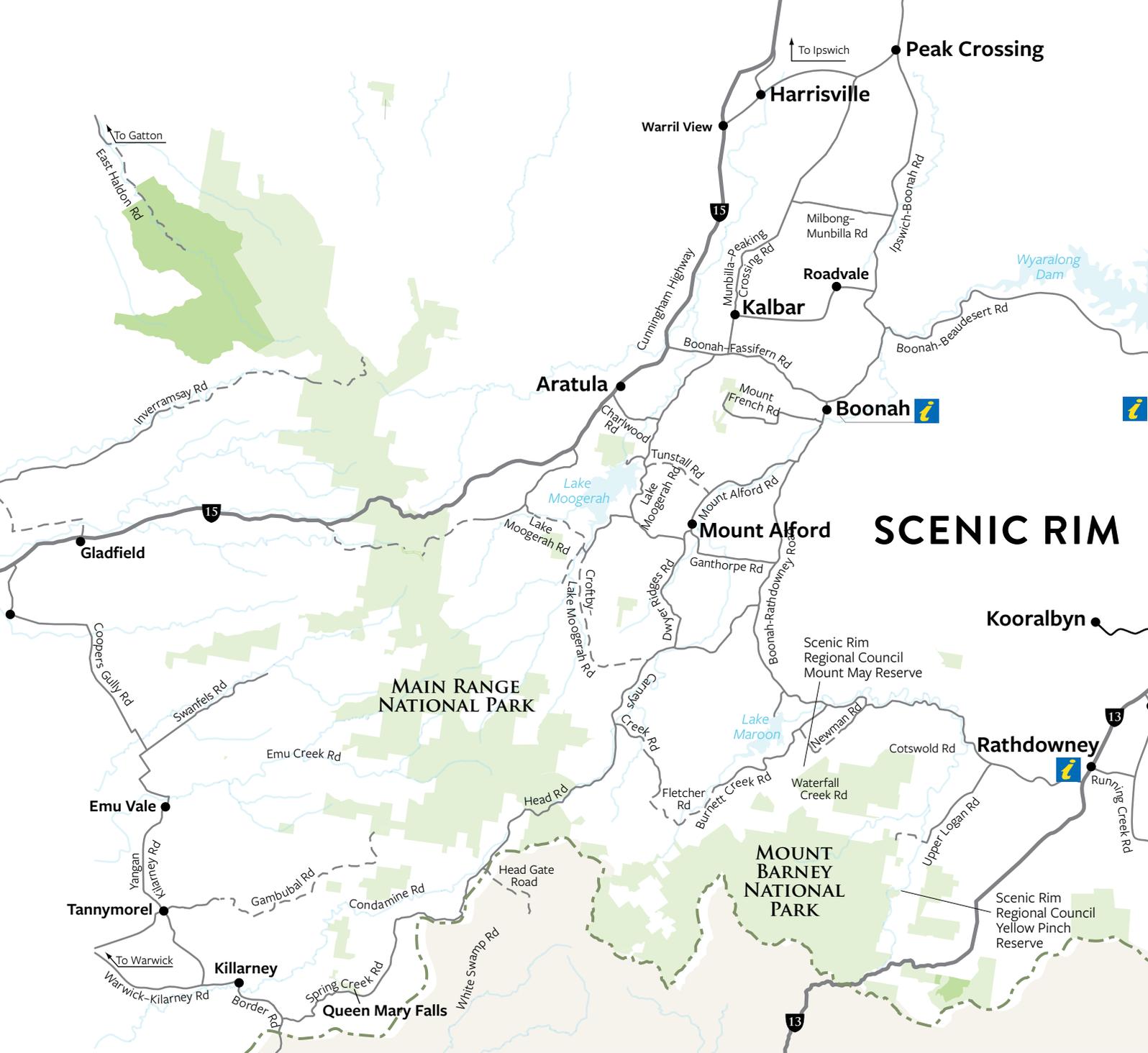
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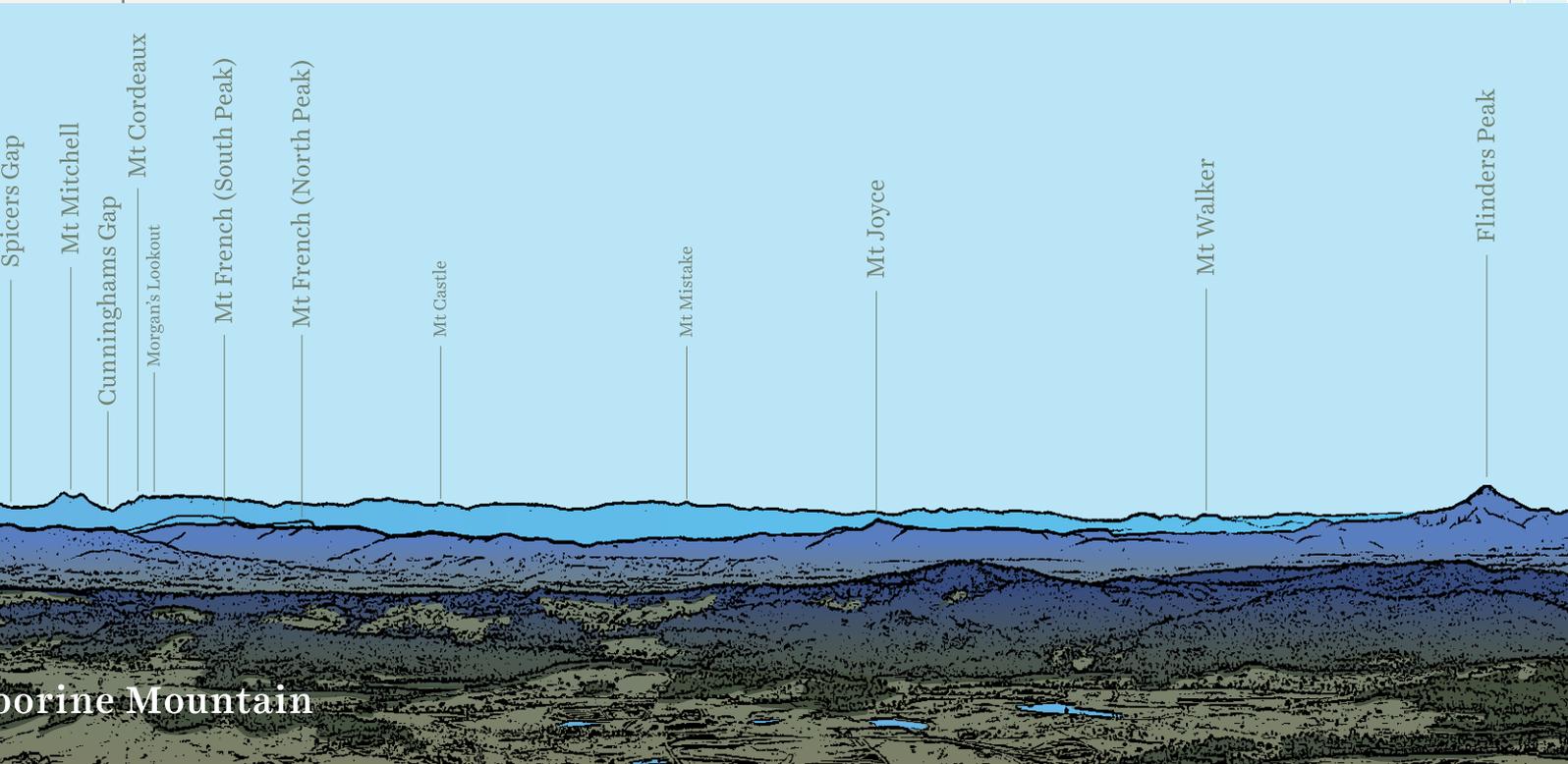
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Looking out across the Scenic Rim from Hang Gliders Lookout on Tambo



# Welcome

**WELCOME TO THE SCENIC RIM, A REGION OF SPECTACULAR NATURAL BEAUTY, DIVERSE LANDSCAPES, ABUNDANT WILDLIFE AND INCREDIBLE PRODUCE.**

Adventurer, naturalist and tourism pioneer, Arthur Groom, first coined the phrase Scenic Rim to describe the semi-circle chain of mountains that wraps around the valleys in this vast region. Groom wrote that the Scenic Rim was 'one mountain after the other'. And he was right.

Everywhere you turn in the Scenic Rim you'll see mountains. This imposing rim of mountains dates back millions of years to a time when many were active volcanoes. Their legacy – Australia's most accessible World Heritage listed rainforests and rich alluvial soil – remain the region's lifeblood.

While you're here, explore the pristine rainforests and stunning natural beauty that's preserved in the Scenic Rim's six National Parks.

The Scenic Rim is an exciting destination for tourism, art, food, outdoor adventure, walking, water sports and rural enterprise.

Think romantic cottages and cabins, farm stays, camping and lodges. Explore nature and feast on award-winning food and wine.

The Scenic Rim is located on the doorstep of Brisbane and the Gold Coast and is an easy drive from both.

**You'll love the Scenic Rim's relaxed vibe, the stunning scenery and the abundant fresh produce.**

## Getting here...

The Scenic Rim is an easy escape from Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast.



Well-marked highways and scenic country roads will lead you to the region's major towns, tourist attractions and national parks.

### TRAVELLING DISTANCES (KM)

Brisbane to Boonah 86km  
Brisbane to Beaudesert 70km  
Brisbane to Tamborine Mountain 80km  
Surfers Paradise to Tamborine Mountain 40km  
Surfers Paradise to Canungra 33km  
Toowoomba to Boonah 132km  
Toowoomba to Peak Crossing 110km  
Sunshine Coast to Beaudesert 175km  
Sydney to Beaudesert 845km





# Food & Wine

MOUNTAIN VIEWS AREN'T THE ONLY THING BEING SERVED IN ABUNDANCE IN THE SCENIC RIM FOOD AND WINE MAY AS WELL BE OUR MIDDLE NAMES. THE REGION'S RICH VOLCANIC SOIL SUSTAINS A FLOURISHING FOOD AND WINE INDUSTRY.



## FRUIT & VEGETABLES

The Fassifern Valley, between Boonah and Kalbar, and Tamborine Mountain are renowned for their abundant crops.

During winter, the fields around Kalbar and Aratula burst with produce – carrots, onions, beans, corn, tomatoes, beetroot, potatoes, olives and much more.

Between June and December each year, farms around the Scenic Rim supply most of the carrots consumed on Australia's eastern coast.

Tamborine Mountain's rich red volcanic soil is ideal for growing avocados, rhubarb, coffee, kiwifruit and even dragon fruit. Many native Australian trees thrive here too, including lemon myrtle and finger limes.



## Visit These Farms...

Eat Local Month isn't your only opportunity to meet the Scenic Rim's food and wine producers. Many of them welcome visitors year round.

### TOWRI SHEEP CHEESES

#### Allenview via Beaudesert

Visit Queensland's only artisan sheep cheesery and sheep farm. Enjoy a cheese platter in the beautiful country garden setting or book into one of Carolyn's cheese-making workshops.

### TOMMERUP'S DAIRY FARM

#### Kerry via Beaudesert

Taste life on a real working dairy farm with the Tommerup family. Stay in a gorgeous farm cottage and meet the chooks, pigs, cows and goats.

### SUMMER LAND CAMELS

#### Harrisville

Visit Australia's largest camel dairy, learn about the camels and try camel milk, as well as cheese, gelato and skincare products made from the milk. Open every Sunday.

### CEDAR GLEN FARMSTAY

#### Lost World via Beaudesert

The Stephens family share a slice of genuine farm life with visitors. You can try horse riding, whipcracking, birdwatching, swimming and bushwalking, or take a sunset 4WD tour.

### GREENLEE MACADAMIA & HONEY FARM

#### Sarabah via Canungra

When you stay at Greenlee Farm Cottages you can go behind the scenes of this boutique macadamia and honey farm with owners Robyn and Paul Lee and their family.

### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COFFEE PLANTATION

#### Tamborine Mountain

You'll never look at your morning coffee the same way again! Take the crop to cup tour with the Williams family and discovered how they grow coffee beans, harvest and roast them.

*We've prepared some delicious itineraries for you on pages 44 to 46, or you can create your own at [visitscenicrim.com.au](http://visitscenicrim.com.au)*

# Buy Direct

from the **PRODUCERS**

As you drive around the region, you'll see how easy it is to buy direct from the farmers. The Scenic Rim's country roads and laneways are dotted with roadside stalls and farm gate shops, offering seasonal produce, jams, relishes, plants and flowers.

You can also stock up on local produce at these outlets.

