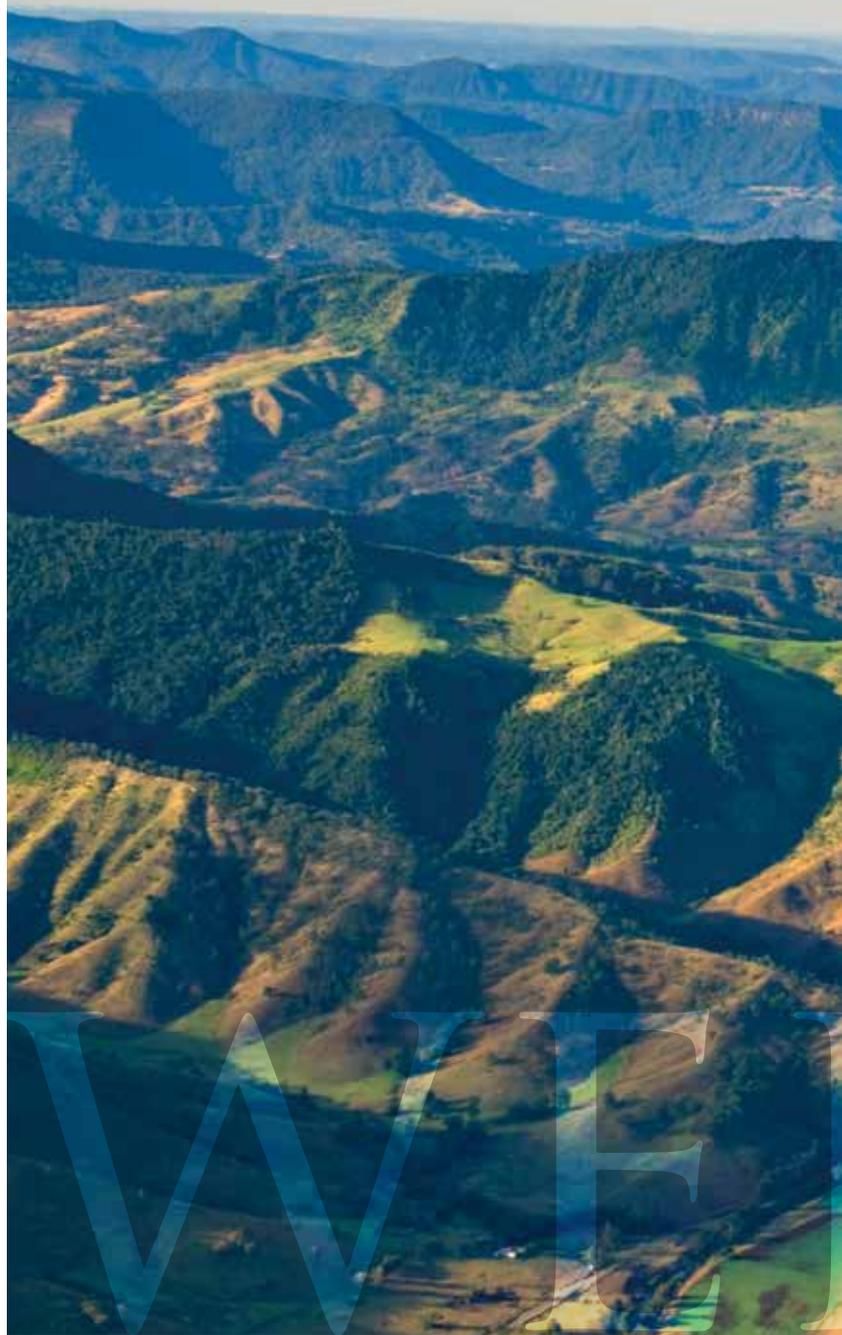


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The mountains of the Scenic Rim
Relaxing in the Lost World

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WELCOME TO THE SCENIC RIM...

**A REGION OF SPECTACULAR NATURAL BEAUTY,
DIVERSE LANDSCAPES AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE.**

Scenic Rim refers to the chain of mountains, incorporating the Great Dividing Range, the Border Range and Tamborine Mountain, which wrap around the fertile valleys.

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 fertile alluvial soil, remain the region's lifeblood.

We invite you to explore our pristine rainforests and stunning natural beauty, preserved within the region's six National Parks.

Come and feast from our delicious smorgasbord of fresh produce, gourmet delicacies and award-winning wines, liqueurs and locally-crafted beers. Meet the region's producers, visit the farms and have an authentic, memorable food experience.

Immerse yourself in our friendly, welcoming communities and enjoy your time in this vibrant, historically-rich, naturally-beautiful region.

The Scenic Rim is an exciting destination for tourism, art, culture, adventure and agriculture.

THE SCENIC RIM IS A BEAUTIFUL REGION, BUT SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN VIEWS AREN'T OUR ONLY ASSET. FOOD AND WINE MAY AS WELL BE OUR MIDDLE NAMES.

The region's rich volcanic soil sustains a flourishing food and wine industry.

The Scenic Rim offers food, wine and craft beer enthusiasts a range of experiences, from authentic hands-on farm tours, to relaxed café dining, casual country pubs and wineries, to five-star gourmet restaurant experiences.

Agriculture was one of the Scenic Rim's founding industries and it remains strong today.

The fertile soil, temperate climate and proximity to markets, make the region an obvious choice for agricultural production.

The Scenic Rim produces a bounty of vegetables, beef, chicken, pork and dairy products and in recent years has supported the emergence of a burgeoning boutique food, wine and beer sector.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Tamborine Mountain and the Fassifern Valley, between Boonah and Kalbar, are renowned for their fruit and vegetable crops.

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

Between June and December, 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 and kiwifruit. Many native Australian trees thrive here too, including lemon myrtle and wild finger limes.

PADDOCK TO PLATE

If you're looking for an authentic food experience, where you meet and talk to the farmers, you'll love the Scenic Rim.

Many of the region's producers welcome visitors to their farms and encourage you to buy direct.

They offer a unique insight into the journey your food takes from their paddocks to your plate.

Each year during the Queensland June-July school holidays this farm to fork experience is encapsulated in Scenic Rim Eat Local Week.

FOOD & WINE

It's grown to be a popular event on the Queensland food calendar and celebrates the region's food and the farmers who grow it.

The week-long celebration of local food, wine and craft beer features farm open days, producer lunches, cooking classes and the signature event, the Scenic Rim Winter Harvest Festival.

Eat Local Week encourages residents to eat what's in season and reduce food miles by sourcing their food and wine close to home.

FARM TOURS

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

See the cows being milked by robots at the Scenic Rim 4Real Milk Robotic Dairy at Tamrookum. Pat the sheep at Towri Sheep Cheese and visit the Tommerup or Cedar Glen farms in the Lost World. The Hardgrave family at Lillydale Farmstay, near Mt Barney, invite visitors to help feed the farm animals, explore the property on horseback and experience life on an Aussie farm.

At the Witches Chase Cheese Factory on Tamborine Mountain you can see the cheese being made and aged and at the Bunjurgan Estate Vineyard, David McMaugh describes how he turns his grapes into sparkling verjuice, wines and an incredible port.





BUY DIRECT FROM FARMERS

As you drive around the region you'll soon realise 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.

The Green Shed Market at Tamborine Mountain every Sunday is an easy one-stop-shop for local produce. The mountain's farmers gather in the green shed and offer up the week's harvest for sale.

The Muller family's colourful heirloom tomatoes are popular and available from their farm stall in Kalbar, along with potatoes, garlic, beans and a range of home-made relishes, jams and chutneys.

BOUTIQUE PRODUCTION

Olives, garlic, nuts and coffee are also grown in the Scenic Rim and many boutique businesses have developed around these products, selling oil, olives, dukkah, relishes, jams and other delicious goodies.

Visit the Rathlogan Grove olive orchard outside Rathdowney and enjoy olives and olive oils produced on this property.

The Scenic Rim is also home to leading beef, pork, chicken and grain producers. Most Scenic Rim butchers stock local meat. Don't go home without trying the award-winning snags.

WINE, CRAFT BEER & COUNTRY PUBS

The Scenic Rim is fast developing a reputation as a celebrated wine region and is home to many award-winning vineyards and wineries. The soil, the climate and the reliable pure water supply encourage grape growing. The stunning mountain views provide an amazing setting to enjoy a local drop. You'll find wineries and vineyards at Tamborine Mountain, Canungra, Tamborine, Mt Barney, Boonah and Harrisville.

The Witches Falls Winery at Tamborine Mountain was recently awarded 5 RED Stars by James Halliday, putting the winery in Australia's top 4.9 per cent.

Stop in a country pub for a counter meal or have a beer with some of the local characters. While you are there, make sure you sample a local craft beer from one of our three local breweries. We are also known for our unique liqueurs made from native Australian ingredients.

CAFES & RESTAURANTS

As you meander through the Scenic Rim you'll come across some memorable cafes and restaurants, where you can sample the local produce.

The region offers visitors a range of experiences – from cosy country cafés to five-star gourmet fare.

Book in for one of our wonderful cooking schools where students learn how to incorporate fresh Scenic Rim produce into global recipes.

If you're passionate about food, be sure to call in to The Peak restaurant at Spicers Peak Lodge, which was awarded two hats in the Good Food Guide Awards and the Songbirds Rainforest Retreat Restaurant, which was awarded one hat in the same awards.

Take in the spectacular mountain views as you dine at the Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm near Boonah, or call into one of the region's amazing bakeries and try a hearty pie, filled with juicy Scenic Rim beef.



OUR GLORIOUS NATURAL WILDERNESS WILL SATISFY YOUR THIRST FOR ADVENTURE. 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. THIS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WONDERLAND WILL CHALLENGE THE FITTEST OF EXPLORERS.

WALKING

One of the best ways to explore the Scenic Rim is on foot. Home to six National Parks, the Scenic Rim really does offer a walk to suit most abilities.

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

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

The Wyaralong Recreation Area features more than 40km of multi-use trails that are ideal for walkers and trail runners.

Some of the Scenic Rim's more challenging walks and climbs can be found in the Mt Barney National Park, but don't underestimate this mountain, it has brought many people undone. The tracks in the Mt Barney National Park are bush tracks and are not graded.

The Lamington National Park boasts 160km of walking tracks that are well-graded and offer more comfortable walking conditions.

The Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk starts at O'Reilly's and finishes at Springbrook. It's a three to four day walk, which features various terrain, including rainforest, waterfalls and open country through farmlands.

