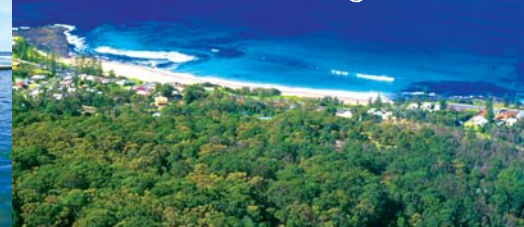


Tourist Trails of the **NORTHERN ILLAWARRA** Coastal Villages



NATURAL TREASURES TRAIL

Bush meets the Pacific Ocean - Nestled amongst the mountainous Illawarra Escarpment, the glassy Pacific Ocean and the world famous Royal National Park, our natural treasures include waterfalls, unspoilt beaches, ocean rock pools, walking tracks, escarpment lookouts, and parks. Immerse yourself in the natural, diverse environment of this unique coastline and escape life's modern day demands.

HELENSBURGH

1 Kelly Falls

Entrance on Lawrence Hargrave Drive just past Walker Street turn off (to Helensburgh) heading east.

Picturesque Waterfalls - an easy walk. There is an observation platform for viewing and bushtracks offering scenic views.

2 Glow Worm Caves

Directly opposite old Helensburgh Railway Station Entrance - Old Tunnel Road.

The original restored railway platform invites you to enter the old rail tunnel which today is also a home to a magnificent glow worm colony.

3 Garawarra State Recreation

Cawleys Road Helensburgh NSW 2508

This recreation area is a state forest adjoining the Royal National Park, a great place for Bushwalkers to discover rainforest patches and colourful, prickly heaths.

DARKES FOREST

4 Maddens Falls

Follow Princes Highway 60 to Darkes Forest turn off, then continue along to nearby Glenbernie Orchard. Park on the RHS of road to follow signs to Falls.

Spectacular waterfall and viewing of the Woronora gorge. Rock carving at the top of the falls indicates that this was the original route from the west to Camp Creek, now known as Helensburgh.

5 Wodi Wodi Track

Distance: 6.5km (one way)

Time: 2.5hours Grade: Strenuous

Commences at Stonehaven Road (Stanwell Tops) and traverses the escarpment between Stanwell Tops and Stanwell Park Valley. Accessible at all times.

Contact Tourism Wollongong (020 4227 5545 for more details).

Named after the traditional owners of the Illawarra. Provides a comfortable one day circular trip. Advise topographic map and basic navigational skills be used.

Full of a diversity of terrains, from rainforests to suburban Stanwell park to cliff lines and beautiful coast views.

OTFORD

6 Otford Lookout

On Lawrence Hargrave Drive just before entry/exit to the Royal National Park.

Offering scenic views this is the southern track head for the Coast Walk which takes you on a magnificent trek to Bundeena.

STANWELL PARK

7 Bald Hill Lookout

Perched above Stanwell Park township on Lawrence Hargrave Drive.

A magnificent lookout of views both north and south. From here, watch the hang gliders and Para gliders Bald Hill is where Lawrence Hargrave first took flight.

8 Stanwell Park Beach

Stanwell Avenue

Surrounded by bush land and is ideal for a fun day out. Picnic amenities on the park adjacent to the beach.

COALCLIFF

9 Coalcliff Beach

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

This is a small, secluded beach surrounded by rocks and cliffs. It is also a popular fishing spot.

CLIFTON

10 Moronga Park and Clifton Pool

Located on eastern Side of Lawrence Hargrave Drive opposite Clifton School Parade.

Moronga Park is on the site where coal was first discovered in 1797. It was considered a suitable name for the park as "Moronga" is the Aboriginal word for coal.

The Moronga Park Reserve is situated about 80 metres above sea level and overlooks an extensive rock shelf and Clifton Rock Pool. A steep and winding path descends from the Park to Clifton Pool.