1. Tamborine Mountain Distillery
2. Witches Falls Winery, Tamborine Mountain
3. The Green Shed Local Producers Market, Tamborine Mountain
4. The Shed Café, Rathdowney
5. The Lime Caviar Company (order online)
6. Kooroomba, via Boonah
7. Scenic Rim Brewery, Mt Alford via Boonah
8. Bunjurgan Estate Vineyard, via Boonah
9. Visitor Information Centres across the Scenic Rim
10. Scenic Rim Farm Box
11. Scenic Rim Farm Shop & Café



SCENIC RIM  
**EAT LOCAL  
MONTH**

[eatlocalmonth.com.au](http://eatlocalmonth.com.au)

## FEAST ON THE SCENIC RIM EVERY YEAR DURING SCENIC RIM EAT LOCAL MONTH.

This sumptuous celebration of the region's food, wine and producers is held during June.

You can visit farms, take cooking classes and enjoy producer lunches and dinners.

The signature event, the Winter Harvest Festival, brings the region's producers to one location for a day of eating, drinking, live music, cooking demonstrations and fun for the entire family.



## Country Pubs

Casual dining and cold beer is on tap at the Scenic Rim's historic country pubs. Settle in to meet the locals and enjoy the relaxed country charm of our pubs.

### The Roadvale Hotel

Come and enjoy great country hospitality at the Scenic Rim's first gastro pub. Featuring local food from their award winning chef, here you can 'eat local' all year round.

family in 1916 to provide overnight accommodation for people doing business with the sawmill. The guesthouse was sold in 1927 and became the Canungra Hotel. It was destroyed by fire in 1937 and rebuilt in its present form.

### Dugandan Hotel, Boonah

The Dugie, as it's fondly known by locals, dates back to the 1880s, when it opened as a general store. The historic Queenslander converted into a hotel in 1913. Recent upgrades have retained the building's country charm, while adding a large deck and beer garden.

### The Royal Hotel, Harrisville

Harrisville's oldest pub has quite a history. It was built in the mid 1870s but burned down in 1916. It was rebuilt in its current form in 1920 and some people believe the building is haunted by a mysterious figure who was seen in the pub late one Sunday night.

### St Bernards Hotel

St Bernards Hotel is a Tamborine Mountain institution, with history dating back to 1898. The hotel sits on the edge of an ancient volcanic escarpment and commands views of Tamborine Valley towards the Gold Coast.

### The Bearded Dragon

A unique gem on the country pub circuit, where you'll enjoy good old fashioned Aussie hospitality, generous hearty meals and cold beer. The kids will love the crocodile & reptile shows and cane toad racing.

### The Canungra Hotel

The Canungra Hotel started life as the Bellissima Guest House, built by the Lahey



Clockwise: Royal Hotel, Harrisville; Dugandan Hotel, Boonah; Scenic Rim Brewery

# Scenic Rim Distilled

THE SCENIC RIM IS HOME TO A BURGEONING BOUTIQUE DRINKS INDUSTRY. LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE PAIRING THEIR SKILL WITH THE NATURAL ASSETS - VOLCANIC SOIL, CLIMATE AND TOPOGRAPHY - TO CREATE EXCITING WINES, CRAFT BEERS, LIQUEURS AND COFFEE.

**Here's a selection of the wineries, breweries and distilleries you can visit in the Scenic Rim:**

## BOONAH, PEAK CROSSING & WYARALONG

### Kooroomba

Ideally located at Mt Alford, just over an hour from Brisbane and 90 minutes from the Gold Coast. Visit the cellar door, restaurant and lavender shop, overlooking two hectares of vineyards.

### Scenic Rim Brewery

A small family-owned brewery located in Mt Alford, just outside Boonah. Housed in a gorgeous, historic Queenslander-style shop, you'll learn plenty about beer and brewing from the brewer Mike Webster.

### Bunjurgun Estate Vineyard

At Bunjurgun Estate, you'll be warmly welcomed by owner David McMaugh, who produces a variety of wine styles, including rosé and chambourcin, verjuice and port, made solely from grapes grown on the property. Wine tastings are conducted in a relaxed and informal manner.

### The Overflow Estate 1895

Scenic Rim's newest vineyard and cellar door, situated on an historic grazing property and overlooking Lake Wyaralong. Call in for a light lunch or cheese platter, and try the Vermentino, Fiano, Tempranillo and Montepulciano varieties.

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

### Cauldron Distillery

Spend the day at this new distillery, sampling their award winning gins, learning how to make your own bottle of gin, and enjoying the picturesque grounds of their 18-acre estate.

### Tamborine Mountain Distillery

This is Australia's most internationally-awarded distillery and liquor brand. A family-owned business, producing more than 80 products and utilising fruit grown on the mountain.

### Cedar Creek Estate

Offers a complete range of white, red and fortified wines, as well as stocking a variety of wines from eight of Queensland's premier wineries.

### Fortitude Brewing

A must-see when you visit Tamborine Mountain's Gallery Walk. The brewery serves a range of boutique beers, brewed on site. Partner with food from the bistro, or a platter from the award-winning Witches Chase Cheese Company.

### Witches Falls Winery

Witches Falls prides itself on creating wines that you'll love to drink. Wine maker, Jon Heslop, produces three distinctive wine ranges - the Granite Belt, the Wild Ferment and Prophecy.

### Heritage Estate Wines

Heritage Estate has been producing award-winning wines for more than 27 years. Winner of a 5-star rating in James Halliday's 2016 Australian Wine Companion.

### Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation

Call in for a coffee right where it's grown. Take the crop to cup tour and learn how to identify great coffee.



## CANUNGRA

### O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard

Situated just outside the town of Canungra, call in for lunch, or simply visit the cellar door for a tasting. Order a picnic and enjoy it creekside with a bottle of O'Reilly's bubbles.

### Sarabah Estate

Sarabah welcomes visitors each weekend. Explore the grounds, enjoy the views and try the wines over a relaxed lunch featuring fresh local produce.



## SCENIC RIM LOCALS, BRENDA FAWDON AND CHRISTINE SHARP, ARE PASSIONATE CONSUMERS AND ADVOCATES OF REGIONAL PRODUCE.

Brenda, a chef, and Christine, an author and photographer, are the creative force behind volumes 1 and 2 of **EAT LOCAL – Food, Farming & Conversation in the Scenic Rim**, coffee table cookbooks commissioned by the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

The books profile Scenic Rim farmers and producers and each volume features more than 60 everyday recipes which draw on local ingredients.

“We visited vegetable farms, a crayfish farm at Tarome, the Towri Sheep farm, cattle property Nindooindah and many others,” says Christine.

“The books are a food journey through the Scenic Rim.

We hope it engages readers to be curious about the region, to come here and sample the produce.”

Brenda, a chef for more than three decades, says she enjoys immersing herself in the produce that’s available on her doorstep.

“We love living here in the Scenic Rim,” she says. “We love the air, the beauty, the landscape and the food.

“Through these books we wanted to showcase the producers and the food so readers and visitors can leave with a new-found appreciation for the depth of produce available here.”

The **EAT LOCAL** books are available online, via independent book shops and from stockists across the Scenic Rim.

You can also now find Brenda and Christine at North Stores on Tamborine Mountain; a thoughtfully curated group of shops, including Picnic Real Food Bar and Studio and Stockroom gallery.



# Feast on the Scenic Rim

THE SCENIC RIM HAS A BURGEONING REPUTATION FOR BEING A FOODIE HOTSPOT, WITH ITS WEALTH OF AMAZING LOCAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCERS..

The Scenic Rim has been named by Delicious as one of Australia's top 5 hottest destinations for 2023, and as the 'Most Outstanding Region' in 2019 at the Harvey Norman Produce Awards. This was the first time this award went to a Queensland region and was testament to our authentic local food and abundance of wonderful produce.

Scenic Rim Farm Box, a popular farm-to-front door delivery service which launched in 2020, delivers everything from local beef to beetroot, bacon to biscuits, carrots to camel milk, cheese to cakes and everything in between. You can also

order local craft beer, wine, cider, spirits and even flowers, skincare and soaps. Shop fresh, local and seasonal, with more than 260 individual product lines from 60 suppliers available via their online store.

Of course, there's nothing quite like visiting the Scenic Rim and seeing exactly where your local food and drinks come from. Keep an eye out for farm gate open days and fun events at places like Tommerup's Dairy Farm, Towri Sheep Cheeses, Summer Land Camels, Running Creek Beef, Peak Veggie Patch and Greenlee Farm

and Cottages. Treat your tastebuds to local food and drinks at places like Blume, Picnic Real Food Bar, The Paddock, Scenic Rim Farm Shop & Cafe, Kooroomba, Scenic Rim Brewery, Bunjurgan Estate Vineyard, Witches Falls Winery, The Overflow Estate 1895, Mason Wines, Tamborine Mountain Distillery and more.

And be sure to come get the ultimate foodie experience at Scenic Rim Eat Local Month, our annual festival of food and farming which runs in June.





# Walking in the Scenic Rim

IF THE THOUGHT OF SPENDING A WEEK LAZING BY THE POOL HORRIFIES YOU, DON'T WORRY - THE SCENIC RIM HAS PLENTY TO KEEP YOU ACTIVE.



## Natural History

Our natural history dates back more than 26 million years to a time when the region was a volcanic hotspot. The volcanic activity led to the creation of the spectacular mountain range and has enabled the region's lush flora and fauna to flourish. Rich basalt soil and a temperate climate have provided fertile ground for rainforest to prosper.

One of the best ways to explore the Scenic Rim is on foot. The Scenic Rim is home to six National Parks and really does have a walk to suit most abilities.

From sedate, well-marked tracks to challenging mountain scrambles, you'll find it all here.

**Lower Portals Track** – Mt Barney National Park (7.4km/3hours)

The Lower Portals features a beautiful pool along a gorge on Mount Barney Creek. Walk has moderate to steep gradients.

**Mee-bor-rum Circuit** – Moogerah Peaks National Park, Mt French section (720m/15min)

This circuit track passes through heathland and features the East Cliff Lookout with views of Tamborine, Lamington and Mount Barney.

**Mt Edwards Summit** – Moogerah Peak National Park, Mt Edwards section (6km/3.5hours)

This walk starts near the dam wall, is best suited for experienced walkers and requires a reasonable fitness level. Be careful – sheer cliffs and slippery rocks.

**Rainforest Circuit & Mt Cordeaux Track** – Main Range National Park, Cunningham's Gap (Rainforest Circuit 1.6km/30min; Mt Cordeaux Track 6.8km/2.5hours)

The Rainforest Circuit passes the Allan Cunningham monument and is the beginning of an extensive track system on the northern side of the Gap. If you're after a harder walk, continue along the Mt Cordeaux Track for spectacular views back to Brisbane. Gorgeous in spring and early summer when the giant spear lilies are in flower.

**Mt Mitchell Track** – Main Range National Park, Cunningham’s Gap (10.2km/3hours)

This graded walking track to the twin peaks of Mt Mitchell begins on the southern side of the highway and passes through rainforest and open eucalypt forest. It ends on a knife-edge ridge above a sheer cliff on the east side of Mt Mitchell (1168m).

**Palm Grove Circuit** – Tamborine National Park, Joalah Section (2.6km/1hour)

You’ll see palm groves and rainforest with emergent strangler figs on this walk.

**Curtis Falls Track** – Tamborine National Park, Knoll Section (1.1km/30min)

An enchanting walk which begins in wet eucalypt forest beneath towering flooded gums.

**Witches Falls Circuit** – Tamborine National Park, Witches Falls section (3.1km/1hour)

This track zigzags down the mountain through an open forest of banksia trees and into rainforest with giant strangler figs. The circuit passes seasonal lagoons which will fill after heavy rain and spring to life with insect and frog species. The waterfall only flows after recent rain and is best viewed from a lookout platform accessed via a 200m detour from the main circuit.

**Caves Circuit** – Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section (5km/1.5hours)

This track provides excellent views into the Coomera Valley and passes a large red cedar and other rainforest trees. You’ll see a large stand of hoop pine along the Darlington Range. View cave from safe distance, due to risk of rock falls.

**Morans Falls** – Lamington National Park, Green Mountains Section (4.6km/1.5hours)

This track starts 800m from the information centre. Excellent views of Morans Falls and Morans Creek Gorge can be seen from the constructed lookout located before the creek crossing. Layers of ancient volcanic lava flows are also visible.

**Box Forest Circuit** – Lamington National Park, Green Mountains Section (10.9km/4hours)

This track leads to Picnic Rock and Elabana Falls and runs through rainforest and impressive stands of smooth, pink-barked brush box. If you intend on walking the entire circuit, walk in a clockwise direction and exit via the falls and Picnic Rock.