The Scenic Rim Trail is a new four-day walk that leaves from Mt Mitchell and travels 36km to arrive at Spicer's Peak Lodge. The walk follows paths along ridges, escarpments, through forests and across ancient volcanic plateaus in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range.

A number of local companies lead regular guided walks along some of the Scenic Rim's most spectacular trails. Find out more at the Visitor Information Centres or download our list of the Scenic Rim's Top 30 walks at visitscenicrim.com.au

ACTION & ADVENTURE

HORSE RIDING

Saddle up and see the Scenic Rim on horseback. The region is home to some incredible equestrian businesses, attracted by the freedom and space the Scenic Rim offers.

Right around the region there are trails open to horses and riders, offering a chance to ride away from towns and roads.

Some of the best trails can be found within the Wyaralong Recreation Area. The park features 40km of multi-use trails that pass along the dam shoreline and up onto the Mt Joyce Ridgeline. The Western Trailhead is the hub for horse riders, providing drop-off points and holding yards.

IN THE AIR

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

Hot air balloon flights leave from Canungra and Beaudesert most days 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 both 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 and Beechmont are the pick for hang gliding. 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 Rosins Lookout at Beechmont. This is an exhilarating experience you won't forget.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

One of the Scenic Rim's newest outdoor attractions is the Wyaralong Recreation Area, situated on land surrounding 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.

The network has been designed to event standard, with some steep grades and other tracks that are ideal for beginners and the less experienced.

Recreational riders can access all trails except the Double Black Diamond, which is only open during events.

ROCK CLIMBING

With mountains like ours, it's no surprise the Scenic Rim is a magnet for rock climbers.

Mt Barney is popular with mountain climbers but be sure to consult local guides before attempting it – this mountain should not be underestimated.

The Scenic Rim's most popular rock climbing spot 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 Frog Buttress is Queensland's best crack climbing and is among Australia's best. It's known nationally and internationally and during winter you'll hear the clink of safety gear as visitors face up to Frog Buttress.

The Scenic Rim is home to a number of outdoor education camps and regularly hosts young adventurers from around South East Queensland. The local guides are very knowledgeable about the terrain and the challenges presented by the various mountains. It's worth tapping into this 'local knowledge' prior to tackling a climb.

QLD MOTO PARK

The QLD Moto Park, located at Wyaralong, features trails and facilities for motocross, freestyle motorcycling, pee wees and quads. The facility is a collaboration between Motorcycling Queensland, Australian Dirt Bike Adventures, Moto Solutions, Invert Management, the Queensland Government and the Council of Mayors (SEQ). 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.



THE SCENIC RIM IS A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR FISHING AND BOATING. IT'S HOME TO THREE DAMS – LAKE MAROON IN THE SOUTH, LAKE MOOGERAH IN THE WEST AND THE NEW LAKE WYARALONG, SITUATED BETWEEN BOONAH AND BEAUDESERT. AS YOU TRAVEL THROUGH THE REGION YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF SPECTACULAR SPOTS BESIDE OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS, JUST CALLING FOR YOU AND YOUR PICNIC LUNCH.

LAKES

The Scenic Rim's two oldest lakes are popular weekend and holiday destinations because powered craft are allowed. That means Lakes Maroon and Moogerah are both havens for fishing, jet skiing and water-skiing.

At peak times, during the summer and Easter holidays, these dams are busy and the banks are dotted with impressive rigs and camping set-ups. If it's an old-fashioned, simple family holiday you're after our Lakes are waiting for you.

Lake Maroon is located about 25km south of Boonah, at the foot of the McPherson Range. It's stocked with Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Mary River Cod and Australian Bass. Fishing, jet skiing, water-skiing and general powered and non-powered boating is allowed. Kayaks, canoes and fishing boats can be hired from the holiday parks located near the Lake.

Lake Moogerah is situated about 10 minutes' drive from Boonah and is the region's busiest dam.

As well as drawing the water-ski and jet ski crowds, Lake Moogerah is also a popular fishing spot and there are a number of scenic walks available through the surrounding countryside. Visit the cafe and children's playground near the dam wall and enjoy sweeping views of the dam and the mountains.

Lake Wyaralong is the Scenic Rim's newest lake and is home to a world-class rowing facility. The water body stretches about 26km along the Teviot Brook in the Logan River catchment. This lake is closed to powered craft but is open to a range of non-motorised vessels, including small sailboats,

RIVERS & LAKES

kayaks, canoes and dinghies. Fishing is allowed at Wyaralong.

When fishing in the Scenic Rim fishing licences may be required. Check with the Visitor Information Centres or at a local outdoor shop.

RIVERS

A large number of mountain streams are formed high in the Border and Main Ranges and flow through the Scenic Rim to become some of Southern Queensland's more significant river systems. The Logan, Albert, Bremer and Coomera Rivers are the main systems in the Scenic Rim but it is our creeks that offer the perfect place to splash, relax in a tyre tube and spot platypus. As well as being the lifeblood of the region's farming industry, the Canungra, Christmas, Running and Back Creeks are popular for recreational activities, like swimming, camping and fishing.

SWIMMING HOLES

Along the rivers and streams you will find some great swimming holes - here are a few of our favourites.

The Gorge: is about 2.5km downstream from the Lake Moogerah spillway. It's a quiet, shady camping spot with a 200m long swimming hole. It's accessed via Gorge Rd, about 15minutes drive from Boonah (fees may apply).

Flanagan Reserve, Rathdowney: The upper Logan River flows into this 200m long swimming hole just outside Rathdowney. There's a campground nearby and dogs are allowed (fees may apply).





Yellow Pinch Mt Barney: Park in the Yellow Pinch car park in the Mt Barney National Park to access this peaceful swimming hole nearby. There's a rope swing and gentle rapids, which flow into the swimming hole.

Lower Portals: These beautiful, deep rock pools and small waterfalls are accessed along a 7.4km return walk in the Mt Barney National Park. Allow three hours, it's worth the effort.

Burgess Park: This park, on Christmas Creek, is a great place for swimming. There are toilets, BBQs and picnic tables nearby. It's about 20km from Beaudesert and an old Moreton Bay fig provides beautiful shelter during summer.

Darlington Park: This park, camping ground and caravan park is on the Albert River in the Lost World. It is an ideal spot for a picnic and boasts a number of swimming holes, complete with rope swing and gentle rapids. Enjoy a gentle float downstream on a tube or airbed.

Sharp Park: A popular camping and caravanning stop on the Canungra River, this is a great swimming hole and picnic area. Upstream you may spy the resident Platypus.

Waterfall Creek Reserve (Off Waterfall Creek Road) near Mt Barney: Basic bush camping and unpowered sites are available. Follow the walking track to the waterhole and swimming hole. Waterfall Creek is best enjoyed after rain.

WATERFALLS

Hearing the sound of water falling is so relaxing. In the Scenic Rim you're spoiled for choice – you'll find beautiful waterfalls right across the region. Our favourites include:

Lip Falls Beechmont: Located on Back Creek in the Denham Scenic Reserve, Lip Falls is accessible along a graded walking track that is quite steep in places. Tracks also lead to other falls further downstream. Also great for a quick dip.

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, Moran Falls** and so many more. Walks to the falls vary in distance and difficulty. For detailed information about walks in the Lamington National Park visit www.npsr.qld.gov.au

Queen Mary Falls: While Queen Mary Falls is located just outside of the Scenic Rim boundary, it is a popular destination for drive tourists to the region. This plunge waterfall is located in the Main Range National Park and descends 40m with great access and walking tracks.

Curtis Falls: You've probably seen the photographs of Curtis Falls online and in tourism brochures.

These falls are unique because they can be viewed from the bottom of the falls. The walking track leads to a viewing platform overlooking a rock pool, the falls and the basalt rock face.



THE SCENIC RIM'S PEOPLE AND INDUSTRIES HAVE FASCINATING HISTORIES BUT IT'S NOT UNTIL YOU INVESTIGATE HOW THE SCENIC RIM CAME TO BE THAT YOU REALISE JUST HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS DENSE CLUSTER OF MOUNTAINS IS.

Our natural history goes back about 26-million years. The Scenic Rim mountains and the Mt Warning area in northern NSW, known as the Green Cauldron, were once 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. When combined with a temperate climate, the region's rich basalt soils have provided fertile ground for rainforests to prosper.

Queensland's first National Park was declared at Tamborine Mountain in 1908. The region now boasts six National Parks and 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.

Before European settlement, these sub-tropical rainforests were probably the most extensive rainforests in Australia. The Lamington National Park now includes 20,200ha of varying forest types, from temperate Antarctic Beech forest high on the border ranges through to sub-tropical rainforests, to dry eucalypt forest of the northern escarpment.

BIRDWATCHING

The region is a birdwatcher's paradise and visitors are likely to see a great variety of birds. Most of the native Australian bird families can be found here. Some of the birds you may see include the Wedge-tailed Eagle, the Glossy Black Cockatoo, the Pale-headed Rosella, the Regent Bowerbird, the Albert's Lyrebird and the Noisy Pitta.

ACCESSIBLE WILDERNESS

As you move through the Scenic Rim you'll notice a change in the natural vegetation. In Binna Burra and at O'Reilly's you'll see high altitude rainforests, including the moss-covered gnarled trunks of the Antarctic Beech.

NATURE & NATURAL HISTORY

Tamborine Mountain and Binna Burra are home to lush subtropical rainforests. Dense dry rainforest scrub, with its tangled vines, can be found in the Mt Barney mountain area and in parts of the Mt Chinghee region.

Brigalow softwood scrub is found at Kalbar, while mountain Eucalypt forests are found in the higher rainfall areas of Spicer's Gap and Tamborine Mountain.

Heath and orchids, including the Pink Rock and King Orchids, grow on the rocky outcrops of Mt French and Mt Greville. Wyaralong and Kooralbyn are home to sandstone ridges forest, while the Logan Valley, Bremer and parts of Wyaralong are dominated by Blue Gum fringing forests.

The Scenic Rim is in the heart of Australia's Green Cauldron, one of Australia's 16 National Landscapes.

This partnership between Tourism Australia and Parks Australia identifies the best places to experience Australia's outstanding nature and culture. The Green Cauldron stretches from Byron Bay to the Gold Coast and west towards the Great Dividing Range, and is one of the few places in Australia where mountain forests meet the ocean.





EARLY EXPLORERS

The varied landscape and natural beauty of the Scenic Rim made an indelible impression on the early settlers such as Logan, Cunningham and Fraser, who all commented on the beauty of the area.

The Scenic Rim has long attracted naturalists, scientists, artists and bushwalkers, interested in studying and enjoying the area's rich natural history.

