



GREAT THINGS TO DO IN GREATER PORT MACQUARIE

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

TAKE TO THE BEACH: 15 pristine beaches, most of them patrolled, line the coast from Port Macquarie south to Dunbogan. Enjoy the coastal walks, surfing, sail boarding, swimming, fishing, whale watching, and camel rides. Many beaches have barbecue facilities and playgrounds.

PLAY ON THE RIVERS: The wonders of the rivers come to life daily and are yours to be enjoyed from the comfort of a cruise or private charter. Meander the rivers, fish, spot the dolphins or enjoy a leisurely Devonshire tea or lunch cruise. Take the family on a Barbecue Boat or pick up the pace with high-speed fun boats, jet skis, water skiing, paragliding and windsurfing.

DISCOVER THE TRAILS: Strike out on your own to pursue a special interest! The Greater Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre has a series of Trails themed on Heritage, Galleries, Public Art, Wineries, Local Produce, Walking and Nature. The Wine Trail features seven wineries, gives clear directions to each.

TAKE TO THE AIR: Joy flights in an historic Tiger Moth, the thrill of landing on the river in a seaplane, coastal skydiving and microlight flying all available for a breathtaking bird's eye view of this spectacular coastal region.



GET PHYSICAL: Life in this region revolves around the great outdoors and sporting activities for all the family. Horse riding, cycling, windsurfing, paragliding, waterskiing, kart racing, bushwalking and climbing are available for those who want to take up the challenge. There are also three magnificent 18-hole courses at Port Macquarie **P:6582 0409**, Wauchope

P:6585 3020 and Kew **P:655 94203** plus a 18-hole course at Emerald Downs. There are also two Golf Driving Ranges—one in Port Macquarie **P: 6581 0925** and another in Wauchope **P: 6585 2303**.

DISCOVER THE NATIONAL PARKS: Long clean beaches, dramatic headlands, quiet creeks, exciting boardwalks, leafy rainforests, koalas and other wildlife are some of the natural drawcards of more than a dozen National Parks and nature reserves throughout the Mid North Coast. **National Parks & Wildlife Service P: 6588 5503** or contact the Visitors Information Centre

LOOK BACK IN TIME: Greater Port Macquarie is one of Australia's most historic locations. It offers a rare opportunity to step back in time enjoying museums, historic buildings and particularly Timbertown in Wauchope - a working recreation of a Sawmiller's Village from 1880-1910 featuring steam train rides, Cobb and Co coaches, and Bullocky displays. **P: 6586 1940**



FISHING: Great fishing spots and even greater tales abound in the region. Cast a rod from a pier, a bridge, the beach or a riverbank. For those after the "big one" try Ocean Star Deep Sea Fishing Charters based at Port's Town Wharf. **P: 0416 240 877**.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES



PAT A KOALA: – Get up close and personal at the Billabong Koala and Wildlife Park, where visitors can pat a koala at 10.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm daily **P: 6585 1060**. Across town, NSW's only Koala Hospital welcomes visitors daily at 8.00am and 3.00pm to view koalas feeding. **P: 6584 1522**

VISIT AN HISTORIC VILLAGE: Timbertown at Wauchope is a living, working recreation of a Sawmiller's Village from 1880-1910 featuring steam train rides, Cobb and Co coaches, Bullocky displays, paddle boat rides and a children's animal farm. Open seven days. **P: 6586 1940**

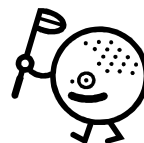


ENJOY OUR SAFE BEACHES – 15 pristine beaches, many patrolled by lifeguards, line the coast from Port Macquarie's North Shore to Dunbogan in the south. Port's Shelly Beach, Dunbogan's Pilot Beach and an inlet at Lake Cathie are more protected and ideal for children. Picnic on surrounding lawns; enjoy the free barbecue facilities and easy coastal bushwalks.

GO BOWLING – Port City Wave Bowl has a regular schedule of special activities and offers year-round. Music, lights and pizza add to the fun **P: 6583 2238**

RIVER FISHING AND SWIMMING: The shallow, clear waters at Settlement Point with a playground, picnic and barbecue facilities is ideal for young children, families and anglers.

CRUISE THE RIVERS: The wonder of the rivers comes to life daily with experienced boatmen and guides. Dolphin spotting, boom netting, Devonshire tea, barbecue, and lunch cruises are all on offer.



PUTT PUTT GOLF: Fun for all ages with Hydro Golf and Putt Putt at the Panther's Port Macquarie Sports Club. Enjoy the 27-hole mini golf range. All clubs and balls supplied. **P: 6583 3200**.