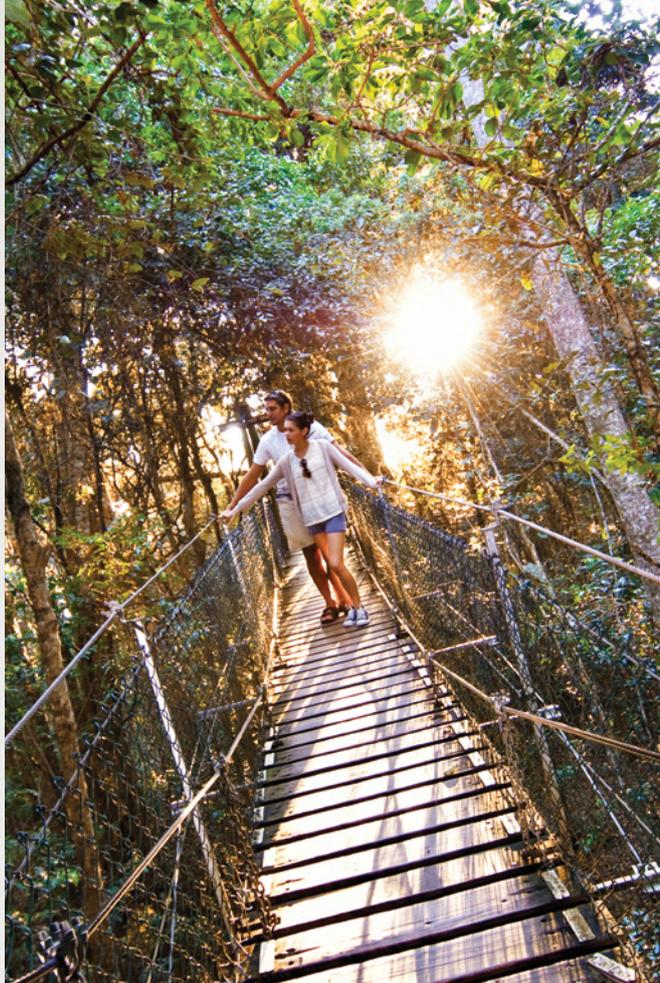
**Tree Top Walkway** – O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat (1.5km/30min)

The Booyung Boardwalk, featuring excellent interpretive signage, leads you from O’Reilly’s Retreat to the walkway, which is a series of suspension bridges taking you up 16metres into the rainforest canopy. Feeling adventurous? Climb ladders to a crows nest platform 30m above ground.

**Ships Stern Circuit** (part of Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk) – Lamington National Park, Binna Burra Section (21km/8hours)

A challenging walk which descends into Kurraragin Valley where you’ll see Pigabeen palms, large red cedar and majestic flooded gums. The Ship’s Stern range is formed of rhyolite. The rainforest gives way to eucalypt forest with a dense understorey of spring-blooming wildflowers.

**Scenic Rim Trail by Spicers** – Choose from two, three, five and seven day hikes, and traverse Main Range from Mistake Mountains in the north, to Cunningham’s Gap in the south. Accommodation and meals are provided by the Spicer’s Group.



## ROCK CLIMBING

In a region as mountainous as the Scenic Rim, it's only natural that it's a hub for rock climbers.

The local guides are a valuable source of information on the best Scenic Rim climbs.

A popular destination is Frog Buttress on the north-west side of Mt French in the Moogerah Peaks National Park. It's formed by rhyolite columns and there are about 400 documented routes. Keen climbers say it offers some of Queensland's best crack climbing.



Walking information is available on the Visit Scenic Rim website, the Queensland National Parks website, from Scenic Rim tour operators and at the region's Visitor Information Centres.

Local companies Horizon Guides, Mt Barney Lodge, Binna Burra Lodge, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Park Tours lead regular guided walks along some of the Scenic Rim's most spectacular trails.



# National Parks

Queensland's first National Park was declared at Tamborine Mountain in 1908 and the Scenic Rim now boasts six National Parks. In 1994 the UNESCO World Heritage Committee declared the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area over rainforest in the Lamington, Springbrook, Mt Barney and Main Range National Parks.

## LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Lush rainforests, ancient trees, spectacular views, extensive walking tracks, exceptional ecological importance and natural beauty make this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area 'a must' while you're in the Scenic Rim.

There are two sections - the Binna Burra section and the Green Mountains (O'Reilly's) section.

*Close to: Canungra, Binna Burra, Beechmont and the Lost World*

## TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK

This is Queensland's oldest national park, declared in 1908. You'll enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and the Gold Coast skyline in the east and the greater Scenic Rim in the west.

The park features four distinct sections - The Knoll section, Witches Falls section, Cedar Creek section and Palm Grove section.

*Close to: Tamborine Mountain, Canungra and the Gold Coast*

## MT BARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Rugged mountain peaks rise above the surrounding landscape in this wild, beautiful Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. This park is popular with bushwalkers and is home to many rare animals, plant species and communities. Some of the Scenic Rim's greatest walking challenges - and most pristine bushland - are found in this park.

*Close to: Mt Barney, Rathdowney and Beaudesert*

## MAIN RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Impressive mountain peaks, escarpments and ridges offer breathtaking views in this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. It's a home for rare and endangered wildlife and a very popular destination for bushwalking. Enjoy incredible views over the Fassifern Valley as far as Brisbane, and see evidence of pioneer travel routes over the Great Dividing Range.

*Close to: Aratula, Kalbar and Boonah*

## MOOGERAH PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

These volcanic peaks are significant refuge for rare and vulnerable wildlife. You'll find rugged, relatively undeveloped countryside that's popular with bushwalkers and climbers. This park contains two of the Scenic Rim's most accessible mountains, Mount Edwards and Mt French.

*Close to: Boonah, Kalbar, Lake Moogerah, Mt Alford and Aratula*

## MOUNT CHINGHEE NATIONAL PARK

This 1260ha national park was gazetted in 2004 to conserve the remnant rainforest habitat for plants and animals on the mountain. The national park was included in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area and conserves habitat for priority taxa, including the endangered eastern bristlebird and the vulnerable black-breasted button quail. The park is managed to conserve its high biodiversity values and provides a scenic location for low impact outdoor recreation.

## Waterfalls

**Spectacular waterfalls are on tap in the Scenic Rim. Here's a few you should visit:**

**Curtis Falls:** You've probably seen the photographs of Curtis Falls online and in tourism brochures. The falls are fed by Cedar Creek and run all year. The walking track ends at a viewing platform overlooking a large rock pool with views of the falls and of the basalt rock face.

**Lamington National Park waterfalls:** Both the Green Mountain and Binna Burra sections of the Lamington National Park are a waterfall chaser's dream come true. Some of southern Queensland's more spectacular waterfalls can be found here. These include **Elabana Falls**, **Yarrabilgong Falls**, **Coomera Falls** and **Morans Falls**.

**Cameron Falls** is located on the Sandy Creek Circuit within the Knoll Section of the Tamborine National Park. The walking track follows the creek and the falls can be heard in the distance. A branch track to Cameron Falls Lookout enables you to drink in the natural beauty of the waterfalls.

*The Aboriginal heritage of the Scenic Rim stretches back to the beginning of time when ancestral spirits created the landscape and all living things. Aboriginal ancestors handed down laws and practices that taught people how to live with, and care for, the land.*

*We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Scenic Rim, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future of the Mununjali, Ugarapul and Wangerriburra communities, and Yugambah language group. Through their commitment they have kept alive the memories and traditions of their ancestors to pass them on to the children of tomorrow.*

## Mountains

As you make your way through the Scenic Rim you'll notice the landscape is dominated by mountains.

Adventurer and tourism pioneer, Arthur Groom, famously described the region as being 'one mountain after another'.

Visitors often ask, 'What mountain is that?'

There are too many to list here, but some of the most popular – and accessible – include Mt French, Mt Maroon, Mt Cordeaux, Mt Edwards, Mt Barney, Tamborine Mountain and the Lamington Plateau, which is home to both O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Binna Burra Lodge.



## On the Water

The Scenic Rim is home to three lakes, all of them popular places for recreation, boating, water skiing, fishing and rowing.

As you travel around the Scenic Rim, you'll find plenty of spectacular spots to stop beside our creeks and rivers. Pack a picnic, bring your book, take a dip. Don't forget your fishing permit.

### LAKE MOOGERAH

Lake Moogerah is located close to Boonah, Kalbar and Aratula.

It's on Reynolds Creek and supplies irrigation water to landholders along Reynolds and Warrill Creeks.

At peak times Lake Moogerah is a hub of activity, as the ski boats and jet skis descend.

Camping is available on the banks of the lake and there is also a good selection of cabins and self-contained houses nearby.

Fishing is also popular here, although permits are required.

A number of picnic facilities and play equipment can be found at locations around the lake.

### LAKE MAROON

Lake Maroon is situated on Burnett Creek and is a popular destination for recreation, particularly power boating, water skiing and fishing.

Lake Maroon is said to offer some of south east Queensland's best bass fishing.

Camping and self-contained accommodation is available nearby, as well as outdoor education facilities.

### LAKE WYARALONG

This is the Scenic Rim's newest lake and is located north-west of Beaudesert on the Teviot Brook, nestled at the base of Mt Joyce.

Lake Wyaralong is closed to powered craft and is the most sedate and peaceful of the region's three lakes.

The lake stretches about 26km along Teviot Brook, in the Logan River catchment, and is surrounded by an extensive network of walking, biking and horse riding trails.

Lake Wyaralong features an Olympic standard rowing course that is home to Rowing Queensland and hosts regular regattas.



# Swimming Holes

ALONG THE LOCAL RIVERS AND STREAMS YOU WILL FIND SOME BEAUTIFUL SWIMMING HOLES THAT ARE PERFECT FOR COOLING DOWN ON HOT DAYS.

Try these scenic swimming spots

## THE GORGE

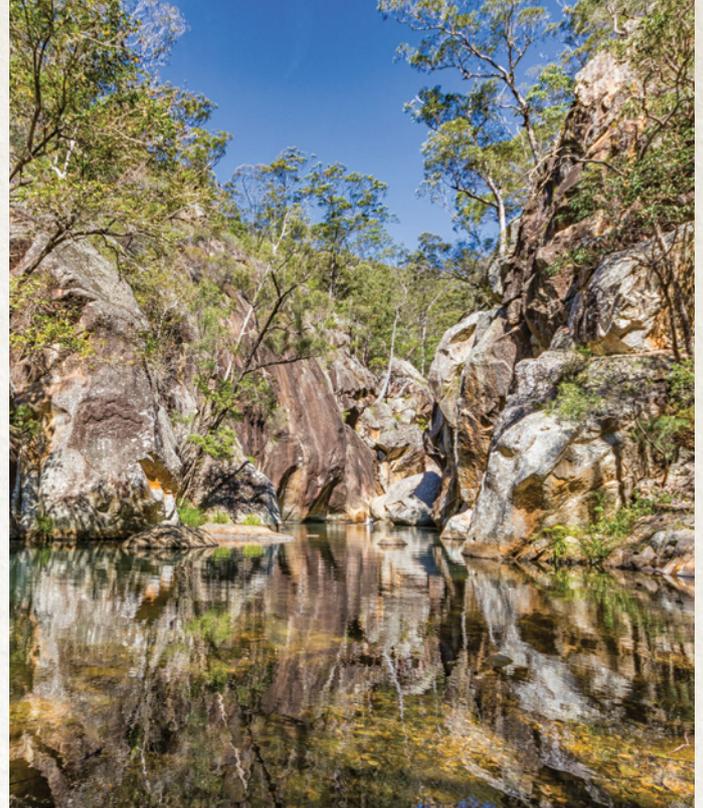
Cool down in this shady 200m swimming hole, located about 2.5km downstream from the Lake Moogerah spillway. Access via Gorge Road.

## FLANAGAN RESERVE

The upper Logan River flows into this swimming hole just outside Rathdowney. Dogs are allowed and there's a campground nearby.

## LOWER PORTALS

These beautiful, deep rock pools and small waterfalls are accessed along a 7.4km return walk in the Mt Barney National Park. A stunning reward at the end of a lovely walk.



## BURGESS PARK

This park on Christmas Creek is perfect for swimming. It's about 20km from Beaudesert and a giant old Moreton Bay Fig provides cool shelter during summer. Toilets, BBQ and picnic tables nearby.

## YELLOW PINCH MT BARNEY

You'll love this peaceful swimming hole, located in the Mt Barney National Park. It's just a short walk from the carpark. There's a rope swing and gentle rapids flow into the swimming hole.