CONSERVATIONISTS

The region has had some fierce defenders of its natural heritage, Arthur Groom, Romeo Lahey and Judith Wright among the three most influential.

Groom and Lahey established Binna Burra Mountain Lodge in 1933 and were pioneering conservationists who shared a vision to create a place where people could stay and experience the beauty of the Lamington National Park rainforest. For five shillings a day, visitors to the first Christmas holiday camp were provided with accommodation, meals and guided walks through the rainforest.

Another pioneering family, the O'Reilly's, have been linked to the Lamington National Park and McPherson Range since they first selected their hilltop parcel in the early 1900s. Lamington National Park is often referred to as Queensland's National Park, in recognition of its ecological significance.

MOUNTAINS

The Scenic Rim landscape is dominated by mountains. Arthur Groom once described the Scenic Rim as being 'one mountain after another'. To name them all would require a book, but some of the most notable mountains include Tamborine Mountain, Mt Barney, Mt Lindesay, Mt Maroon, Mt French, Mt Edwards, Mt Walker and Spicers Peak. Find out more about the region's mountains in our app, **What Mountain is that?** It's available for download on both Apple and Android devices and includes information about walks, picnic spots and nearby facilities.

THE SCENIC RIM WAS FIRST SETTLED BY EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS IN THE 1800S AND HAS ITS ORIGINS IN FARMING AND TIMBER. DESCENDANTS OF THESE PIONEERING FAMILIES STILL LIVE IN THE SCENIC RIM, WHERE THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF YEARS GONE BY IS EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED.

The history of the spectacular mountainous natural landscape goes back more than 26-million years ago, to a time when the mountains stretching from the Scenic Rim to northern NSW were a volcanic hotspot. Scenic Rim geologist, Dr John Jackson, says the Scenic Rim was formed over a three million year period. As the heat in the earth intensified and volcanic activity erupted, mountains formed from the magmas and lavas that flowed from the hotspot.

The legacy of this volcanic period lives on today in the region's fertile alluvial soil, which sustains agriculture and feeds the lush natural landscape.

The temperate climate and rich basalt soils provide fertile ground for rainforests to prosper.

The varied landscape and natural beauty of the Scenic Rim impressed the early settlers such as Logan, Cunningham and Fraser, who all commented on the beauty of the area. Allan Cunningham, a British botanist, had explored the Brisbane River with John Oxley in 1824. It was not until 1827, after leading packhorses inland from near Sydney for six weeks, that Alan Cunningham climbed onto the Spicers Peak plateau and took compass readings on prominent peaks to the east, including Mt Warning.

The Scenic Rim's history is intrinsically linked to a number of inspiring, innovative and charismatic pioneers including filmmakers, authors, environmentalists, adventurers, political activists and amazing heroes. Their discoveries and efforts shaped the Scenic Rim of today.

Some of the region's pioneering families include the Bells, the O'Reilly's, the Grooms and the Laheys.

These families are still represented in the region and their legacies include two of the region's leading tourist destinations – O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and the Binna Burra Mountain Lodge.

Prolific Australian filmmaker, Charles Chauvel, shot one of his most acclaimed films, *Sons of Matthew*, in the Scenic Rim. The story was inspired by the O'Reilly family and was shot on the Lamington Plateau. For Chauvel it represented a homecoming of sorts. He grew up in the tiny farming community of Harrisville.

HISTORY & CULTURE

Australian poet, Judith Wright, also called the Scenic Rim home. She sought refuge in the remote natural beauty of Tamborine Mountain and remained on the mountain for nearly 30 years and is now buried in the Tamborine Cemetery. She moved to the mountain to escape the critical glare on her relationship with a separated married man 20 years her senior. The Mountain inspired her poetry.

Many of the region's main townships were settled in the late 1800s. The Blumberg Brothers started things moving in Boonah when they opened the town store, a decision that prompted James Johnson to select his first block. Other selectors took up land and farmers moved to the area in the mid 1870s. The railway arrived in September 1887 and the region grew from there, sustained by a thriving agriculture industry.

Nearby, the town of Kalbar was originally known as Engelsberg and was settled by German migrants. In 1916 the town was renamed Kalbar, the Aboriginal word for dry or dead trees. The history of the township goes back to 1876 when August Engels started trading from his home situated near the main street. In 1907 EW Bickerton established a business on the corner of Edward and George Streets and in 1909 the Wiss Brothers built another new store, the Wiss Emporium, a beautiful building that still stands at the gateway to Kalbar.

Tamborine Mountain was opened to selection in 1875 and the first sawmill was established there in 1882. It was steam-powered and the area was abundant with trees to fell. However difficulties transporting milled timber from the mountain ultimately made the project unviable.

Access issues ensured the mountain population remained small until the early 1900s when rapid land subdivision attracted new residents, including many retirees who were drawn to the mountain's healthy lifestyle.





In the 1950s the cream carrying service was discontinued and many of the local dairy farmers turned to avocados and fruit. Even in those early days the Mountain was recognised as being an attractive holiday destination.

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.

Historical documents mention the Mununjali, Yugambah and Ugarapul peoples and describe how they traded local resources and maintained a high level of interaction with relatives and other family groups throughout the region through their ceremonial gatherings.

The interaction and movement of Aboriginal family groups was made possible by a complex network of trails and pathways that criss-crossed the region.

During the late 1820s officials from the Moreton Bay penal settlement explored the land surrounding Beaudesert and noted its suitability for pastoral purposes. In 1842 the first squatters took up land along the Logan and Albert Rivers. Sheep and cattle dominated early economic activity, with a later move towards timber, dairying and pig farming.

After European settlement, the lifestyle of the indigenous people was gradually eroded. However the language and heritage is preserved and passed on to future generations by descendants and by the staff of the Yugambah Museum, Language and Heritage Research Centre at Beenleigh.

The annual Drumley Walk follows the route Billy Drumley took from his home in Beaudesert to visit his relatives in Southport. The walk is a show of respect for a man who had a profound impact on the local Aboriginal children. Billy was born in Nerang in 1853 but lived in Beaudesert during times of great change for his people. He was an outstanding athlete and a strict family leader who bought land and shared it with his community. He encouraged children to be schooled and older children to gain employment. His protégées included Australia's first Aboriginal Senator, Neville Bonner.



Page 12: Bullock teams at the sawmill in Canungra, Queensland, ca.1910 - image courtesy of State Library of Queensland. Page 13: View of Brisbane Street, Beaudesert, ca. 1908 - image courtesy of State Library of Queensland / High Street Boonah, ca. 1917 showing horsedrawn vehicles in the unsealed street, the Bank of Queensland is in the right foreground and the Commercial Bank is on the left - image courtesy of State Library of Queensland / Tennis party including Clement Musgrave and Ellen Flanagan Rathdowney ca 1912 - image courtesy of State Library of Queensland

THE SCENIC RIM IS A POPULAR DAYTRIP DESTINATION FOR VISITORS FROM BRISBANE, THE GOLD COAST, SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN NSW.

BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO IN THE SCENIC RIM THAT YOU REALLY SHOULD STAY A WHILE.

Experience more of the Scenic Rim and book into the wide range of unique, quality and affordable accommodation that's available.

You'll find it all – from camping and cabins, to luxury lodges, farmstay cottages, cosy B&Bs, resorts and pet-friendly accommodation.

Find our full accommodation directory at www.visitscenicrim.com.au or call into one of our Visitor Information Centres.

CAMPING

Campers and caravanners are catered for throughout the region all year. Pitch your tent at one of the Scenic Rim's three 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.

Camping is allowed in some of the Scenic Rim's national parks. Go to the national parks websites for full details.

FAMILIES & PETS

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 ages – even your furry friends. The region features many family-friendly and pet-friendly destinations and accommodation options.

You'll find self-contained houses with fenced yards advertised online, plus some of the region's camping grounds are pet-friendly too.

WHERE TO STAY

FAMILY ESCAPES

Speaking of the family, 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 and the silence.

In the Scenic Rim you'll find self-contained houses, cabins and mountain lodges well equipped to cater for families of all sizes. During the school holidays some of the Scenic Rim's mountain lodges also offer extensive outdoor activity programs that are sure to keep your children busy.

ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

But if you want to escape the children and revive your romance, then the Scenic Rim has a great selection of accommodation that's perfect for your next romantic getaway.

Book into a luxury resort, a spa retreat, or one of our cosy mountain lodges.

Snuggle up by the fire, enjoy a glass of award-winning Scenic Rim wine, unwind and reconnect.





BED & BREAKFAST

Sometimes the best way to discover a region's special spots is to befriend a local and that's where the bed & breakfast is ideal. Stay in comfortable surrounds and get to know your hosts. They'll give you all the best local knowledge about where to eat, what to see and how to get there.

MOUNTAIN LODGES

Luxury resorts can be found right across the region, from Lamington National Park, to Tamborine Mountain, the Lost World and the Boonah area.

Some of the Scenic Rim's leading accommodation offerings are also our most historic. Both O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Binna Burra Mountain Lodge have been welcoming guests for more than 80 years. The founding families remain involved in both businesses and continue to offer guests generous hospitality and a unique wilderness lodge experience.

These lodges are unique in that they're located right in the National Park, offering guests easy access to the natural wonderland hidden in the parks. Take a guided walk, explore for yourself, or relax in the luxurious day spa. Enjoy a local wine as you watch the sun set over the valley.

Mt Barney Lodge is another historic property that offers visitors a back-to-nature experience. Choose from a range of accommodation options, including furnished, sprawling Queenslanders, to camper trailers. Book in for a guided tour of the surrounding bush land, go for a paddle in the local swimming hole, or stay on the verandah and read your book.

Over Boonah way, you'll love The Bunyip Scenic Rim Resort, with its spectacular views over the Fassifern Valley. For the ultimate escape book into Spicers Peak Lodge, drink in the views and feast on the award-winning food.



FARMSTAY

If you want to have an authentic rural experience you can't go past our farmstays. Meet some of the region's long-standing farming families and have a first-hand look at how they produce the food, milk and cheese you love to eat.

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

COUNTRY PUBS

The Scenic Rim is home to some beautiful, historic pubs. Step back in time and admire the architecture and craftsmanship of these beautiful buildings. Many of the region's pubs offer accommodation.

Meet the locals and enjoy a hearty pub meal and a refreshing glass of Scenic Rim wine or beer before bedding down for the night.

Some say that at least one of the local pubs is even home to a friendly ghost.