PLAY INDOORS: Kids Crazy Maze: An amazing indoor centre full of colour and action with a climbing maze, ball pit, slides and a Café. Closed Wednesdays. **P: 6584 0260**

SEEK THE STARS: Astronomy Nights at the Port Macquarie Observatory are open to the public every Sunday and Wednesday night plus Fridays in school holidays. **P: 6584 9164**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT: The National Parks and Wildlife Service **P: 6586 8300** and Hastings Libraries **P: 6581 8755** compile a regular schedule of educational, school holiday entertainment for children of all Ages.

BEFRIEND A CAMEL: Camel rides – a unique experience on Lighthouse Beach, Port Macquarie. Choose from 20 minute or one hour beach rides. **P: 6583 7650**

FOR THE BIG KIDS!



FUN ON THE WATER: Take to the river or beaches for thrill seeking adventures. Try surfing lessons, jet skis, a high-speed Special Forces boat, barbecue boats, canoeing, kayak tours, whale watching, and dolphin spotting.

GO TO GREAT HEIGHTS: Visit the Centre of Gravity, an indoor activity centre – awesome fun for all ages. 60 climbs, changed regularly plus caves, ladders, high ropes and the Dark Zone laser skirmish. **P: 6581 3899.**

KART RACING: Take to the track with Adrenalin Rush Karting at the Pacific Park International Kart Racing Circuit - one of Australia's fastest yet safest tracks. Rookie karts (from 8 years) and senior karts (from 12 years) with face helmets and suits supplied. **P: 6586 3555**

GOLFING: Enjoy fun for all the family at the Hydro Golf and Putt Putt Centre **P: 6583 3200** in Port Macquarie - a 27-hole mini golf range. There are two magnificent 18-hole courses at Port Macquarie **P:6582 0409**, Emerald Downs **P:6582 2666**, Wauchope **P:6585 3020** and Kew **P:655 94203** plus a 9-hole course at Emerald Downs. There are also two Golf Driving Ranges—one in Port Macquarie **P: 6581 0925** and another in Wauchope **P: 6585 2303.**

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WATERSKIING: Learn to water ski or wakeboard on the man-made lakes at Stoney Park Watersports and Recreation Centre, Telegraph Point. Single lessons, half and full day programs available **P: 6585 0080**

TENNIS: Synthetic grass courts, regular coaching, clinics and school holiday camps are available at– T's Tennis Resort on Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie **P: 6584 0144**, Port Macquarie Tennis Club near Town Beach **P:6584 9940**. Also take to the courts at Wauchope Tennis Club **P:6585 3249**, Kendall **P: 6559 4121** and Lake Cathie **P:6585 5257.**

HORSERIDING: A true Aussie bush experience riding the trails and treks of the Hinterland at Bellrowan Valley with one hour, two hour and 2 day guided trail riding for beginners to advanced from 10 years of age. **P: 6587 5227.**

SKATEBOARDING: Indoor and outdoor venues await the skateboard thrill seeker in Port Macquarie (Town Beach and a Switch indoor venue) Bonny Hills and Wauchope.

PARASAILING: "Let them chute you" This is the fastest elevator in town! Go from sea level to 130m in a matter of seconds. Phone Port Water Sports on: **0412 234 509**

WET WEATHER IDEAS



TAKE TO THE TRAILS: Grab a copy of the Greater Port Macquarie Discovery Trails - do it yourself tours showcasing the region's galleries, museums, wineries, public art, heritage buildings and more. Available from the **Visitor Information Centre P: 6581 8000.**

GO TO THE MOVIES: Enjoy a new release in the opulence of a bygone era at Laurieton's historic Plaza Theatre **P: 6559 8077** or Port's centrally located, Ritz Twin Cinema **P: 6583 8400.**

PREEN AND PAMPER: Indulge in the pampering and relaxation available at a selection of leading spas and beauty salons throughout the region.



STEP INTO HISTORY: Greater Port Macquarie is one of Australia's most historic locations. Follow the Heritage Trail available from the Visitor Information Centre.

GET PHYSICAL: Great for kids of all ages, is Port's Wave Bowl, The Centre of Gravity rock climbing and Dark Zone laser skirmish. Also try the Hydro Golf Centre with its undercover tee-off for a great wet weather alternative.

GO SHOPPING: Specialty stores for every taste and budget plus major shopping centres. Wondrous works of art in a variety of specialty galleries.

GRAB A GOOD BOOK: Grab a good book, magazines, DVD's and CD's for an indoor R & R.

INDULGE AT A GOOD RESTAURANT: Tingle your taste buds at a selection of winery restaurants, sea and riverside cafes, and other premier dining venues.

KEEP THE KIDS SANE: Take to the great indoors at Wave Bowl, The Centre of Gravity rock climbing and laser skirmish, Kids Crazy Maze, or Switch Skateboard Centre **P: 65814588**

TOURIST DRIVES: Venture out of Port Macquarie and explore the beautiful surrounding areas on one of our designated Tourist drives. Maps are available from Visitor Information Centre **P: 1300 303 155**

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