## DARLINGTON PARK

A popular camping ground, caravan park and park on the Albert River in the Lost World. Perfect for a picnic, lazy weekend and cool dips in the swimming holes.

## SHARP PARK

This is a lovely camping and caravanning spot on the Canungra Creek. Great for swimming and lazing on the creek banks. Pack a picnic.

## YARRAMALONG RECREATION CENTRE

This privately-run recreation centre is accessed via Lake Moogerah Rd and Reynolds Creek flows year round. Float with the gentle creek current, or try your luck in the nearby fishing hole.

## BIGRIGGEN PARK

You won't want to leave this park – there's something for everyone. Pack your camping gear, the kids bikes and your rubber tubes and cool down in the tranquil waters of Burnett Creek.



Top to bottom: Lower Portals, Darlington Park

# Horse riding

Saddle up and see the Scenic Rim on horseback. The region is home to some industry-leading equestrian facilities.

If you have your own horse you'll find trails open to horses and riders right around the region, offering the chance to ride away from towns and roads.

Explore the 40km of multi-use trails that pass along the **Lake Wyaralong** shoreline and up onto the Mt Joyce Ridgeline. The **Western Trailhead** is the hub for horse riders, providing drop-off points and holding yards.

Check out **Stay at Kirro** or **Yalbaroo** in the Lost World, where you can stay with your own horses and enjoy riding around this working cattle property.

No horse? No problem.

Book in for a trail ride at one of these spots:

Another great place to go for a relaxing trail ride on horseback is **Cedar Glen Farmstay**, where guests can take a ride through the foothills of the Lost World.

The Scenic Rim is also home to some exceptional riders. Regular polo events are held at **Elysian Fields**, just outside Canungra.

Nearby, **Aquis Farm** is spread over 447ha and is purpose-built for race horses. The Aquis team breed race horses and offer pre-training, spelling, agistment and sales preparation.

Scenic Rim Equine Group operate off a magnificent rural property on the Beechmont plateau, and offer trail rides and riding lessons suitable for both beginners through to experienced horse riders, with horses to suit all equine enthusiasts.





## IN THE AIR

Your adventure doesn't have to stay on the ground. Take to the skies and catch a truly unique perspective of this mountainous region.

Enjoy a peaceful, scenic early morning flight in a hot air balloon with **Hot Air Balloon Scenic Rim**. They leave from Canungra and Beaudesert most weeks and float high over the central Scenic Rim. Finish your flight with a champagne breakfast at a local winery.

The **Boonah Airfield** is a base for gliders and light aircraft, which offer visitors an unforgettable

Scenic Rim flying experience. The patchwork of paddocks and green hills will seem tiny from up high in the sky.

Tamborine Mountain is the domain of hang gliders. Enthusiasts say it's the purest form of free flight, offering you the chance to soar like an eagle without the noise of engines or the constrictions of a cockpit. Introductory tandem flights are offered from Tamborine Mountain and Beechmont with **Oz Paragliding and Hang Gliding**. This is an exhilarating experience you won't forget.

## ON YOUR BIKE

Road bikes, mountain bikes and motorbikes - if you're on two wheels you'll love the Scenic Rim.

Mountain bikers are well catered for in the bushland around Lake Wyaralong. The park features about 25km of International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) standard single tracks, ranging from basic Green trails through to Double Black Diamond-level trails (only open during events).

The roads throughout the Scenic Rim offer cyclists some stunning rides, with plenty of hill challenges.

The Scenic Rim is a favourite with recreational motorcyclists, who enjoy the spectacular scenery and country roads.

Most weekends you'll find the carparks of the local cafés, pubs and restaurants filled with two-wheeled explorers.



## QLD MOTO PARK

The QLD Moto Park, located near Wyaralong, features trails and facilities for motocross, freestyle motorcycling, pee wees and quads. Day to day operations are run by Motorcycling Queensland. As well as riding tracks and trails, the park features unpowered camping facilities and an amenities block.

Coaching is available from some of Australia's leading riders.



# Where to Stay

CAMPING, GLAMPING, LODGES AND RETREATS. THERE'S ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERYONE IN THE SCENIC RIM.

## CAMPING & GLAMPING

Campers and caravanners are catered for throughout the region all year. Pitch your tent at one of the Scenic Rim's lakes, park your van at a local caravan park or find a cool spot near a local creek.

As well as powered van sites, some of the region's dams also offer basic cabin and dormitory accommodation.

If you prefer the comforts of home, you'll love the Scenic Rim's glamping experiences. They've been voted among Australia's best

and ensure you'll have a holiday to remember. It's camping, but not as you know it. Check out Cedar Creek Lodges' Woodland Tents, Nightfall Camp, Tucker's Retreat, Binna Burra Lodge, Mt Barney Lodge, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Spicer's Canopy and Ketchup's Bank Eco Tents.

Camping is allowed in some of the Scenic Rim's National Parks. Go to the Queensland National Parks website for full details.



Clockwise: Mt Barney Lodge; Lake Moogerah Caravan Park; Nightfall Camp, image by Tourism and Events Queensland

# Romantic Escapes

## Mountain Lodges

Romantic escapes are in our DNA – we’re made for romance.

You’ll fall in love with our stunning views, open fires, cosy cabins, gorgeous B&Bs and luxurious mountain lodges.

Two of the most popular lodges are **O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat** and **Binna Burra Lodge**.

Both have a rich history in the region and are located on the Lamington Plateau, within the Lamington National Park, offering guests easy access to the natural wonderland hidden in the park.

**Mt Barney Lodge** is another unique property, offering visitors a remote and relaxing place for romance and rest & relaxation.

Check into a sprawling Queenslander and reconnect by the open fire.



**Spicer’s Peak Lodge** is a popular couple’s retreat. It’s Australia’s highest non-alpine lodge and is made for romance and relaxation. Think open fires, mountain views and incredible food and wine.

Reignite your romance at these Scenic Rim retreats - **Baya Eco Retreat, Beechmont Estate, Wander, Pether’s Rainforest Retreat, The Escarpment, Witches Falls Cottages, Mt French Lodge, Worendo Cottages** and **Scenic Rim View Cottages**.



Top to bottom: Binna Burra Lodge; Spicers Peak Lodge



## Bed & Breakfasts

For a unique and intimate romantic escape check into a cosy Scenic Rim bed & breakfast retreat.

Your host will share local knowledge about where to eat, drink and what to see and do while you're in the region.

Favourites include Avocado Sunset B&B, Barney Creek Vineyard Cottages, Tamborine Mountain B&B, The Old Church, Wallaby Ridge Retreat, Villa della Rosa, Cayambe View B&B and the Old Saint John's Church on Beechmont.



# Farm Stays

If you want an authentic rural experience, you can't go past our farm stays. Meet some of the region's multi-generational farming families and see how they produce the food, milk and cheese you love to eat.

A farm stay holiday is serious fun for the whole family. Get up early to see the cows being milked, help feed the chooks and saddle up a horse and go for a ride.

Try **Tommerup's Dairy Farm & Farmstay**, **Cedar Glen Farmstay**, **Greenlee Farm & Cottages**, **Olive View Estate**, **Stay at Kirro** or **Running Creek Beef Farm Stay**.



## BRING YOUR PET

We know that a holiday isn't a holiday without the whole family and that's why the Scenic Rim offers plenty of options for holidaying with your four-legged friends.

The Scenic Rim caters to visitors of all demographics – even your furry friends. The region features many family-friendly and pet-friendly destinations and accommodation options.



# Family Escapes

The Scenic Rim has emerged as a popular destination for families keen to flee the confines of the city and give their kids a unique, rural experience. Your children will love the freedom and sense of space as they explore our bushland, splash in our dams and visit our local farms.

Make a fire and toast marshmallows, go bushwalking, take a glider flight, paddle a kayak,

or just sit back and enjoy the space, the stars and the silence.

During the school holidays, some of the Scenic Rim's mountain lodges also offer extensive outdoor activity programs, sure to keep your children busy. The kids will love **Binna Burra Lodge**, **Mt Barney Lodge**, **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** and **Milford Country Cottages**.



# Weddings & Special Events

Weddings, parties, anything. If you're planning a wedding, staff retreat, conference, or a family celebration the Scenic Rim has a venue to suit events of all shapes and sizes.

The picturesque region is emerging as the darling of south-east Queensland brides and grooms, who have fallen in love with the region's gorgeous, unique wedding venues.

Check out these wedding venues. **White Chapel & Black Hall, The Vue Restaurant & Wedding**

**Chapel, Kooroomba, Cedar Creek Estate, Albert River Wines, Tea & Niceties, Pethers Rainforest Retreat, Cedar Creek Lodges, Canungra Valley Vineyards, Tamborine Gardens Wedding Resort.**

Searching for a conference space with a difference? Have a look at **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Binna Burra Lodge, Mt Barney Lodge and The Kooralbyn Valley.**



Clockwise: Summer Land Camels by Scenic Rim Bride, Royston House by Scenic Rim Bride, White Chapel Kalbar



# EVENTS CALENDAR

THE SCENIC RIM IS HOME TO A VARIETY OF ANNUAL EVENTS, STAGED IN THE MOST SPECTACULAR OF SETTINGS. OUR EVENTS ARE UNIQUE AND BROAD IN THEIR APPEAL. THEY'RE SURE TO SATISFY YOUR LOVE FOR FOOD & WINE, NATURE, ARTS & CULTURE, OR ADVENTURE.

## JANUARY

*Beautesert Australia Day Races*  
*QLD State Championship Rowing Regatta - Lake Wyaralong*

## FEBRUARY

*Earth Frequency Festival - Peak Crossing Carralbyn - Kooralbyn*

## MARCH

*O'Reilly's Annual Bird Week*  
*Tamborine Mountain Show*  
*Kalbar Sunflower Festival*

## APRIL

*Moogerah Passion Play - Lake Moogerah*  
*Beautesert Anzac Day Race*  
*Rockin the Rainforest*  
*The Long Sunset*

SEE THE FULL EVENTS CALENDAR  
AT [VISITSCENICRIM.COM.AU/EVENTS](https://visitscenicrim.com.au/events)



Clockwise: Scarecrow Festival; Eat Local Week; Clydesdale Spectacular; Winter Harvest Festival



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## MAY

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*Scenic Rim Adventure Festival*  
*The Lost World Trail Festival*  
*The Stinson Walk - O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat*  
*Boonah Show*  
*Arts in the Olives*

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## JUNE

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*Kalbar Show*  
*Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular - Boonah*  
*Scenic Rim Eat Local Month*

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## JULY

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*Winter Harvest Festival - Aratula*  
*The Shepherd's Walk - Christmas Creek*  
*Beaudesert Cup Race Day*  
*Evergreen - Tamborine Mountain*

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## AUGUST

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*Canungra Show*  
*National Motorcycle Festival*

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## SEPTEMBER

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*Ritchie's IGA Boonah Arts Festival*  
*Beaudesert Show*  
*Tamborine Mountain Scarecrow Festival*  
*Day in the Dirt Down Under - Coulson*

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## OCTOBER

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*Kalbar Country Day*  
*Turning Canungra Pink*

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## DECEMBER

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*Christmas Carols & Markets across the Scenic Rim*

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# Markets

## BEAUDESERT MARKET FEST

1st Saturday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm  
Dick Westerman Park  
Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert

## BEECHMONT MARKETS

3rd Sunday of each month / 8 am – 1 pm  
Beechmont Community Centre  
Beechmont & Binna Burra Roads, Beechmont

## BOONAH COUNTRY MARKETS

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm  
Springleigh Park, Coronation Drive, Boonah

## CANUNGRA VILLAGE MARKETS

2nd Sunday of each month (except January)  
8 am – 1 pm  
Moriarty Park, Canungra

## KOORALBYN RSL MARKETS

2nd Sunday of each month / 8 am – 12 pm  
Billabong Park, Kooralbyn

## RATHDOWNEY COUNTRY MARKETS

3rd Sunday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm  
Rathdowney Memorial Grounds  
100 Mt Lindsey Highway, Rathdowney

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY MARKETS

2nd Sunday of each month / 6:30 am – 2 pm  
Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds  
Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LOCAL PRODUCERS MARKET

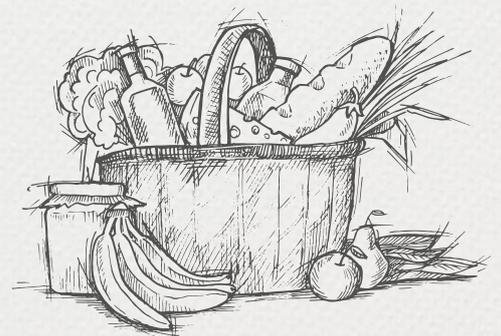
Every Sunday / 7am – 12 pm  
Held in the Green Shed  
Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds  
Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL MARKETS

Last Sunday of each month / 7 am – 1 pm  
Held in car park accross from School  
Long Road, North Tamborine

## TAMBORINE VILLAGE MARKETS

1st Sunday of each month / 7 am – 12 pm  
Tamborine Memorial Hall  
Tamborine-Waterford Road, Tamborine Village



# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN



WHEN YOU'RE ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN IT FEELS LIKE YOU ARE ON TOP OF THE WORLD. THIS VOLCANIC PEAK SITS ON A LEVEL PLATEAU ABOUT 550-METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND ENJOYS 360 DEGREE VIEWS.