THE SCENIC RIM WAY

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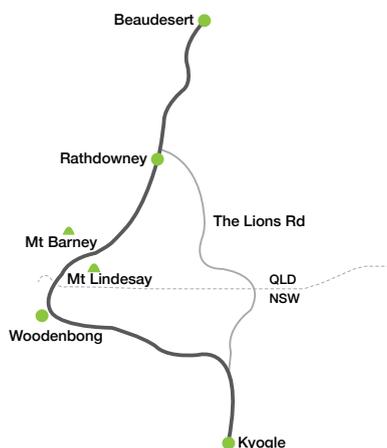
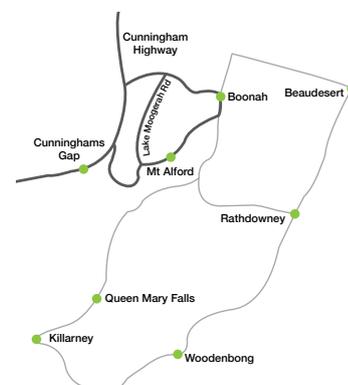
BEAUDESERT

BOONAH

The Scenic Rim Way crosses the Scenic Rim from east to west connecting Aratula on the Cunningham Highway to Route 90 through to the Gold Coast and Pacific Highway. There are numerous routes, trails and loops that will take you to quaint country towns, magnificent scenic lookouts, wineries, arts and craft boutiques, lakes and national parks. Check the website for more details on travelling throughout the Scenic Rim. You will soon discover why it is called the Scenic Rim.

MAIN RANGE

There are a number of spectacular lookouts in this area. From Boonah head to the Cunningham Highway and travel to Cunningham's Gap. Walk to the Fassifern Valley lookout and along the box forest track. Return to Boonah via Lake Moogerah Road, or take the Spicers Gap Road to Governor's Chair Lookout (includes some dirt road), which offers great views over the Scenic Rim. Return to Boonah via the small town of Mt Alford. From Mt Alford you can take a side trip south on Carneys Creek Road to the Head Road and Killarney. The Spring Creek Mountain Café near Wilsons Peak is very popular.



LIONS ROAD

The Lions Road, built as a Lions Club project to allow travellers to visit the forests, criss-crosses Running Creek and Gradys Creek on the Queensland and New South Wales border at the tick gate. Along with the amazing rainforests, the highlight is the spectacular railway engineering feat of the Border Loop. It's a real treat for rail enthusiasts. To enable trains to cross the Border Ranges, engineers had to find a means of gaining altitude at a reasonable gradient. The answer was this ingenious spiral loop.

SCENIC RIM WINE TRAILS

The Scenic Rim is home to 15 wineries, three breweries, a distillery and a host of country pubs. Why not plan a day visiting the wineries and breweries of the region. Some wineries have restaurants or cafes and they all offer wine tastings and cellar door sales. Some of the breweries offer tasting trays of their beers as well as sales so you can take some home. A lot of the country pubs around the region also have the local brews and are a good choice for lunch for traditional pub fare. There are two main areas to plan your journey, one from Ipswich to Mt Barney stopping at various places along the way and the other exploring the wineries of the Tamborine Mountain and Canungra areas.





CANUNGRA

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

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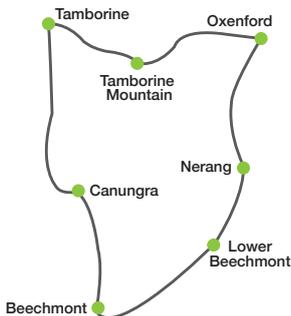
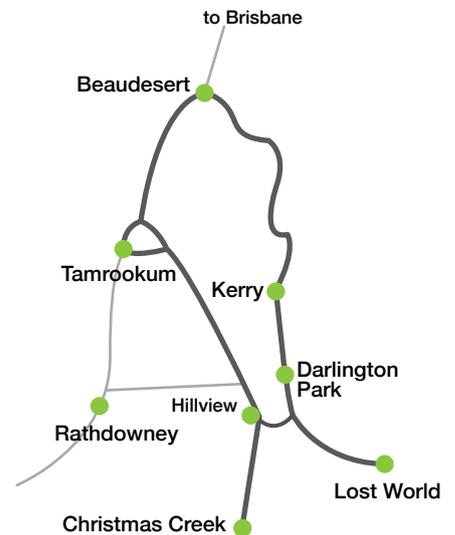
SURFERS PARADISE

THE LOST WORLD

Touching the wilderness section of the Lamington National Park, the Lost World offers so much more than spectacular breathtaking scenery. In the Lost World you will find hidden country cottages, farmstays, cabins, and camp grounds that are suitable for a family getaway or a romantic escape. There is a cooking school, arts events and spectacular walks. This drive is truly a journey of discovery.

4WD OPTION

Subject to road conditions, 4WD vehicles only can take Duck Creek Road from the Kerry Road. Duck Creek Road leads to the Green Mountains section of the Lamington National Park and O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.



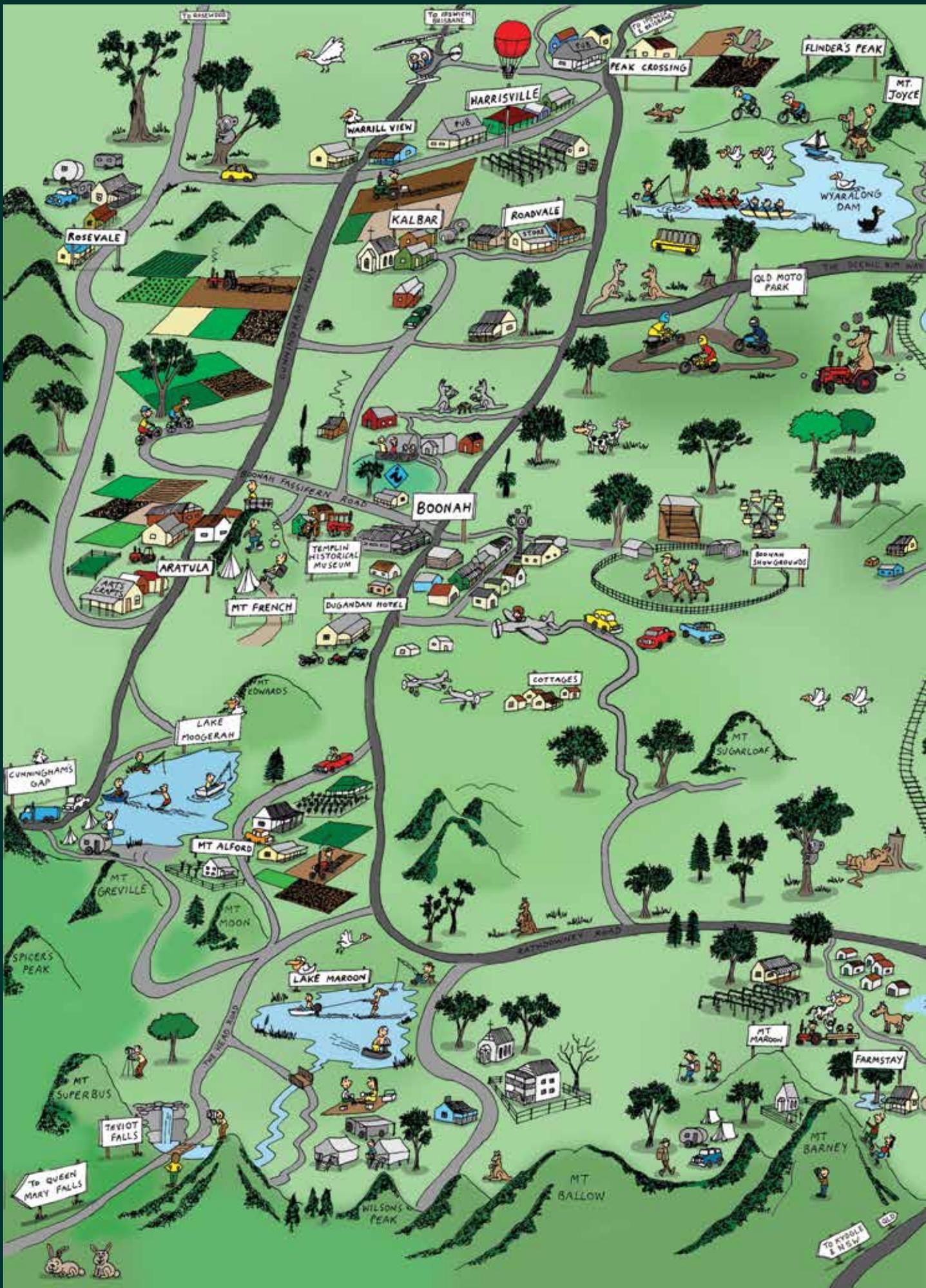
TAMBORINE CIRCUIT

This drive includes parts of a scenic loop into the hinterland of the Gold Coast. From the east, the route begins in Nerang and follows part of the local Tourist Drive 8 towards Tamborine Mountain and Canungra. Tamborine Mountain is a pretty holiday community with cafés, gift shops and a real village atmosphere. There are well defined rainforest walks for a hinterland experience, and a variety of good food and wines.

