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THE SEASPRAY

Tourist Drive 5: Dalmeny to Narooma

Starting on Dalmeny Drive 1.5km north of Narooma, take in the dramatic beach views along this straight stretch. Detour around Ocean Parade to Josh's Beach for edge-of-the-world views. Continue past the campground along Noble Parade, where the curve of Dalmeny Beach unfolds to Potato Point. Return to the highway the way you came or via Dalmeny on Noble Parade and Mort Avenue. Stretch your legs and appreciate the natural beauty of Narooma with a stroll along the Mill Bay boardwalk. The boardwalk commences near Apex Park on Centenary Drive, North Narooma.

Driving time: 20 minutes return on 9km of sealed road or 35 minutes round trip on 15km.

Lookouts everywhere!

A cycle/walkway hugs this stretch of coastline and is accessible at various points to take in the views or for short walks.

THE WAGONA

Scenic Drive: Wagonga Inlet

This drive circles the Wagonga Inlet through forest areas west of Narooma. Start at either Kianga Road (off Princes Highway) to the north of Narooma or the Old Highway to the south. The drive travels through Bodalla State Forest, crosses several creeks and features pleasant picnic areas, some on the shores of Wagonga Inlet. Along the Box Cutting Road section, look for the 35 minute loop walking track through the rainforest at Cowdry Creek. Continue along Wagonga Scenic Drive, turning left onto Old Highway to return to Narooma along the Princes Highway.

Driving time: 1 hour return on 27km of mainly unsealed road. Not suitable for large vehicles or caravans.



THE BELLBIRD

Scenic Drive: Central Tilba and surrounds

From the Princes Highway 12.5km south of Narooma, turn right onto Old Highway. You are now in the foothills of Gulaga (Mount Dromedary). Along this road, Tilba Valley Winery & Ale House offers tasting, cellar door sales and lunch. The drive continues 2.3km through picturesque farms and bush country turning left along Ridge Road and left into Punkalla-Tilba Road to bring you to the historic village of Central Tilba.

Take time to enjoy the history and shopping in Central Tilba. Drop into the Dromedary Hotel for a drink and a counter lunch before continuing to Tilba Tilba and back onto the Princes Highway.

Driving time: 45 minutes on 19km sealed and unsealed road. Not suitable for large vehicles or caravans.

Lookouts:

Buckeridge and Grants: Access them on Kianga Forest Road, via Kianga Road off Princes Highway, North of Narooma.

Bar Rock and Australia Rock: Follow Bluewater Drive at the roundabout on the Princes Highway and turn left onto Bar Rock Road. Continue downhill to the breakwall parking area. Australia Rock is a fascinating hole in the rock formation down near the carpark. Climb the stairs to the lookout for panoramic views of the inlet, coastline and Montague Island. Seals, penguins, seabirds and whales (in spring) are often sighted here.

Water Tower: A five minute walk from Station Street via Bate Street Central Tilba rewards you with a panoramic view of the town, surrounding region and Montague Island.

Mystery Bay: Take a small detour off the Princes Highway and onto Mystery Bay Road, drive 2.3km to the end of the road where you will find the lookout and picnic area. The scenery stretches out across the Tasman Sea towards Montague Island and whale sightings during the spring migration.

THE COAST ROAD

Tourist Drive 7: Batemans Bay to Moruya

From Batemans Bay follow Beach Road south, turning left into Batehaven at the traffic lights near the high school. Take the first left after the traffic lights at Batehaven shops to Observation Point for views of the Bay. Back on Beach Road, continue to Denhams Beach, Surf Beach, Lilli Pilli and Malua Bay, stopping to enjoy beaches and headlands along the way.

Turn left at Rosedale and Guerilla Bay for more scenic coves and beaches. At Guerilla Bay drive to the end of Burri Point Road and take the 50 minute return walk to the headland at Burrewarra Point for panoramic views north, east and south.

Drive south along George Bass Drive taking the left turn into Tomakin at Sunpatch Parade. Head for Melville Point Lookout where all the pretty bays and beaches are on show.

Back out to George Bass Drive and across the Tomaga River, turn left to Mossy Point headland where the lookout offers views of Broulee Beach to the south and charming bathouses and jetties to the north. Continue across Candlagan Creek through Broulee, then turn left to return to George Bass Drive and continue south.

About 6.5km on, take the left turn into Moruya Airport, veer right onto an unsealed road and past the campground to the parking area. Take a walk out onto the break wall – the north head of Moruya River – for a great view north along Bengello Beach. The break wall is a top fishing spot if you're keen to throw in a line.

Leaving the airport precinct, turn left onto North Head Drive to enjoy the scenic view of Moruya River with the impressive mountain backdrop as you head west past the granite quarry, the source of granite for the Sydney Harbour Bridge piers and pylons. Signage in the park opposite the quarry tells the story of the granite and the workers – well worth a stop. Turn left at Princes Highway to discover the country charm of Moruya.