To the east, you'll see the distant Surfers Paradise high-rise skyline, the Pacific Ocean, and the dense mass of the Gold Coast, a city that seems a world away, but is only a 20-minute drive. To the west is that incredible mountain range – the Scenic Rim.

Narrow country roads meander across the mountain, delivering visitors to villages and boutique wineries, cosy B&Bs, historic pubs, eclectic gift shops, beautiful art galleries and the mountain's incredible natural attractions.

While you're on the mountain buy some locally-grown organic veggies, a bunch of native flowers, coffee and cake or some local art.



## THINGS TO DO

- The **Tamborine Mountain National Park**, with its waterfalls, rainforest, walking tracks and spectacular views, can keep visitors busy for days. The **Witches Falls** section was Queensland's first declared National Park. Most of the walking tracks in the six sections of the park are short and can be finished within a few hours.
- The spectacular elevated **Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk** puts you up in the canopy with the wildlife. It's one of the best and easiest ways to immerse yourself in the lush surrounds. The walk gradually descends to the lower canopy and follows rock pools, a butterfly lookout and sheltered rest areas until it reaches the amazing cantilever. This 40m-long structure soars 30m above the valley and provides spectacular views.
- Visit the popular **Gallery Walk at Eagle Heights**. The mountain's tourist hub is a strip of intriguing shops, restaurants, cafés, wineries and art galleries.
- Wander through the **Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens**, where tropical meets temperate. Covering 11ha, the gardens consist of exotic species, rainforest, flowering cherries, rhododendrons, magnolias, camellias and maples. Themed areas include the Japanese garden, rose garden, bromeliad garden, wisteria-covered pergolas, perennial cottage garden and a lake.
- Call into the **Tamborine Mountain Distillery** for liqueurs and laughs; or take a crop to cup tour at **Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation**.





## Jon Heslop

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*Jon Heslop is passionate about wine – growing it, making it, drinking it and matching it with food.*

But most of all he is passionate about sharing his handcrafted Witches Falls Wines with people who share his love for fabulous wine.

Jon creates wine at the Tamborine Mountain winery he runs with wife Kim (pictured).

Witches Falls Winery's intimate cellar door is the perfect space to enjoy a wine tasting experience.



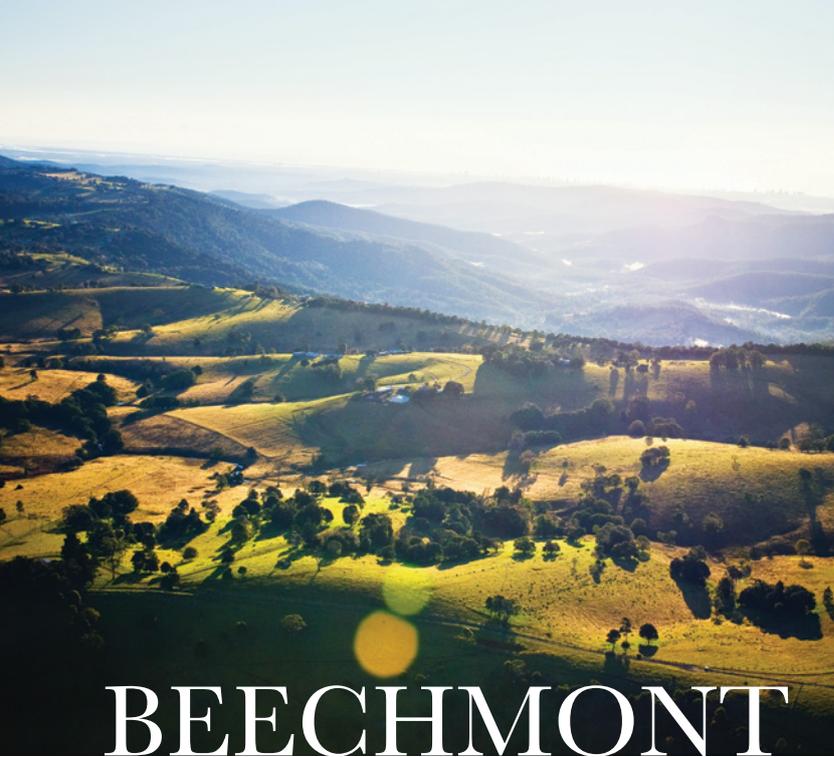
## Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation

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*Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation is a café, roastery, and coffee plantation owned by a family of coffee growers, roasters and baristas, all of whom are smitten by the bean.*

The organically grown coffee trees thrive in the mountain climate, and the handpicked beans are roasted on-site, and used in conjunction with ethically sourced green beans, which are selected from around the world. The café is open seven days for breakfast, brunch and lunch, and you can arrange a tour through the plantation and see first-hand how coffee is grown, harvested and roasted, before sitting down to enjoy a cup of joe.





# BEECHMONT

**THE COUNTRY ROAD FROM CANUNGRA TO BEECHMONT MEANDERS UP THE MOUNTAINSIDE TO DELIVER YOU TO THE LUSH, GREEN PASTURES OF THIS HILLTOP OASIS.**

Beechmont is home to a close-knit creative community who take their lead from past generations. Neighbours help neighbours, self-sufficiency is celebrated, nature is protected and respected.

## **LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK & BINNA BURRA LODGE**

Binna Burra Lodge, at 800-metres above sea level, was established in the 1930s by author and adventurer Arthur Groom and his business partner, engineer Romeo Lahey.

These amazing men shared a passion for the environment and believed Binna Burra's natural beauty had to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

The efforts led to the declaration of the Lamington National Park and protected the pristine environment in its natural form. Relatives of Groom and Lahey remain involved in the lodge today.

Lush rainforests, ancient trees, spectacular views, extensive walking tracks and exceptional ecological importance make this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage area an outstanding place to visit for walking, camping, bird watching and relaxing.

# Canungra

**WHAT CANUNGRA LACKS IN SIZE, IT MAKES UP FOR IN ENERGY, ACTIVITY AND HISTORY.**

This village settlement evolved in the 1880s, when the Lahey family established the Lahey Bros Sawmill.

Canungra is a busy weekend destination for motorcyclists, car clubs, day trippers and bushwalkers. It's the gateway to the Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

Canungra is a hub for exciting activities like hang gliding and hot air ballooning, but it also offers visitors a smorgasbord of unique food and wine experiences.

## **THINGS TO DO**

- Check out the historic **Lahey Tramway Tunnel**, just outside the main township. The tunnel was cut through sandstone and used to carry timber from the hills to town. Visitors will gain an insight into the challenges early timber cutters faced bringing their loads down the mountain.
- Visit the award-winning **O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard** for lunch, a drink, or a picnic by the creek.
- Sample local honey and macadamias at the **Visitor Information Centre** and tap into the local knowledge of the volunteers.
- Enjoy a cold beer and counter lunch at the family-friendly **Canungra Hotel**.
- Browse the eclectic mix of shops in the **Canungra village**.
- Stock up on fresh, organic produce and roses at the **local farm gate stalls**.



O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard



# Shane O'Reilly

*Shane O'Reilly enjoyed an idyllic childhood on the Lamington Plateau, living on a property that's been in his family for more than 100 years.*

Today he offers busy families the chance to share the back-to-nature experience he thrived on at the O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

Escape the hustle of your busy life, slow down, switch off and reconnect at this mountain retreat, set in the World Heritage Lamington National Park.



# Lisa Groom

*Arthur Groom's vision and hard work helped establish the Binna Burra Lodge in the Lamington National Park, but it also laid the foundations for what has become a family industry - nature tourism.*

Arthur's granddaughter, Lisa, spent her early years living in Groom's Cottage, which still sits on the Binna Burra site.

Now she owns and manages Park Tours, a tour business

started by her parents. She leads walking and adventure tours and introduces visitors to the secrets of her home region, the Scenic Rim.



# BEAUDESERT & KOORALBYN



**BEAUDESERT IS A VIBRANT BUSINESS CENTRE, HOME TO MORE THAN 5000 PEOPLE AND GROWING EVERY DAY. NEW RESIDENTS ARE ATTRACTED BY THE CONVENIENCE AND EASY LIFESTYLE THAT'S AFFORDED BY THIS GO-AHEAD RURAL TOWN.**

Beaudesert was built on the back of rural production and remains a hub for successful dairy, beef, poultry, horticulture and cropping businesses. The fertile soil and abundant water sustain agricultural operations of all shapes and sizes.

A new generation of residents are moving to Beaudesert, attracted by the benefits of rural living. New subdivisions are being developed, offering larger land parcels, more affordable housing and a relaxed lifestyle, within a close-knit, friendly community.



Beaudesert's vibrant business centre is home to an art gallery, cultural centre and great cafés, country pubs and clubs.

The town of Kooralbyn is a 25-minute drive from Beaudesert and is home to the **Kooralbyn International School**, whose alumni include athlete Cathy Freeman and golfers Adam Scott and Jason Day. Australia's first integrated golf resort, **The Kooralbyn Valley**, offers a unique rural and eco experience, with a number of activities from the sky to the water. Relax by the pool or stay active clay pigeon shooting, horse trail riding, kayaking and playing golf.

## THINGS TO DO

- Gather your friends for a country race meet at the **Beaudesert Race Club**.
- Learn to make cheese at the **Towri Sheep Cheeses**.
- Step back in time at the **Beaudesert Historical Museum**.
- Cool down at the **Beaudesert Pool**.
- Call into the **Beaudesert Community Arts & Information Centre** for friendly advice on the region's must-do attractions. While you're there stock up on local art, craft and homemade jams and chutneys.
- Browse the latest exhibition at **The Centre** regional art gallery.
- Catch the latest live show at **The Centre**.
- Head out of town about 25-minutes to Kooralbyn, home of **The Kooralbyn Valley**. It has a championship golf course and many other exciting facilities.
- Drop into **Beaudesert Cafe**, **VK Everyday's** and **Bean to?** for a great meal.
- Take a scenic country drive south to Kerry. Have a picnic and cool down in the creek at **Darlington Park**.



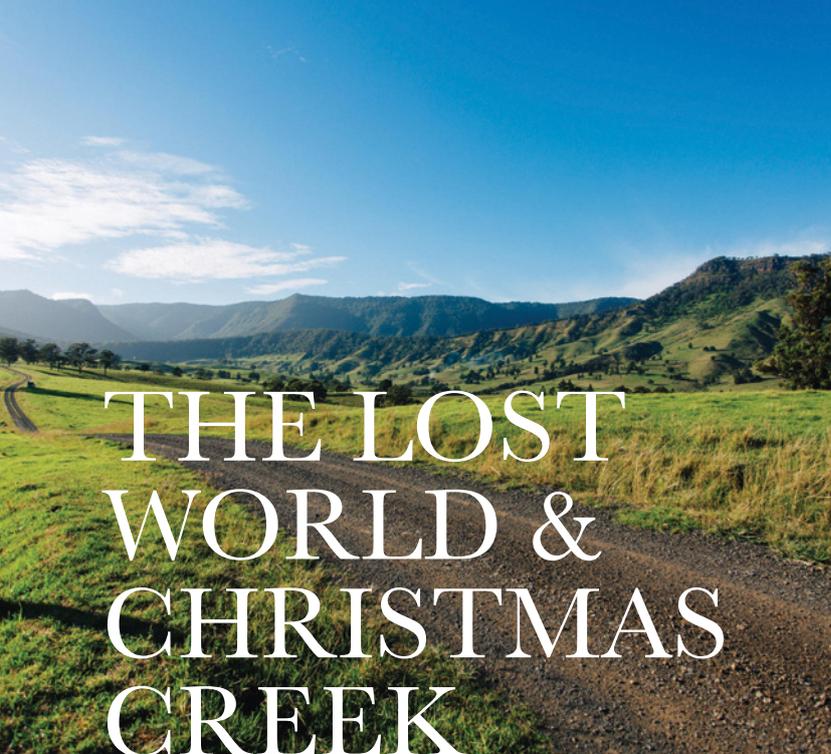
# Carolyn Davidson

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*Carolyn's sheep cheese adventure started with an empty shed on her husband's turf farm. She decided to transform it into an artisan boutique sheep dairy and cheese making facility.*

Hobby soon turned into business and now Carolyn and her daughter Dallas, have a herd of 350 Awassi, East Friesian and Assaf sheep. Her Towri Sheep Cheese is on the menu at many of Queensland's leading restaurants.