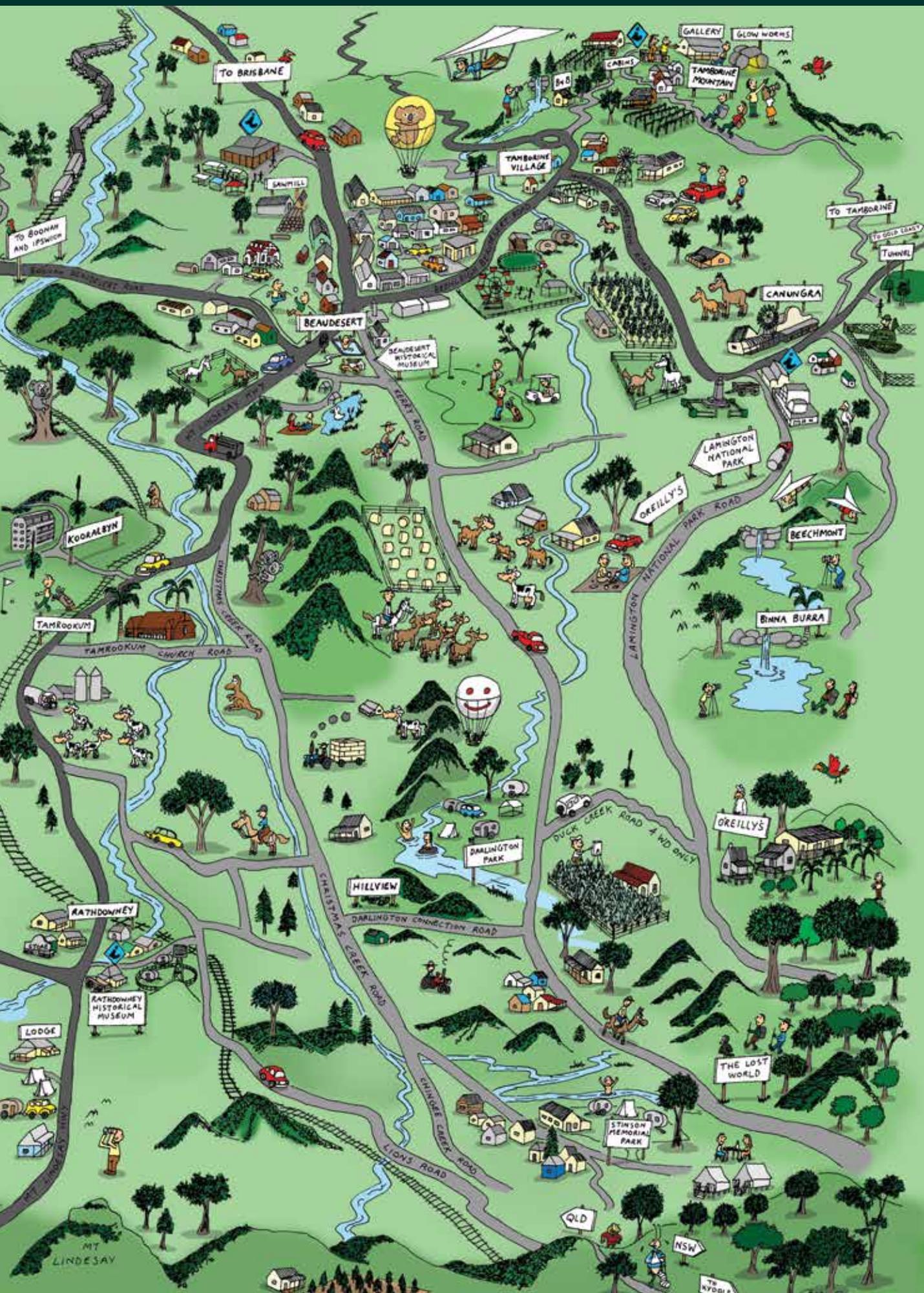
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EXPLORE THE SCENIC RIM



This cartoon map of the Scenic Rim was drawn by local cartoonist Phil Day. It is for information purposes only and is not intended for navigation or to precisely locate any particular feature. The cartoon map is designed to show some of the fun and interesting things that you can do in the area on your next visit. Touring maps and suggested itineraries are available from the Scenic Rim Visitor Information Centres and at www.visitscenicrim.com.au

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 550M ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND ENJOYS 360 DEGREE VIEWS.

To the east you'll see the distant Surfers Paradise high-rise skyline, the vast 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.

Tamborine Mountain is a unique and beautiful destination. Large blocks of land house historic, sprawling homes, surrounded by lush gardens, which thrive in the red volcanic soil.

Narrow country roads creep across the mountain, delivering visitors to little pockets of life. Boutique wineries, cosy B&Bs, historic pubs, eclectic gift shops, beautiful art galleries and the mountain's incredible natural attractions.

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 14 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.

While you're on the mountain, call into one of the markets, buy some locally- grown organic veggies, a bunch of native flowers, or a coffee.

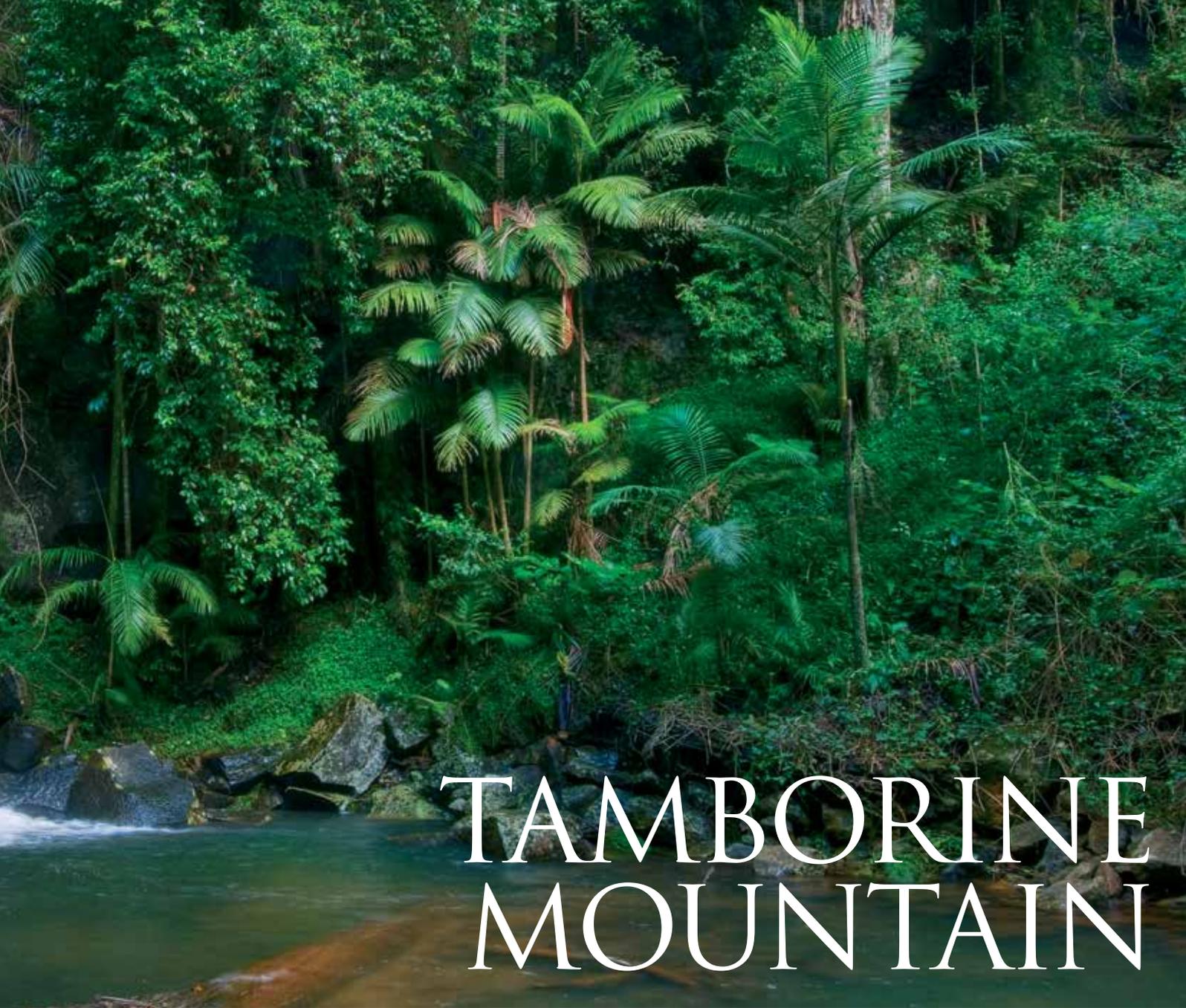
Are you a daredevil? Take the fast way down the mountain, hooked to a hang glider. They launch from the western side of the mountain most weekends. If you prefer to stay on firm ground, there's plenty of space for observers.

Visit the popular Gallery Walk at Eagle Heights. It's a strip of intriguing shops, restaurants, cafes, wineries and art galleries. Will you go home with a German cuckoo clock, a piece of crystal, or a stunning original artwork by a Mountain artist?

If food and wine is your passion, you're in the right place. The Mountain's boutique wineries, breweries and distilleries produce drops to appeal to most palates. The options are endless for food lovers. Visit the cheese factory, the award-winning restaurants and the Belgian chocolate shop.

Don't go home without visiting the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, where tropical meets temperate. Covering 11 ha, 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. Take a leisurely stroll or pack a picnic and stay for lunch.





TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN



JOHN PENGLIS

John Penglis is a former television executive who moved to Tamborine Mountain to retire and raise cattle.

His friends encouraged him to open a winery and his retirement plans gave way to a new life, running the popular Cedar Creek Estate Vineyard & Winery. John also established the QLD Wine Centre, which showcases the state's top drops.

The Cedar Creek Glow Worm Caves are popular with visitors and John's Wild Duck Lake is a sanctuary for native wildlife.



PHIL, CATHERINE & ANIA SOWTER

When Phil and Ania Sowter honeymooned on Tamborine Mountain in the early 1980s, they had no idea the impact it would have on their future. They fell in love with the mountain and bought a parcel of land overlooking the Scenic Rim and built a house inspired by Ania's home country of Poland.

The Polish Place had humble beginnings as a café and Polish gallery. It's grown to be an award-winning restaurant, gallery and boutique hotel that offers visitors a true taste of Poland.

THE TOWNSHIPS OF CANUNGRA AND BEECHMONT WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE LATE 1800S, TO SUPPORT THE RURAL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPING AROUND THEM. SINCE THEN THESE TOWNS HAVE BLOSSOMED AND MATURED, YET RETAINED THEIR SMALL-TOWN CHARM.

CANUNGRA

What Canungra lacks in size, it makes up for in buzz, activity and history.

This village settlement evolved in the 1880s, when the Lahey family established the Lahey Bros Sawmill. The historic Lahey Tramway Tunnell, cut through sandstone, was used to carry timber from the hills to the township. The tunnel remains open and offers visitors an insight into the challenges timber cutters faced bringing their loads down the mountain.

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

As well as being a hub for adventure activities, Canungra offers visitors a smorgasbord of unique food and wine experiences. The Canungra Valley Vineyard is nearby, as is Sarabah Estate Winery.

Sample local honey and macadamias at the Visitor Information Centre, unwind at a local café and browse the quirky mix of shops. Picnic by the Canungra Creek, or enjoy a cold beer at the family-friendly Canungra Hotel.

BEECHMONT & LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

The country road to Beechmont and Binna Burra meanders up the mountainside to deliver you to the lush, green pastures of this hilltop wilderness.

Beechmont was once home to a thriving dairy industry but over time dairying has made way for new arrivals, seeking respite from the bustle of city life. This close-knit creative community takes its lead from past generations – neighbours help neighbours, self-sufficiency is celebrated, nature is protected and respected.

Positioned 800m above sea level is the Binna Burra Mountain Lodge, 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 must be protected for future generations to enjoy.