Travel north to return to Batemans Bay via the Princes Highway. Take a break at historic Mogo where you can browse the art and craft shops and have a coffee. Enjoy Mogo Wildlife Park and the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden if you have the time.

Driving time: 1.5 hours return on 70km of sealed road.



Lookouts:

Observation Point Batehaven

This lookout is in Batehaven approx. 5km from Batemans Bay. From Corrigans Beach Batehaven travel south along Beach Road turning left into Observation Avenue.

Burrewarra Point Guerilla Bay

Turn left into Burri Point Road from George Bass Drive, approximately 18km south of Batemans Bay and follow this road to the very end where you will find a small carpark. This 50 minute return walk is easy and takes you through Banksia forest and heath vegetation. The views up and down the coast are breathtaking and offer great photo opportunities. Keep a watchful eye open for dolphins and seals (at any time) and whales (Sept to Oct).

Melville Point Tomakin

Turn left onto Sunpatch Parade from George Bass Drive, then right onto Red Hill Parade, continue until you reach the lookout. A magnificent spot to view the coastline.

Mossy Point Mossy Point

From George Bass Drive turn left onto Annetts Parade, in 1.1km turn left to stay on Annetts Parade, then right, and right again onto Mossy Point Headland. Take in the beautiful views of Tomakin, Mossy Point and Broulee.

Round Hill Fire Tower Batemans Bay

Take care on this road, as it is not regularly maintained and is narrow in sections, 4WD recommended.

Close to Batemans Bay, Round Hill offers impressive views of Batemans Bay and the surrounding areas east, north and west including the Clyde River. Drive approximately 3km south of Batemans Bay along Princes Highway. Turn left onto The Ridge Road, then immediately right onto Cpt 138/1 Road, in approx. 300m take the left fork to lookout and fire tower.

Toragy Point Moruya Heads

Turn left into South Head Road just south of Moruya town. In 6.4km turn left onto Charles Moffitt Drive, then left onto Coronation Drive, right onto Shelly Beach Road and right onto Loop Road. At the Heads, there are several opportunities to view the ocean, particularly at the old graveyard at the tip of the Heads. On a still day, this is a lovely spot for a BBQ.

One Tree Point Tuross Head

Drive south from Moruya on Princes Highway for 13km. Turn left onto Hector McWilliam Drive, after 5.8km turn left onto Hawkins Road, right into Tuross Boulevard, then left into the carpark. Tuross Head is a picturesque coastal village, perched on a low-lying headland between two stunning lakes—Tuross Lake and Coila Lake. The peninsula is dotted with Norfolk Island Pines standing tall and elegant above superb beaches.

SHALLOW CROSSING

Scenic Drive: Batemans Bay to Shallow Crossing

North of Batemans Bay Bridge turn left onto the Kings Highway and travel for 12.7km to Nelligen. Historic Nelligen was for many years the centre of development and commerce in the district, being the major steam ship port for goods to and from Sydney. Continue along the highway 2km, turning right onto The River Road, a well-kept unsealed road with spectacular views of the Clyde River and some beautiful picnic spots among giant spotted gums.

At Shallow Crossing there is a campground. If you have a kayak or canoe, you can paddle in the river from here, or take your fishing rod. At low tide, cross the river at Shallow Crossing and take a right turn into Barkshed Road, right onto Old Princes Highway then right onto Princes Highway to Batemans Bay; or right onto The Sheep Track, left onto the Old Princes Highway towards Termeil. An alternative from Shallow Crossing is to follow the scenic drive signs through Brooman and Flat Rock to Milton.

Driving time: Allow 1.5 hours to/from Batemans Bay, 67km loop. Allow 2 hours from the Kings Highway to Milton, 74.5km one way. Roads are mostly unsealed and unsuitable for large vehicles or caravans.

Important: Check low tide times for crossing the Shallow Crossing causeway and note it can be impassable during heavy rains and high tides. Tide times are 3 hours behind Batemans Bay.

Lookouts:

Folders Hill North Batemans Bay

Located in the north of Batemans Bay, this lookout offers great views towards the Tollgate Islands. Follow the Princes Highway north over Batemans Bay Bridge and take the Kings Highway by turning left at the first roundabout. Turn left again at the second roundabout into Old Punt Road and then the second turn right into Penthouse Place. Follow this street to the very top of the hill. The lookout is a vacant lot on the left (not signposted).

Holmes

This lookout offers spectacular views of Batemans Bay and the Clyde River including the bridge and estuary as well as superb views northwest to the rugged Budawang Range and north to Pigeon House Mountain. Follow the Princes Highway north over Batemans Bay Bridge and take the first turn left onto Kings Highway. Drive for 2.7 km then turn left onto Rotary Drive, continue 1.3km to the lookout, picnic tables and BBQs.

Big Bit

Located north of Batemans Bay, you can enjoy 360° views of the surrounding area including Durras Lake from this lookout. Drive approx. 12 km north along the Princes Highway, turn left onto Big Bit Road. The road is unsealed but in good condition. After approx. 3.5 km you will reach the lookout.