# THE LOST WORLD & CHRISTMAS CREEK

AS FAR AS NAMES GO, THIS ONE'S VERY ACCURATE. THIS SPECTACULAR LOST WORLD IS ONLY A SHORT DRIVE SOUTH OF BEAUDESERT, BUT FEELS LIKE IT'S A WORLD AWAY.

Overlooked by the dramatic Razorback Mountain and Lamington Plateau, the valleys of the Lost World are a mix of mystical tangled forests, lush green pastures, wild rivers, pristine rock pools and off-the-track surprises.

There are no crowds, theme parks, shops or restaurants. Instead you'll find quiet secluded spaces to relax in nature, to let children run free and to walk alone in untamed Australian rainforest wilderness. Book ahead and try horse riding, four-wheel driving, or milk a cow at **Tommerup's Dairy**.

When you stay in the Lost World you can access privately-owned walking tracks and crystal-clear rock pools for fishing, swimming and picnics. Choose to overnight in one of the Lost World's charming farmhouses, cosy cabins, creek-side campgrounds, or a historic homestead, where you can also learn to crack a stock-whip and throw a boomerang.

Christmas Creek offers visitors a relaxing, back-to-nature experience. If it's total tranquillity you're after, book into one of the luxury, five-star safari tents at **Nightfall Camp**. It's been rated among Australia's leading glamping experiences.

## THINGS TO DO

- Visit the seasonal **Darlington Community Markets** and try the local food, talk to local artists and craftspeople and shop the array of unique offerings.
- Follow the **Lost World Tourist Drive** which incorporates the Kerry Valley and its rich farming and dairy heritage, the lush green pastures of the Lost World and the rugged Lamington Gorge, where Christmas Creek flows from mountain springs deep in the wilderness end of Lamington National Park.
- Enjoy a relaxed, back-to-nature experience in **Christmas Creek**.
- Book into one of the luxury, five-star safari tents at the **Nightfall Camp**, it's been rated among Australia's leading glamping experiences.
- Visit **Tommerup's Dairy Farm** and learn how these sixth-generation farmers run their business. Meet the resident menagerie of cows, pigs, chickens and goats and stock up on farm-fresh produce at the farm larder.
- BYO horses and head for **Stay at Kirro**. It's a renovated Queenslander set on a beautiful cattle property in the Kerry Valley. There are facilities for horses and plenty of amazing trails to explore.
- Book into a local farm stay, cottage or cabin and enjoy the tranquillity and peace. Check out **Cedar Glen Farmstay, Eighteen Mile Cottage and Homestead, Cave Rock Cottages, Worendo Cottages, Christmas Creek Cabins, Mana Carroo, Beaumont High Country Homestead and Wongari Eco Retreat**.



Rock hopping at Christmas Creek



## The Overells

*Nathan Overell runs the family's scenic Worendo Cottages in the Lost World.*

Building on the foundations set by his parents, Nathan has established this gorgeous retreat as a place for relaxing and reconnecting.

Nathan's wife Jodie is a Naturopath, works in the business, and also has busy role as Mother to their three boys.

For Nathan, the Lost World was the setting of many childhood adventures in the Lamington National Park.

Now he shares his stunning backyard with visitors.



## Tommerup's Dairy Farm

*This gorgeous, small-scale dairy farm has been in the Tommerup family since 1874.*

Dave is the sixth generation Tommerup to manage the farm, and together with wife Kay and their children Harry and Georgia, the Tommerups milk a small herd and keep a menagerie of beautiful farm animals.

The family has established a busy farm stay business, welcoming visitors to stay in an historic farm house, help on the farm and buy fresh bacon, meat, lamb, milk and cheese from the farm larder.



# RATHDOWNEY & MT BARNEY

Mt Barney, which at 1359m high is Queensland's fourth-highest peak, is visible from many points throughout the Scenic Rim. On the Queensland / NSW border, the Mt Barney National Park protects seven peaks around the 1000m mark including Mountains Maroon, May, Ballow, Clunie and Ernest. The rugged peaks are all that remain of the ancient focal shield volcano, which erupted some 26-million years ago.

Mount Barney National Park is World Heritage-listed and is a designated wilderness park. It is one of the largest areas of undisturbed natural vegetation remaining in South East Queensland and is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

## THINGS TO DO

- Step back in time when you visit the local **Rathdowney Museum**, where the local history is well-documented.
- Explore the World Heritage-listed **Mt Barney National Park**, which is a designated wilderness park. Mt Barney is surrounded by valleys, caves, rock pools and woodland forest.
- Book into one of the nearby accommodation options and explore the region more extensively. Try **Barney Creek Cottages**, **Mt Barney Lodge** or **Tuckeroo Cottages and Gardens**.
- Pack up the bikes and head to **Bigriggen Park**, a 40-hectare holiday park encompassing hills and native bushland. Bigriggen puts you close to the local walks and parks and offers camping and bunkhouse facilities. Your kids will love riding their bikes around the local road network. Pets are welcome too.
- Chat to the experts at **Mt Barney Lodge**, where you can stay in a renovated Queenslander or a luxury tent. The kids will love the holiday activities.

RATHDOWNEY, IN THE SCENIC RIM'S SOUTH, IS HOME TO SOME OF QUEENSLAND'S MOST IMPRESSIVE WALKING AND CLIMBING TRACKS. VAST OPEN SPACES OF LUSH PASTURES ARE DOMINATED BY THE TOWERING BULK OF MT BARNEY AND MT LINDESAY. ESCAPE TO THIS PART OF THE SCENIC RIM FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND NATURE EXPERIENCES.

Begin your journey into the south with a visit to Rathdowney, which lies about 32km south of Beaudesert. Rathdowney started as a service centre to new farming districts. Today it is a gateway to the many walks and climbs available in the nearby Mt Barney National Park. The Park's two majestic mountains – Mt Barney and Mt Lindesay – are distinctive markers on the Scenic Rim landscape.

# Innes Larkin

*Innes Larkin jokes that he's in a relationship with a strong, volatile and beautiful partner.*

He's married to the gorgeous Tracey Larkin, with whom he runs Mt Barney Lodge.

But his enduring relationship is with Mt Barney, the imposing mountain which towers over the couple's scenic property.

Innes knows every crevice of Mt Barney and the surrounding bushland and is regularly called upon by police and emergency services to assist with dangerous rescues in the area.

Innes and Tracey welcome visitors to their scenic properties and delight in sharing their tranquil piece of paradise.

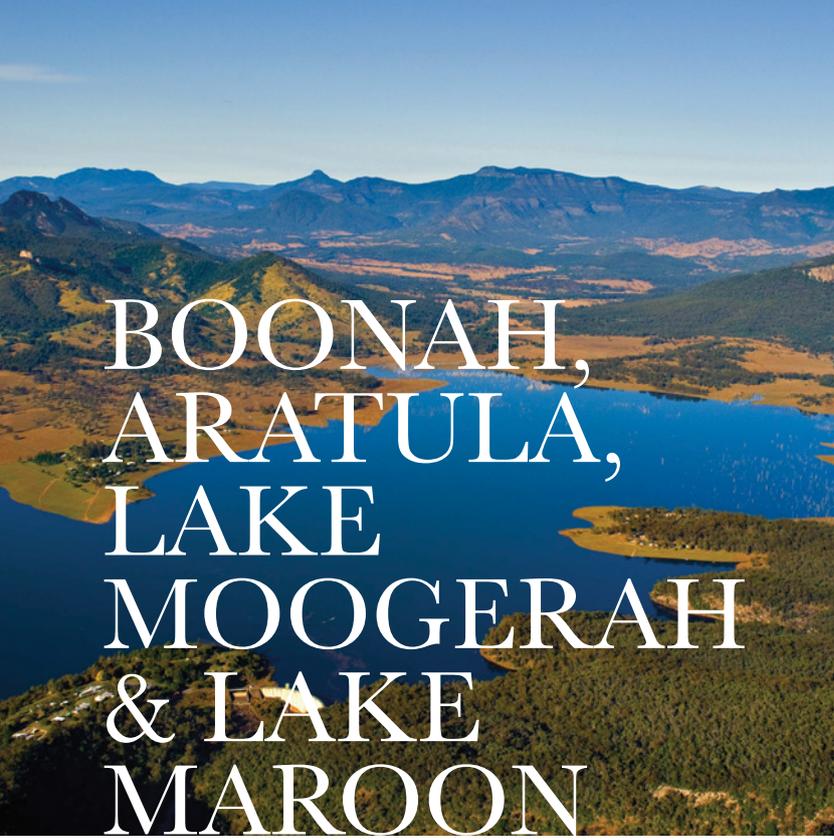


## Arthur Clive's Bakery & Cafe - Aratula & Boonah

*The Pennell family have been baking in the Scenic Rim since 1936, when Herbert Pennell purchased a bakery in Boonah.*

Herbert's son Arthur was a baker (and is the man after whom the bakeries are named) and his son Russell is also a baker, who still works in the bakery to this day. Russell's children have also followed on the family tradition, working across the two bakeries

in Boonah and Aratula. Regularly named in lists of the best bakeries in regional Queensland and a delicious destination in their own right, Arthur Clive's Bakeries and Cafes are Scenic Rim institutions.



# BOONAH, ARATULA, LAKE MOOGERAH & LAKE MAROON

**BOONAH IS A VIBRANT, COLOURFUL COUNTRY TOWN IN THE SCENIC RIM'S WEST. BOONAH BEGAN LIFE AS A HUB OF RURAL PURSUITS AND AGRICULTURE REMAINS A KEY INDUSTRY TODAY.**

Boonah is also a popular destination for newcomers seeking a relaxing tree change.

It's the gateway to the Moogerah Peaks and Main Range National Parks, as well as Lakes Moogerah and Maroon.

Boonah was settled by German and English pioneers in the early 1800s and once boasted a butter factory and numerous dairies.

Today the land surrounding this scenic town is productive with vegetables, grain, beef, pork, poultry, grapes and olives.

The historic Queenslander architecture of the early settlers is still on show in the town's central business district and residential streets.

Boonah is an ideal base for boating and fishing, as well as scenic walks and camping. The local airfield is busy and offers enthusiasts the chance to see the scenery from a glider or light aircraft.

Local food and wine is on the menu at many of the region's wineries, restaurants and historic country pubs. Boonah also boasts a number of stunning wedding venues.

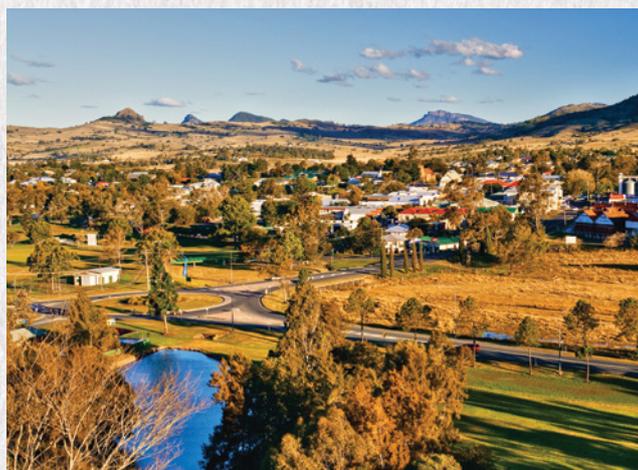
Nearby, along the busy Cunningham Highway, you'll find Aratula. It's a popular resting spot for motorists and offers a myriad of food and drink options.

- The hardest part will be choosing between **Arthur Clive's Bakery**, **Pedro's - Just Great Food**, and the service station cafe. Stock up on local produce at the **Aratula Markets** and try one of their fresh juices.

Many roads around these parts lead to a lake. Two of the region's most popular are Lakes Moogerah and Maroon. Both are open to powered craft and are a haven for water skiing, jet skiing and fishing. Pitch your tent, or book into a self-contained cottage and enjoy a longer country escape.