Their incredible efforts and sacrifices led to the declaration of the Lamington National Park and the retention of this pristine environment in its true form. Lush rainforests, ancient trees, spectacular views, extensive walking tracks, exceptional ecological importance and natural beauty make this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area an outstanding place to visit for walking, camping, bird watching and relaxing.





CANUNGRA, BEECHMONT & LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK



LISA GROOM

Arthur Groom's vision and hard work resulted in the Binna Burra Mountain Lodge being built in the Lamington National Park. But his lasting legacy was the family's involvement in nature tourism.

Arthur's granddaughter, Lisa owns and manages interNATIONAL PARKtours, a tour business established by her parents. She leads walking and adventure tours in Australia and overseas and loves sharing the secrets of her Scenic Rim home with visitors.



SHANE O'REILLY

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

Now he enjoys offering busy families a slice of the back-to-nature experience he thrived on at the O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat.

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

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

Beauesert 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. Visit the Robotic Dairy and see the cows being milked; learn to make cheese at the Towri sheep farm. This is a town that hasn't forgotten its heritage.

Beauesert is also a centre for equine excellence and home to leading horse breeding and training studs. The Beauesert Race Club has a strong and active membership and holds regular country race meets.

A new generation of residents are moving to Beauesert, attracted by the benefits rural living brings. The larger land parcels, more affordable housing and a relaxed lifestyle, within a close-knit, friendly community.

Beauesert is a bustling business centre, home to major supermarkets, furniture and electrical appliance stores, government agencies, an art gallery, a cultural centre and all the things you would expect in a town centre. Beauesert also features great cafes, friendly country pubs and clubs and fast food outlets, providing dining options for most budgets.

Many of the region's hot air balloon tours land in the paddocks surrounding Beauesert so keep an eye on the sky early in the morning.

The Beauesert Historical Museum is open daily and offers an incredible insight into the region's history. The volunteers are passionate and will help visitors learn more about Beauesert's pioneering families, historic buildings and properties.

Call into the Beauesert Community Arts & Information Centre for friendly advice on the region's must-do attractions. Stock up on local art, craft and homemade jams, chutney and relish. Relax at the cafe over a Devonshire Tea.

The town of Kooralbyn is a 25-minute drive from Beauesert and is home to an International School, whose alumni include athlete Cathy Freeman and golfers Adam Scott and Jason Day. Kooralbyn also boasts a thriving equine industry. Drop into The Valley Kitchen for a meal.

If you're looking for a scenic country drive, head south from Beauesert towards Kerry. You'll pass the historic Kerry Hall which still hosts old-style dances and soon you'll drive through Darlington Park, which is a popular camping spot for families. Splash in the creek, pack a picnic and relax. You can return to Beauesert via Hillview and Tamrookum.





BEAUDESERT & KOORALBYN



TONI & ANDY COOPER

Toni and Andy Cooper were working in gruelling jobs on the Gold Coast when they took a weekend drive to the country.

They fell in love with the small town of Kooralbyn and when they saw the local cafe was for sale they quit their city jobs. Andy, a chef, and Toni, a baker, have been running The Valley Kitchen since 2013.

They offer locals and tourists hearty, home-style food, prepared with Scenic Rim ingredients and lashings of love.



FARMER GREGIE

Greg Dennis is one of Queensland's most recognisable dairy farmers. He's the Australian Dairy Farmer of the Year, whose public campaign against cheap milk led to the creation of Scenic Rim 4Real Milk. Since launching in 2013 the Dennis family's milk and cheese brand has flourished and is focused on producing great products at sustainable prices.

Farmer Gregie leads farm tours at Tamrookum, where you'll see the robots milk the cows and learn how the milk makes it from his farm to your fridge.

THE LOST WORLD. AS FAR AS NAMES GO THIS ONE'S PRETTY ACCURATE. THIS SPECTACULAR VALLEY IS ONLY A SHORT DRIVE FROM 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 and no 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 or four-wheel-driving. Milk a cow, or learn to cook with wild foraged foods.

Staying in the Lost World is a great way to 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 an historic homestead, where you can also learn to crack a stock-whip and throw a boomerang.

The Darlington Community Markets offer visitors a snapshot of this beautiful pocket of the Scenic Rim. Try the local food, talk to local artists and craftspeople and shop the array of unique offerings.

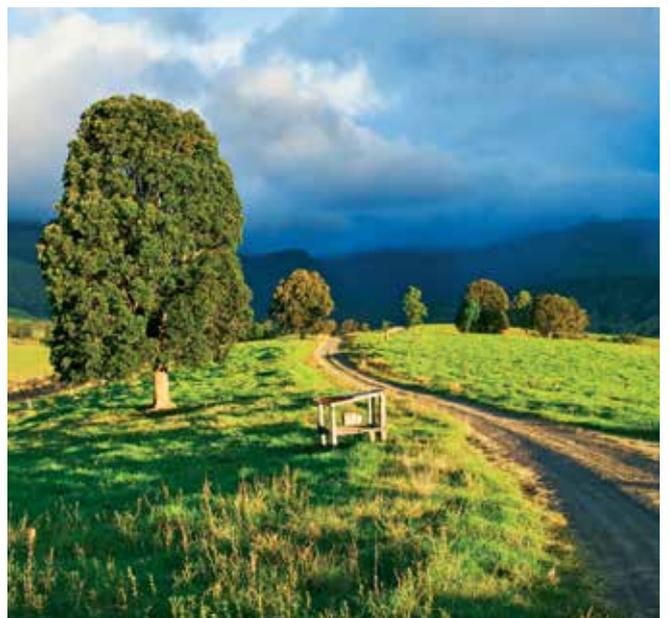
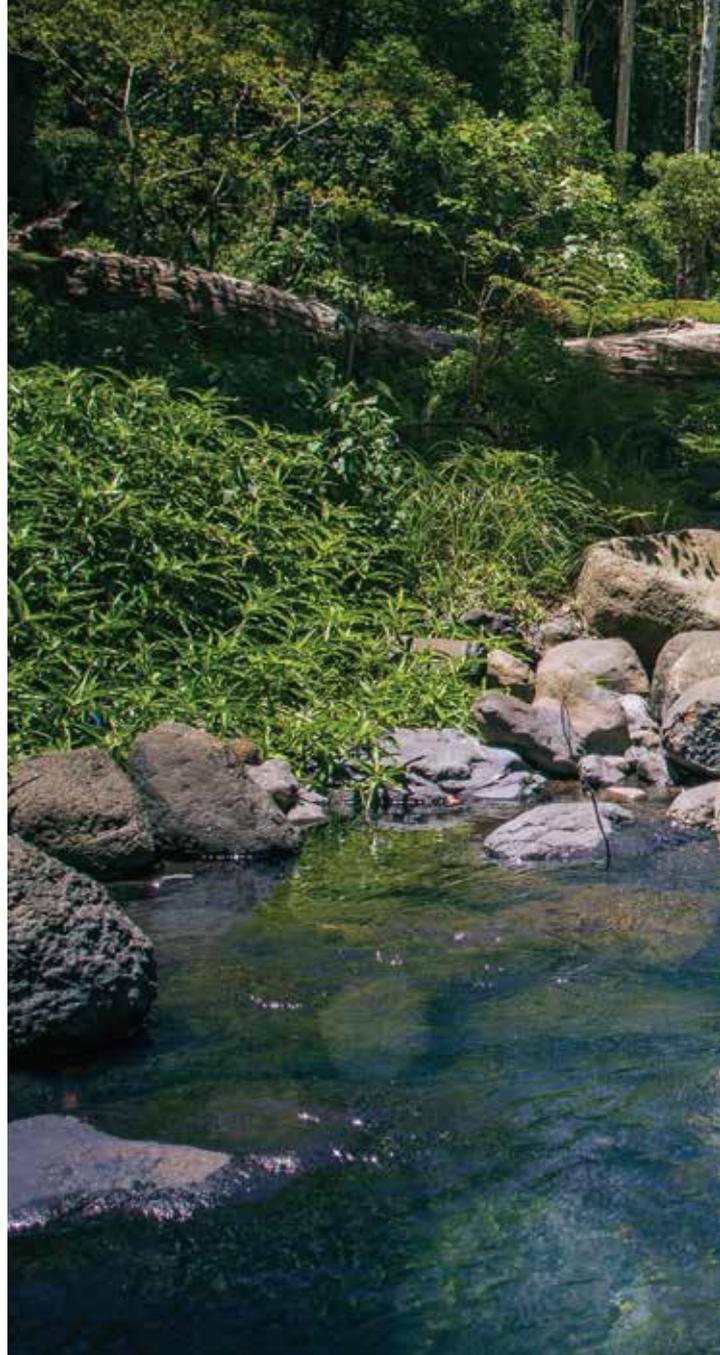
Learn to cook with the local produce at the unique and popular Wild Lime Cooking School. You won't find anything like it elsewhere. Housed in a beautiful modern country cottage, the cooking school offers a relaxed day out where, under the friendly instruction from local chef Kate Raymont, you'll help prepare lunch for the group. Once the hard work is done, sit on the verandah and enjoy a shared meal, with the stunning mountain views as your backdrop.

A highlight on the Lost World calendar is the Arts in the Olives Festival, held annually on Mother's Day. This community-run event brings together artists and artisans from across the Scenic Rim. They gather under the olive trees in the beautiful Worendo Olive Grove and lead relaxed classes in their craft. Learn blacksmithing, quilting, photography, felting, sculpture and more. There's live music, food stalls and art and music classes for the children.

The Lost World Tourist Drive 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.

Christmas Creek offers visitors a relaxing, back-to-nature experience. If it's total tranquility and relaxation you're after, book into one of the luxury, five-star safari tents at the Nightfall Wilderness Camp. It's been rated among Australia's leading glamping experiences and allows you to step away from the excesses and complications of modern life.

This pocket of tranquility is possibly the Scenic Rim's best kept secret.





THE LOST WORLD & CHRISTMAS CREEK



THE OVERELLS

Nathan Overell enjoyed a childhood exploring the stunning natural wilderness surrounding Worendo Cottages and the Wild Lime Cooking School in the Lost World. Now a father himself, Nathan oversees the family's boutique accommodation and cooking school business. Nathan's parents, Sue and Rob, have handed the mantle to their son. Spend a lazy Saturday learning to cook international cuisine, incorporating fresh Scenic Rim produce under the friendly tutelage of local chef Kate Raymont. Soak in the spectacular views over lunch and a glass of Scenic Rim wine.



THE TOMMERUPS

David Tommerup is a fifth generation dairy farmer. He and wife Kay, along with their children Harry and Georgia run the property that was first selected by the family in 1874.