## THINGS TO DO

- Visit the **Boonah Regional Art Gallery**.
- BYO jet ski and hit the water at **Lakes Moogerah and Maroon** or paddle your kayak on **Lake Wyaralong** (no powered craft allowed).
- Call into **Far Outdoors** and get some local knowledge on the nearby walks through National Parks and spectacular bushland.
- Visit the **Boonah Airfield** and book a flight over the mountains.
- Enjoy a long lunch at **Kooroomba or Blume**.
- Check out one of the local wedding reception venues.
- Call into the **Visitor Information Centre**.
- Hook up your fishing boat and drop a line in one of the lakes.
- Cool down in a nearby swimming hole.
- Test your motocross skills at the **QLD Moto Park**.
- Revive and refresh at one of **Boonah's cafés**.
- Call into the **Scenic Rim Brewery** for a local beer and meal.
- Stock up on local produce at the **Aratula Market**.



Top: Lake Moogerah Bottom: Boonah township

# Christopher Trotter & David Bland

*What do you get when you pair an industrial sculptor with a horologist? The Blumbergville Clock!*

Christopher Trotter and David Bland are Boonah locals and together they created a clock that has become the talking point of the town's main street.

The clock stands at 5.5m high, weighs four tonnes and can be found on the footpath outside the Scenic Rim Council office, where it

marks time with wacky sounds.

Christopher is well-known around Australia for his industrial art sculptures which transform scrap metal into spectacular creations.

David is a clockmaker and rose to the challenge of ensuring the Blumbergville Clock keeps perfect time.



# Mike & Wendy Webster

*You'll find this husband and wife duo at their beautifully-restored Scenic Rim Brewery, located in the small town of Mt Alford, south-west of Boonah.*

Mike is chief brew master, responsible for cool, refreshing drops with fun names like Shazza, Fat Man and Digga's Pale Ale.

Wendy can be found behind the counter, creating delicious meals and bar snacks to perfectly partner with Mike's beers.

Mike and Wendy bought the rundown former Mt

Alford General Store and spent a year renovating.

They opened the doors in December 2016 and have been busy ever since.

As well as beer and great food, the couple stock a range of other locally-produced products, as well as coffee, milkshakes, scones, croquettes and amazing fresh pretzels.



# KALBAR, HARRISVILLE, PEAK CROSSING & ROADVALE



Kalbar fields and Mount Edwards

**IF IT'S HISTORY, GOOD FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY YOU'RE AFTER, THEN YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. THIS PART OF THE SCENIC RIM SERVES THESE THINGS - AND MUCH MORE - IN GENEROUS QUANTITIES.**

The historic town of Kalbar dates back to the 1870s when farmers, predominantly German immigrants, began to select the fertile land bordering the Warrill and Reynolds Creek flats.

Ancestors of these pioneering families – the Pennells, Kruegers, Peters, Surawskis, Dieckmanns and Mullers – still live and work in the area today. The town of Kalbar straddles Edward Street and is dominated by the historic and beautiful **Wiss Emporium** and **Wiss Cottage**. Both buildings were built by the entrepreneurial **Wiss Brothers**, who were keen traders of produce and farm goods.

The **Royal Hotel Kalbar** has been renovated and is a popular hub for meals and drinks. Kalbar's main business area has enjoyed a resurgence. You'll find cafés, gift shops, a butcher and grocery store, community bank, medical centre and chemist, beauty shops and hairdressers. The Kalbar Showground is a popular base for caravanners and the sale yards are busy with regular cattle trades.

Kalbar is surrounded by a number of smaller, historic towns. Roadvale used to be a hub for industry but a 1915 fire destroyed many of the town's buildings. There's still a general store and a great pub, with facilities to tether your horse out the front.

Just up the road is Harrisville. An early train line to Ipswich used to sustain the cotton, processed cheese and condensed milk industries here for many years. Harrisville's main street boasts some beautiful Queenslander-style architecture. Drop in for a meal and a drink at the **Royal Hotel**.

The whole family will love **Summer Land Camels**, situated just outside the town centre. It's Australia's largest camel dairy, where you can see the camels being milked, pat the babies and try a myriad of camel-milk products.

Up the road, towards Ipswich you'll arrive at Peak Crossing, a rural township situated on Purga Creek at the base of Flinders Peak mountain. Stop at the **Peak Pub** for a cool drink.

## THINGS TO DO

- Visit Scenic Rim's first gastro-pub at the **Roadvale Hotel**.
- Stop at **Lovett at Kalbar** for a pie, or coffee and a cream bun.
- **Beary Special Crafts** at Kalbar is a treasure trove of handmade, intricate giftware, clothes and collectibles.
- Drive by **White Chapel and Black Hall** in George St Kalbar. This stunning wedding chapel and reception venue has given new life to the historic Methodist Church.
- Get to know the camels at **Summer Land Camels** near Harrisville.
- Enjoy a hearty pub meal at **The Royal Hotel** in Harrisville and Kalbar.
- Buy & taste local produce at the new **Scenic Rim Farm Shop & Cafe** and walk through **Elderflower Farm** and flower fields.
- Check out **BMK Collective** for homewares, collectibles, decorator items and soft furnishings.
- Step back in time to an era of elegance and luxury, and make yourself at home in **Herrmann House**.
- Satisfy your sweet tooth at **Postmaster's Sweets**, nestled in Kalbar's Post Office.



# April Cornwell

*April Cornwell marries history with a modern touch at Kalbar.*

Herrmann House sits grandly on George Street, Kalbar, heralding a time of renewed investment and pride in the small town.

April and her husband Paul Cornwell have just opened the accommodation house, and are also behind the stunningly restored White Chapel and Black Hall wedding and conference venues up the road.

The Cornwells moved an original 1880s house from nearby Munbilla to George Street and combined it with the historic Chant's Cottage to create the large, luxurious homestead fit for brides-to-be, couples and families.

They named their lovingly restored work, 'Herrmann House' to honour former owners of the house shifted from Munbilla and to keep history alive.



## Summer Land Camels

*The paddocks around Harrisville were traditionally the domain of dairy cows and lucerne crops.*

But these days you'll see 450 free-range Australian camels grazing on the fertile fodder.

The camels are part of Australia's largest milking herd and you can meet them at Summer Land Camels, which is open 7 days a week.

Call into the Homestead Café and meet owner Paul Martin, try the milk, and stock up on skincare products, cheese, ice-cream and chocolate made using camel milk.

Group bookings are welcomed by appointment.



# Public Art

THE STUNNING VISTAS INSPIRE AND SUSTAIN A TALENTED AND DIVERSE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY. THE REGION IS HOME TO MANY INCREDIBLE ARTISTS, WHOSE WORK CAN BE FOUND IN LOCAL GALLERIES AND CREATIVE SPACES.

The Scenic Rim boasts an extensive public art trail. Look for these installations as you travel around the region.

**A Present View, by Thomas Reifferscheid  
Rosins Lookout Beechmont**

The sculpture reflects the worship of nature as a value – holy in itself. By carving in the rough blocks, up to the final smooth grinding, the natural beauty of the stone becomes visible in all its different patterns.

**Visiting Earth Angel, by Antone Bruinsma  
Robert Sowler Park Tamborine Mountain**

Gracing us with its presence, and calling for a renewal of our connection with nature, the Angel offers us hope, guidance and a moment for inner reflection.

**With an Eye to the Sky, by Catherine Anderson  
Scenic Rim Council forecourt, High St Boonah**

Weather is the common theme impacting the lives of anyone living in rural and regional Queensland. Country people live ‘with an eye to the sky’. Bronze artwork commissioned to celebrate the 2002 Year of the Outback.

**Platypus, by Silvio Apponyi  
Lions Park Canungra**

Capturing an enduring symbol of this ancient landscape. Created during International Sculpture Symposium Beaudesert 2008.

**Lake Wyaralong Sculpture Park  
Facilitated by Beaudesert and District Community Arts Project**

Seven acclaimed Queensland, Australian and international sculptors crafted monumental sculptures over 16 days in 2015 to create the Wyaralong Sculpture Park. The large-scale public artworks reflect the recreational and/or environmental elements enjoyed by visitors to Lake Wyaralong and Mt Joyce Recreation Park.



**Jubilee Park Shared History Footpath,  
facilitated by Bronwyn Davies  
Jubilee Park Beaudesert**

Through discussions with the Mununjali community and the Beaudesert Historical Society, the facilitator created text for the bronze plaques which have been placed into the concrete footpath.

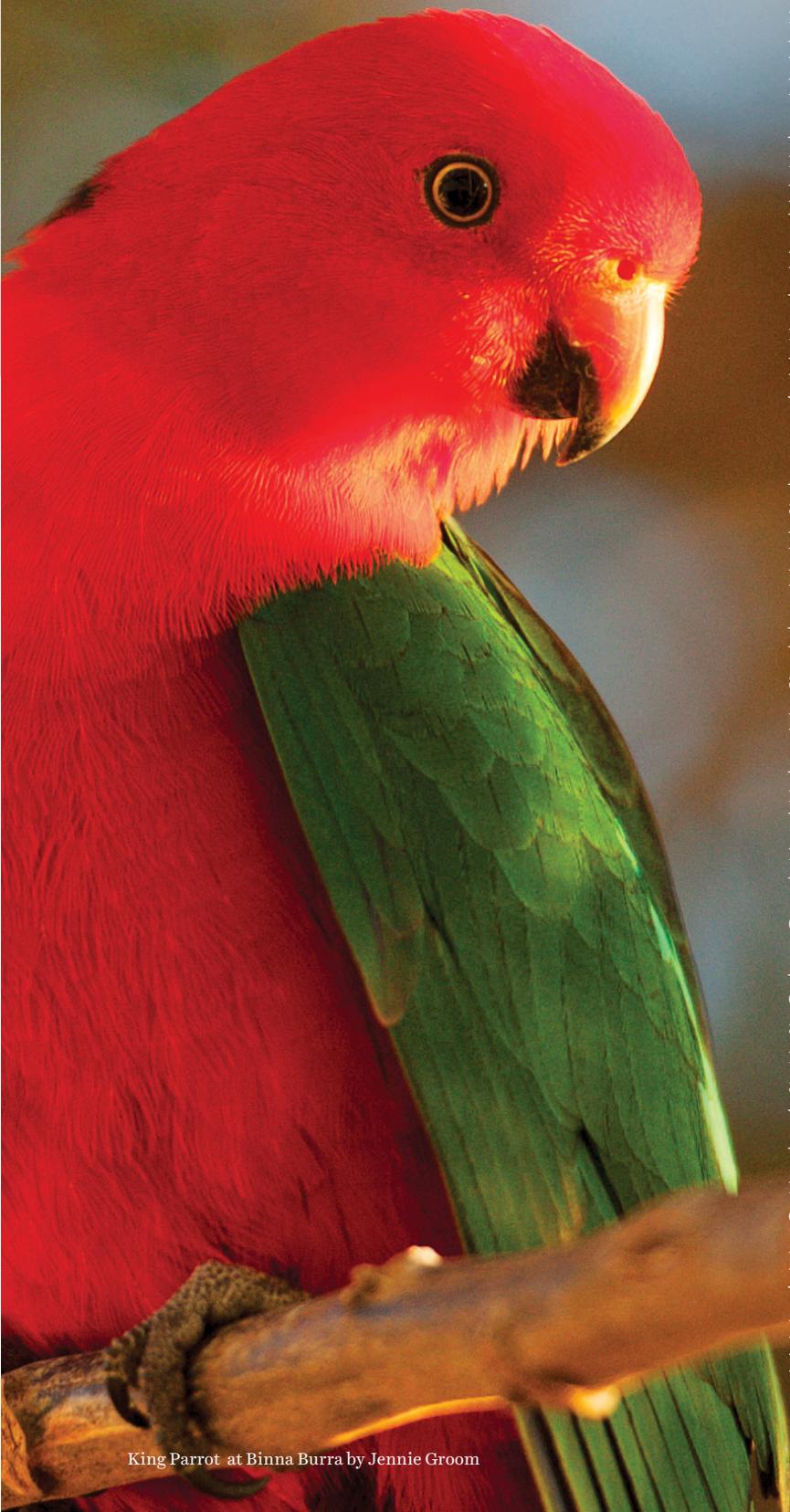
**Spaces for Contemplation by Luke Zwolsman  
Collins Park Rathdowney**

Exploring the process and progression of inner contemplation which takes place when one stands within the expansive spaces of the Scenic Rim.

# Wildlife OF THE SCENIC RIM

The Scenic Rim is a hotspot for biodiversity and the combination of varied landscapes, volcanic soil and climate mean it's also a haven for a diverse range of wildlife.

You'll find iconic Australian species such as kangaroos, koalas, platypus, kookaburras, goannas and cockatoos, as well as some 200 endangered and threatened species.



Look out for these wild locals:

## **LAMINGTON SPINY CRAYFISH**

These vibrant blue and green crayfish are often found walking on rainforest tracks after rain in the Lamington and Springbrook region.