Recently the Tommerups have changed the way they run the farm, diversifying into tourism. Theirs is one of Australia's only working dairy farms where visitors can stay overnight.

The family also sell ethically raised meat, sausages, cheese and eggs, all produced on farm.

THE SCENIC RIM'S SOUTHERN REGION IS HOME TO SOME OF QUEENSLAND'S MOST IMPRESSIVE WALKING AND CLIMBING TRACKS. VAST OPEN SPACES OF LUSH PASTURES ARE DOMINATED BY THE TOWERING HULK OF MT BARNEY AND MT LINDESAY. ESCAPE TO THIS PART OF THE SCENIC RIM FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND BACK TO 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. These days there are a number of scenic roads that bring you to town.

The area's history is well-recorded in the local museum, where you will learn about the struggles of the town's pioneering men and women.

Rathdowney is also the gateway to the many walks and climbs available in the nearby Mt Barney National Park, which was named after its highest peak. The Park's two majestic mountains – Mt Barney and Mt Lindesay – are distinctive markers in the Scenic Rim landscape.

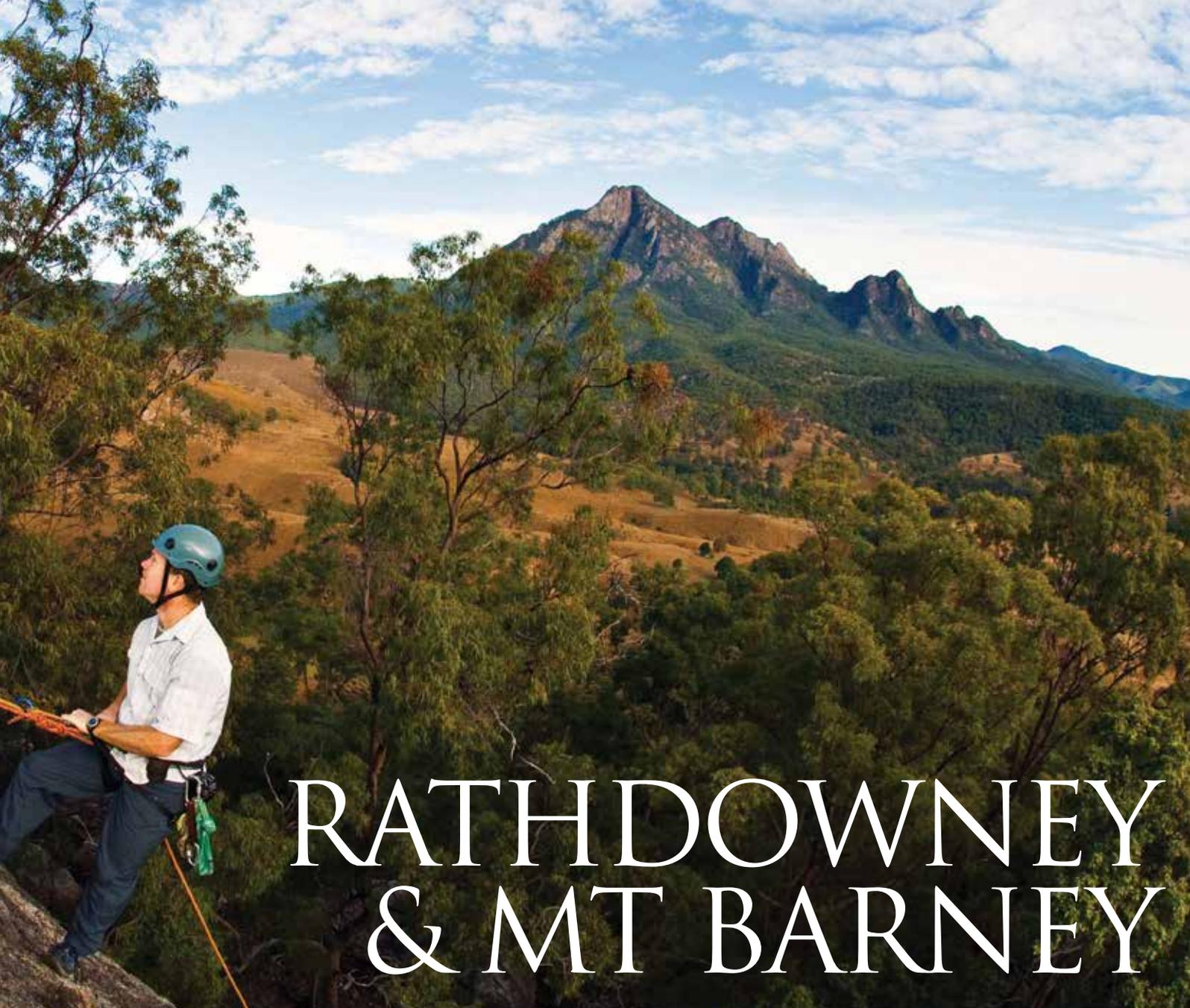
Mt Barney, which at 1351m high is South East Queensland's second-highest peak, is visible from many points throughout the Scenic Rim. On the Queensland / NSW border, the Mt Barney National Park protects seven peaks around the 1000m mark including Mountains Maroon, May, Ballow, Clunie and Ernest.

Mount Barney National Park is one of the largest areas of undisturbed natural vegetation remaining in South East Queensland. It is significant for nature conservation with many rare and restricted plant species, especially on the higher peaks, and is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

The rugged peaks are all that remain of the ancient Focal Peak Shield Volcano, which erupted 24-million years ago. Mt Barney National Park is World Heritage-listed and is designated a wilderness park. Visitors love this park – they're seeing the habitat in its true and original form. Subsequently you'll see rare and threatened plant species, especially on higher peaks.

Mt Barney is surrounded by valleys, caves, rockpools and woodland forest and the region is home to many tourism-based businesses. There are plenty of places to stay for a night – choose from warm, luxurious accommodation; lodges ideal for large groups; and cottages for the romantics. Bring the kids and visit the Lillydale Farmstay, where you'll gain an insight into the workings of a real Aussie farm.





RATHDOWNNEY & MT BARNEY



INNES LARKIN

Innes Larkin jokes that he's in a relationship with a strong, volatile and beautiful partner. He's not referring to his wife Tracey, with whom he runs Mt Barney Lodge. His 'other love' is Mt Barney, which towers over the couple's scenic property.

Innes's knowledge of Mt Barney and the surrounding bushland is so great, that the police and emergency services regularly call on him to assist with rescues in the area.



CATHERINE DRYNAN

When it comes to sharing the Scenic Rim's history, few are better qualified than Catherine Drynan. Her ancestors first settled in the Rathdowney area in the 1860s. The Flanagans from Ireland and the Drynans from Scotland selected land and the 6th generations of both families continue to farm in the region.

You'll find Catherine at the Rathdowney Visitor Information Centre and Historical Museum, where she has volunteered for many years. She enjoys sharing stories about the region with visitors.

WHOEVER SAID THE AUSTRALIAN RURAL TOWN IS DYING A SLOW DEATH HASN'T BEEN TO BOONAH. THIS COUNTRY TOWN IS BUZZING. WALK DOWN THE MAIN STREET AND YOU'LL FEEL THE ENERGY.

Boonah's High Street boasts a number of great country cafes, bakeries, gift shops, an art gallery and a range of quirky and unique shops. Stop for coffee, cake, a hearty country lunch, or a cold beer at one of the town's historic pubs. The town is a popular destination for Sunday breakfast, particularly with weekend motorcycle and driving groups.

Make sure you visit the memorable Blumbergville Clock outside the Council Chambers to hear it chime every 15 minutes.

Boonah is the gateway to the Moogerah Peaks and Main Range National Parks. It is also a connecting gateway to Mt Barney National Park. It's an adventure playground and offers many exciting activities to satisfy your inner daredevil.

Take to the skies in a glider and float peacefully above the spectacular patchwork of green paddocks, crops and townships below. Learn to fly a light aircraft at the Boonah Airfield.

The National Parks and surrounding bushland offer endless possibilities for walks and climbs, with tracks to suit most abilities. Call into the Visitor Information Centre or the local camping shop for more details on how to access the parks.

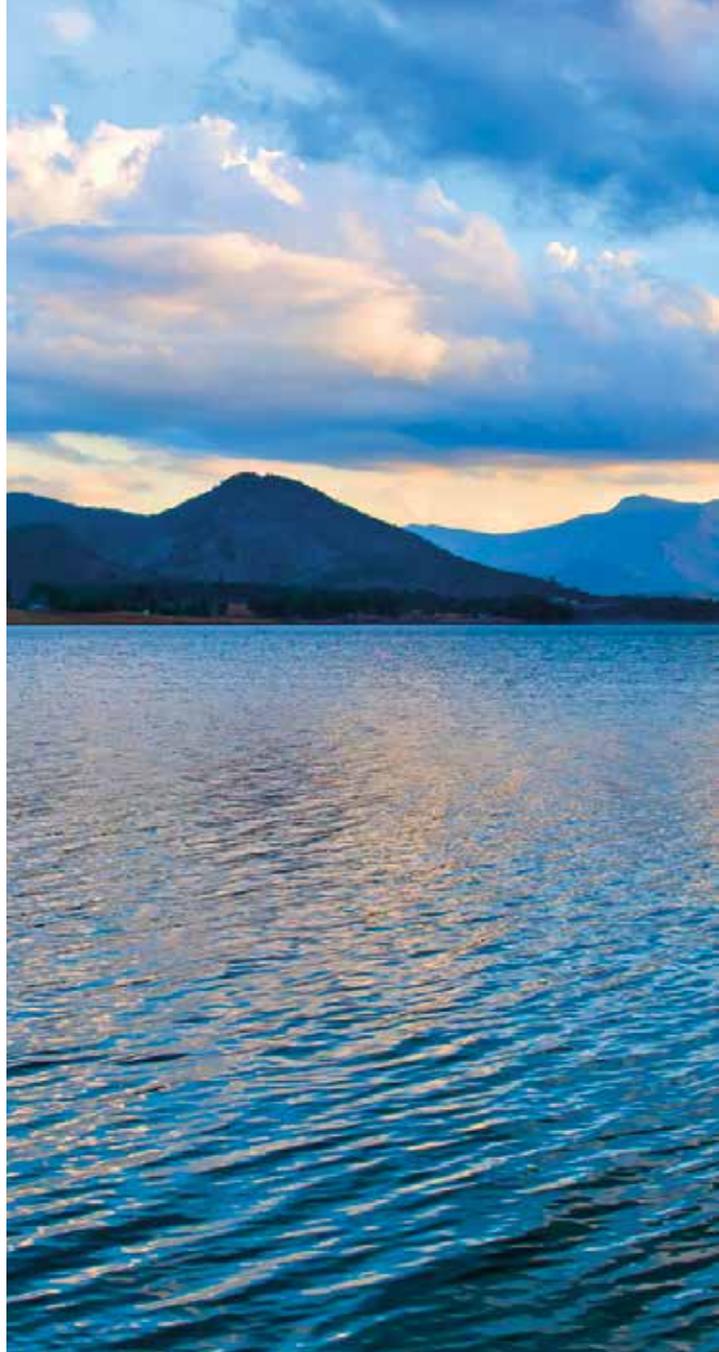
Boonah is also a great base for boating, and fishing, as it's close to Lakes Moogerah and Maroon. Both lakes are open to powered craft and are popular for water skiing, fishing and other water sports. Pitch your tent and enjoy a longer country escape.

Just down the road you'll find Aratula, a much-anticipated rest stop for thousands of motorists travelling the Cunningham Highway between Brisbane and Warwick.

What Aratula lacks in size it makes up for with variety. The Arthur Clive's Family Bakehouse serves beautiful fresh bread, hearty pies and delicious cakes and slices. There are two great cafes to choose from, plus two service stations which offer excellent hot and cold meals.

If you want to sample a selection of the region's finest produce visit the Aratula Fruit Market. Complete your meal plans with a visit to the Aratula Butchery, for a variety of meat products, most of which are bred locally.

The local antique store is popular, you never know what you might find. Your walls will be full of colour after a visit to the gallery and artist studio, and the gift shop is a haven of home-crafted delights.





BOONAH, ARATULA, LAKE MOOGERAH & LAKE MAROON



MAUREEN MAYNARD

Maynards Department Store opened its doors in Boonah in 1944. More than 70 years later you'll still find the Maynard family behind the counter, ready to serve you.

Graham and Maureen Maynard run the store with sons Gregory and Tony and their wives Kirsty and Kim.

Maynards offers shoppers everything from workboots to craft fabrics, bras, bags and belts. Step inside this fascinating shop, you never know what you will find.



ANGELA PFEFFER & TANYA IRVING

Two Create, on the Cunningham Highway at Aratula, is a gorgeous haven of handmade and home crafted goodies.

Angela and Tanya, the duo behind this delightful shop, are both talented craftspeople.

The girls source homemade items from about 21 local suppliers and also offer classes in upholstery, sewing, paper craft and more.

IF IT'S ANTIQUES, 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, Krugers, 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, and the nearby Wiss House which is run as a B&B, were built by the entrepreneurial Wiss Brothers, who were keen traders of produce and farm goods.

Produce deals continue to be done in the paddocks around Kalbar in the fertile Fassifern Valley, which is one of the region's most productive horticultural areas. In recent times Kalbar's main business area has enjoyed a resurgence. You'll find cafes, a bakery, a busy country pub, a grocery store, a community bank, beauty shops, hairdressers and a newsagent.

From Kalbar drive over the hill and you'll come to Roadvale, another early settlement. A fire in 1915 destroyed many of the town's buildings and since then life here has been more sedate. There's still a great pub, with facilities to tether your horse at the front.

Down the road you'll come to Peak Crossing, a rural township situated on the Purga Creek at the base of Flinders Peak Mountain. Stop at the Peak Pub for a hearty counter meal and a cool drink.

Harrisville is another local historic town. An early train line to Ipswich helped sustain the cotton, processed cheese and condensed milk industries here for many years. Supplies produced in Harrisville were sent to men at war, but when the train line closed the town slowed too.

Harrisville has also been home to some larger-than-life characters. Australian movie pioneer Charles Chauvel spent his childhood in Harrisville. Take a drive down Charles Chauvel Drive, or read all about him at the local museum. Harrisville is also home to two historic pubs and a two wineries, which means you won't leave thirsty.

On your drive to Rosevale, stop at Cunningham's Lookout for superb views. Rosevale is a small village bursting with personality. Visit the historic Rosevale Retreat Hotel. It was built in 1852 and is Queensland's oldest hotel building.

From Rosevale drive along Tarome Road and you'll have a front row seat for views of the spectacular Great Dividing Range.





KALBAR, HARRISVILLE, PEAK CROSSING, ROADVALE & ROSEVALE



MATT & SARAH MULLER

You may not recognise Kalbar farmers Matt and Sarah Muller but you've probably fallen in love with their produce. Their heirloom tomatoes paint a vivid and colourful picture on your plate.

With names like The Mortgage Lifter, Tigerella and the Green Zebra, these tomatoes have personality and flavour.

Matt and Sarah ditched their day jobs for farming and they love growing healthy, fresh food.

Buy direct from the Muller's farm shop at Kalbar.



JENNY & MICK HALL

Jenny and Mick Hall once grew vegetables on their Harrisville Farm. But when drought struck they looked for other, more drought tolerant, options. Their investigations drove them to drink – literally.

They planted grape vines and now produce Verdelho, Shiraz, Chambourcin, Grenache and Merlot under their Normanby Wines label.

Meet the Halls at their cellar door, where you can taste and buy their wines. They also hold regular wine and jazz events.

SCENIC RIM EVENTS

THE SCENIC RIM HOSTS 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, EQUESTRIAN, ARTS & CULTURE, ACTION, ADVENTURE AND ADRENALIN.

Buy direct from producers and artisans at our local markets. They're held regularly in locations across the scenic rim and are well-supported by local farmers, producers, craftspeople and artists.

Go to www.visitscenicrim.com.au for the full events calendar and market listings.



STUDIOS OF THE SCENIC RIM

Studios of the Scenic Rim is a unique event which invites visitors to meet artists in their workspaces and see the creative process take place.

It runs across five weekends during May and June in locations around the region.

Local artists open their studios and offer classes, workshops and live demonstrations. Studios of the Scenic Rim includes the popular Arts in the Olives festival, staged under the olive trees in the Worendo grove in the Lost World.

EAT LOCAL WEEK

Feast from the Scenic Rim during Eat Local Week, a celebration of the region's food and its farmers.

Eat Local Week runs during the first week of the June-July school holidays and provides a chance to meet the farmers, try the local food and wine and have an authentic food experience.

The week features cooking classes, producer dinners, farm tours and the signature event – the Winter Harvest Festival.

Find out more www.eatlocalweek.com.au

MEETINGS, WEDDINGS & FUNCTIONS

Weddings, parties, anything.

The Scenic Rim is an amazing event destination and boasts a variety of venues and locations to stage events of all shapes and sizes.

Consider us for your wedding, your next conference, team-building retreat or family gathering.

Go to the website for more details.

ADRENALIN AUGUST

To you it's just August. To us it's Adrenalin August. In the Scenic Rim August is the month adrenalin hunters look forward to.

Our mountains, valleys, bush tracks and rural roads provide the stage for some incredible – and grueling – events.

Weekend warriors flock to the region during August to cycle, run, climb, jump, fly and test their physical and mental endurance.

Start training now.





JANUARY

Wildlife Week at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat / Beaudesert
Australia Day Races

MARCH & APRIL

Moogerah Passion Play - Lake Moogerah / Rathdowney Country
Markets
Beaudesert ANZAC Day Races

MAY

Studios of the Scenic Rim / Fassifern Fifties Festival / Arts in the
Olives - Lost World / Boonah Show / A World Apart - Hidden
Treasures of Mt Barney

JUNE

World Environment Day Festival - Boonah / Kalbar Show / Scenic
Rim Clydesdale Spectacular - Boonah / Beaudesert Country
Music Muster & Family Fun Day / Beaudesert Cup Race Day / Eat
Local Week

JULY

Winter Harvest Festival - Aratula / Canungra Rodeo / True Grit -
Tamborine

AUGUST

Lamington Eco Challenge, Canungra Show / Scenic Rim Tour -
Boonah area / Lamington Eco Challenge / Canungra Show / The
Spartan Race - Peak Crossing

SEPTEMBER

Ritchie's IGA Boonah Arts Festival / Beaudesert Show /
Beaudesert Restored Auto Club Swap Meet / Tamborine
Mountain Show / Springtime on the Mountain - Tamborine
Mountain / Motofest - Boonah area

OCTOBER

The GarterBelts and Gasoline Nostalgia Festival - Tamborine
Mountain / Tamborine Mountain Golf Open / Tamborine
Mountain Scarecrow Festival / Kalbar Country Day / Beauy
Muster Rocks the Desert - Beaudesert

NOVEMBER

O'Reilly's Annual Bird Week / Tour de Tamborine - Tamborine
Mountain

DECEMBER

Sounds in the Clouds - Tamborine Mountain



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Scenic landscape by @suewhit



Lost World by @swaller4



Lake Moogerah by @mcguigan_visuals



Windmill sunset by @brent_randall_photog



Check out the great Instagrammers above if you're looking for inspiration on where to find our best views - they're all huge Scenic Rim fans.

SHARE YOUR photos

WHEN YOU LOOK AS GOOD AS WE DO IT'S NO SURPRISE TO LEARN WE'RE A FAVOURITE FOR AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS.

So don't keep your pictures to yourself, share your Scenic Rim shots on social media! We love seeing how others capture us.

And so we don't miss anything, please tag your photographs **#scenicrim #brisbaneanyday #thisisqueensland** and follow us at **@visitscenicrim**

Also go to **www.visitscenicrim.com.au** for the latest **#scenicrim** photographs.

HAPPY SNAPPING!

VISITOR INFORMATION



BEAUDESERT

Community Arts & Information Centre
Westerman Park Cnr Mt Lindesay
Highway & Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert
p: 5541 4495
e: bdstarts@bigpond.net.au
Open Daily 9am - 4pm
Closed Good Friday and Christmas



CANUNGRA

Visitor Information Centre
12-14 Kidston Street, Canungra
p: 5543 5156
e: canungrainformation@bigpond.com
Open Daily 9:30am - 4pm



RATHDOWNEY

Information Centre & Historical Museum
82 Mt Lindesay Highway, Rathdowney
p: 5544 1222
e: info@rathdowney.org.au
Open 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday
Open 9am - 4pm weekends



BOONAH

Visitor Information Centre
Bicentennial Park
20 Boonah-Fassifern Road, Boonah
p: 5463 2233
e: boonahvic@scenicrimtourism.org.au
Open Daily 9:30am - 4pm
Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday
& Anzac Day morning



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Visitor Information Centre
Doughty Park, 2 Main Western Rd
North Tamborine
p: 5545 3200
e: tmvic@bigpond.com
Open 10am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday
9:30am - 3.30pm weekends
and public holidays

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