## **ALBERT'S LYREBIRD**

A timid songbird endemic to subtropical rainforest regions. Has a large, long tail and rich chestnut plumage.

## **REGENT BOWERBIRD**

A beautiful, intelligent bird, found throughout rainforest areas. Male birds are covered in silky black plumage, with glossy golden feathers on the ends of their wings and crown.

## **KOALAS**

You'll find these native Australian marsupials living in eucalyptus trees along creeks and bushland in parts of the Scenic Rim.

## **WHIPTAIL WALLABY**

(also known as pretty-faced wallaby)

A wallaby species found in the region, particularly around O'Reillys and Mt Barney, distinguished by paler colouring and a white stripe under its face.

## **PLATYPUS**

An egg-laying, semi-aquatic mammal, often referred to as the duckbilled platypus. Can be found in small streams and rivers, particularly around Canungra.

## **KING PARROT**

A stunning and colourful bird. Males have completely red heads, while the females have a green head and breast. King parrots are normally found in pairs or family groups in rainforest areas. You're likely to see them around O'Reilly's and Binna Burra.

## **GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOO**

About 46 to 50cm long and generally smaller than other black cockatoos, with a brownish black colour and a small crest. Look for the bright red panels on its black tail. Females may also have yellow markings around the head. Live in forest areas, open inland woodlands and watercourses.

While you're in the Scenic Rim also keep an eye out for the crimson and pale headed rosellas, spoonbills, owls, eagles, frogs, pademelons, turtles and ducks.

**For more information collect a copy of the Wild Guides of the Scenic Rim from a Visitor Information Centre, or from the Queensland Museum.**



## THE LIONS ROAD BEAUDESERT TO KYOGLE

96km

The Lions Road was built as a Lions Club project to allow travellers to visit the forests and crisscross Running Creek and Gradys Creek on the QLD-NSW border.

It forms a scenic link between QLD and NSW and along with the amazing rainforest, the highlight is the spectacular railway engineering feat of the Border Loop. To enable trains to cross the Border Ranges, engineers had to gain altitude at a reasonable gradient. The answer was this ingenious spiral loop.

Start your adventure in **Beaudesert** and browse the eclectic mix of shops and cafés in the town centre. Call into the **Beaudesert Historical Museum**, or **The Centre**, before steering your car south towards Rathdowney.

You'll pass **Laravale**, cross the Tamrookum Creek and you'll arrive in **Rathdowney**. Call into the **The Rathdowney Pub** and the **Rathdowney Visitor Information Centre**, where the volunteers are very knowledgeable and browse the **Rathdowney Historical Centre** in the same building.

While you're in the area call into **The Shed Café** (open weekends) for olives and olive oil, the café is loaded with delicious sweet and savoury items plus there's a giftshop.

From Rathdowney take Running Creek Rd towards Kyogle. This road becomes Lions Rd and passes through the Border Ranges National Park. This road is generally not suitable for trailers as it is quite narrow in spots. Check with Rathdowney Visitor Information Centre first.

**Top Tip:** On your return journey take the Mt Lindesay Highway and make a small detour via the small town of Woodenbong. Book accommodation in Mt Barney or Rathdowney and explore the area.

## BOONAH & BEYOND

38km

The busy town of Boonah is ideally located for an easy day trip from Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

First stop should be Boonah's High St, where you can browse the well-stocked shelves at **Maynard's Store**, buy gorgeous gifts at **Duck Junction**, **Boonah Jewellery & Gifts**, or **The Story Tree**.

Need a coffee and a bite to eat? You're spoiled for choice here. Try **Arthur Clive's Bakehouse**, **Flavours Café**, **Hummingbirds Natural Pantry and Café** or **Sandie Lee's Kitchen**.

Drop into a local pub. There's the **Commercial Hotel**, **Simon's Tavern**, **The Australian** and **The Dugandan Hotel**.

Take the Boonah Rathdowney Rd towards Bunjurgun, where you can call into the **Bunjurgun Estate Vineyard** for a relaxed tasting and tour of the vines.

Down the road you'll find **Kooroomba**. Book ahead for lunch, or call in for afternoon tea and drink in the stunning mountain views. Next stop is the **Scenic Rim Brewery** on Reckumpilla Rd at Mt Alford.

Need a walk? Make your final stop the **Mt French lookout** in the **Moogerah Peaks National Park**.

**Top Tip:** This part of the Scenic Rim is home to some excellent walks. Go to the Walking Guide on page 12 for details.



Lamington National Park

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

25km

Tamborine Mountain offers visitors so many options.

Start at the **Botanic Gardens** on Forsythia Drive before you head along Long Road to **Gallery Walk**, the busy strip of shops, cafés and restaurants.

Take your time and browse the gifts, the art, the **Cuckoo Clock Nest** and the jewellery. Take your pick of places to refresh with coffee, food, cake, ice-cream, chocolate, and a visit to **Granny Macs Store**, or **Fudge Heaven**.

Call into see the **Fortitude Brewing Co.** and **Witches Chase Cheese Co.** Beer and cheese, does it get any better?

Stop at **Curtis Falls**, explore one of the many walks, **Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk** or the **Glow Worm Caves**.

Book ahead and spend the night at **Cedar Creek Lodges** at **Thunderbird Park** so you can enjoy Thunderegg fossicking, laser skirmish, horse riding and the TreeTop Challenge.

As you drive around look out for the **roadside stalls**, selling local produce and flowers.

Call in for a tasting at **Witches Falls Winery** on Main Western Rd, the **Tamborine Mountain Distillery** or **Cauldron Distillery**.

Follow Main Western Rd South until you reach the **Robert Sowter Park**, where you can watch hang gliders launch over Canungra and the greater Scenic Rim.

Need a coffee? Stop at **Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation** on Alpine Terrace and take the crop to cup tour.

**Top Tip:** This is just a taster of what's on offer at Tamborine Mountain. Book some accommodation and stretch your adventure over a few days.



O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard

## CANUNGRA DAY TRIP

Spend a whole lazy day in Canungra, in the Scenic Rim's east.

Browse the eclectic mix of shops. Call into **My Country Escape** for gorgeous homewares, fashion, fresh flowers and other collectibles.

Love a coffee? Try **Canungra Hub Café**, **Café Metz** or **OWL Wholefoods**.

Grab a fresh, juicy pie at **The Outpost Café**. The **Visitor Information Centre** is a source of local knowledge and local produce, including **Greenlee Farm** macadamias, grown just down the road.

Head to **O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard** and **Mountainview Alpaca Farm** for a wine tasting, picnic lunch by the creek, and a walk through the vineyard grounds with an alpaca.

Want to stay overnight? Call ahead to the **Greenlee Farm & Cottages**, **Country Mile Escape**, **The Odd Gecko** or **Wallaby Ridge Retreat**.

**Top Tip:** Take to the skies. Start your day flying high in a hot air balloon above Canungra with one of the local operators.

## LODGE TO LODGE

70km

Here's an adventure that will take you from one end of the Lamington Plateau to the other.

You'll see two of the Scenic Rim's most historic and popular lodges and eco-tourism ventures, as well as some gorgeous wineries and scenery along the way.

Start at **Binna Burra Lodge** in the Lamington National Park. Book ahead and stay overnight so you can take full advantage of the incredible walks available here.

Drive down the mountain towards **Canungra** along the scenic Beechmont Rd. It's a 29km drive which should take you just over 30 minutes. See the Canungra itinerary for ideas.

Before you head up the mountain to the Green Mountains section of the Lamington National Park, taste the wines at **O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard**, or **Sarabah Estate** (ring ahead to confirm opening hours).

Make your final ascent to **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**. Book ahead for accommodation and give yourself plenty of time to explore walking trails.

**Top Tip:** Take your time - both Binna Burra and O'Reillys offer a great mix of accommodation and activities.



The Lost World

## CAKES, CAMELS & COUNTRY SHOPS

50km

The western Scenic Rim is diverse and different, offering options for the whole family.

Start at **Aratula** with a coffee and pick up a tasty treat from **Arthur Clive's Bakery Café**.

Head to **Kalbar** for breakfast at **Lovett at Kalbar**. Drop in for a bit of country shopping at gorgeous gift and homeware store **BMK Collective**.

Hungry again? **Harrisville** has everything you need. Try **Lizzy's Kitchen** or **The Royal Hotel Harrisville**.

On Sundays the **Summer Land Camels** opens its gates to the public 7 days a week. Tour Australia's largest camel dairy, take a camel ride, try the camel milk cheese, gelato and milk.

**Top Tip:** Spend the night, book into a gorgeous B&B, like **The Old Church**, **Olive View Estate** or **Herrmann House**.

## CHEESE PLEASER

157km

Love your cheese? You'll love the Scenic Rim. **BYO cooler** and take this delicious tour of the local cheese farms and cheeseries.

Call ahead to check opening hours and book.

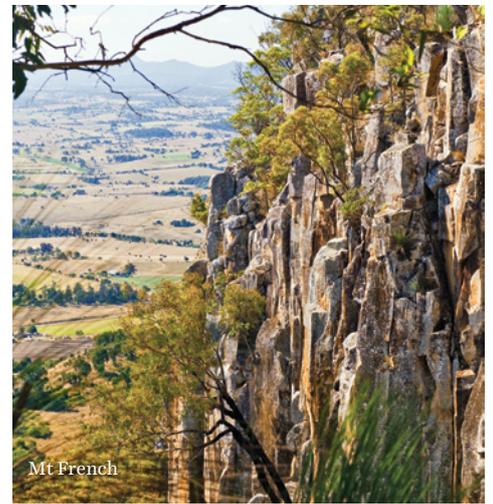
Start your day at the **Summer Land Camels** at Harrisville. It's open to the public on Sundays.

Tour the dairy and try the gorgeous camel milk feta.

At Allenvue you'll find **Towri Sheep Cheese Farm**.

The final stop is at the **Witches Chase Cheese Co** on Tamborine Mountain where you can buy cheese and see it being made. Looking for a one-stop cheese shop? Drop in to **Witches Falls Winery** on Tamborine Mountain for some great locally made wine as well as their own range of Jambreen cheeses.

**Top Tip:** Don't do all this in one day. Stay overnight - there are plenty of B&Bs, motels and retreats to choose from.



Mt French

## BOONAH TO QUEEN MARY FALLS

62km

The drive to Queen Mary Falls is a favourite for locals and visitors. The scenic, winding mountain road takes you along the QLD-NSW border, through the lush pastures of Killarney to the Spring Creek falls, which flow over a basalt ledge.

Start with a coffee and breakfast in **Boonah's High St** and if you have time take a detour to the **Mt French lookout** in the **Moogerah Peaks National Park**.

Take the Boonah-Rathdowney Road south towards **Carneys Creek**. Look out for **Minto Crag** on the right, before the Head Road turnoff.

You'll see the **Teviot Falls**, an intermittent twin falls on the right side, best viewed as you approach the top of the range. A small walking track leads to the falls from the parking bay near the cattle grid. Dry weather only.

**Carr's Lookout** is another good stop and enjoys views over the Condamine River towards Tamborine Mountain.

Continue along Spring Creek Rd until you reach **Queen Mary Falls**. Feel like a walk? Try the Cliff Walk or the Queen Mary Falls Circuit.

There's also a picnic area here with tables, tap water, toilets and BBQs as well as another café opposite.

**Top Tip:** This drive isn't suitable for caravans. You can do the full loop and return home via Killarney and Cunninghams Gap.



Summer Land Camel Farm



# Visitor Information Centres

**WE HAVE FIVE ACCREDITED VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES ACROSS THE REGION THAT ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO ASSIST YOU.**

**i** **BEAUDESERT**  
**07 5541 4495**  
Community Arts & Information Centre  
Cnr Mt Lindesay Highway & Enterprise Drive

**i** **BOONAH**  
**07 5463 2233**  
Visitor Information Centre  
Bicentennial Park, 20 Boonah-Fassifern Road

**i** **CANUNGRA**  
**07 5543 5156**  
Visitor Information Centre  
12 - 14 Kidston Street

**i** **RATHDOWNEY**  
**07 5544 1222**  
Visitor Information Centre  
82 Mt Lindesay Highway

**i** **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN**  
**07 5545 3200**  
Visitor Information Centre  
Doughty Park  
2 Main Western Road

Find out more about the spectacular Scenic Rim and all it has to offer at

**[visitscenicrim.com.au](http://visitscenicrim.com.au)**

This page top to bottom: Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm, image by Karlee Fenton; The Fassifern Valley; Creek near Mt Barney.

Back cover: The Lost World at Night, image by Kate Wall