 Trail continued overleaf

See other associated Trails



Art & Antiques Trail



Cafe & Dining Trail



Outdoor Activities Trail

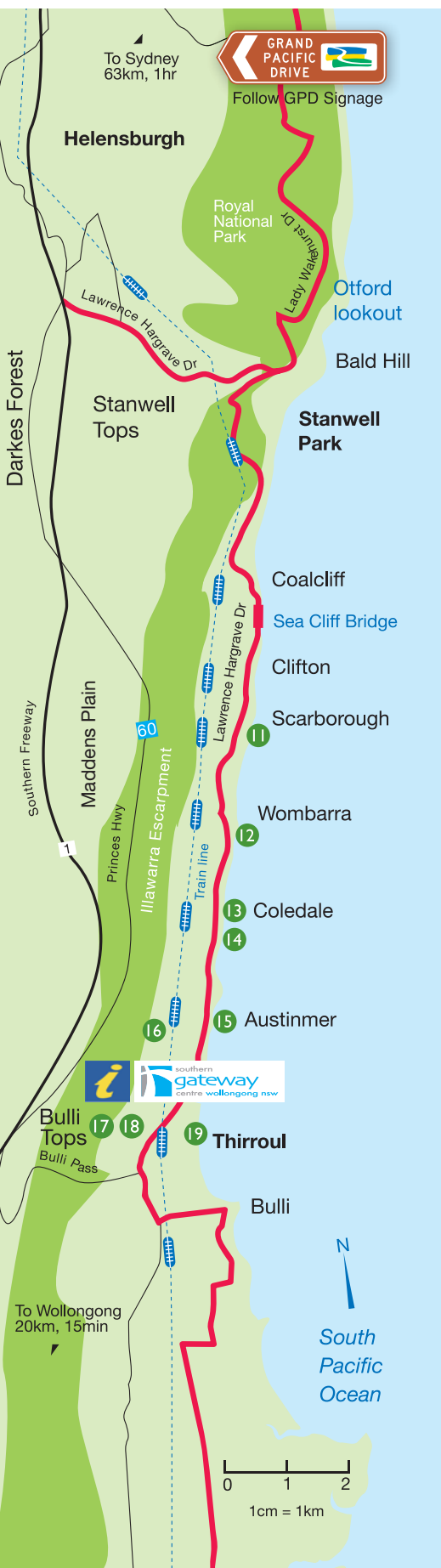


Historical & Local Attractions Trail



www.nicc.net.au

* Denotes Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce member @ February 2010



NATURAL TREASURES TRAIL

SCARBOROUGH

11 Scarborough Beach

Monash Street

This small beach offers great views of the coastline and the cliffs that lie above. There are parklands close by for families to use for picnicking.

WOMBARRA

12 Wombarra Beach & Pool

Reef Road

Great Rock pools for sea life exploration.

COLEDALE

13 Coledale Beach and Pool

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

Coledale beach has reserve on the beaches edge. Both ends of the beach are closed in with rock formations.

14 Sharkeys Beach

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

Has excellent rock platform areas where a variety of rock pools can be found.

AUSTINMER

15 Austinmer Beach, Pool and Picnic area

Lawrence Hargrave Drive

Accessible all year.

Patrolled from September to April.

Is on Lawrence Hargrave Drive, with shops lining the western side and a large car park and park between the beach and the Drive.

Norfolk Island pines back the length of the beach.

Two large rock pools lie on the southern rock platform. This small beach is wedged between two low headlands and their extensive rock platforms.

Parking, picnic Facilities, toilets and children's playground are available.

16 Sublime Point Lookout

By Car - off the Southern Freeway at Bulli Tops
By Foot - Access via Gibson Track or Sublime Point Lookout

Sublime Point is 398m above sea level.

And is a fantastic spot to view the northern Illawarra coastal vistas.

Amenities: Kiosk, Toilets, Parking, Picnic Area and Information Centre.

BULLI TOPS

17 Gibson Track

Access via southern end of Foothills Road

Distance 1.5km (loop)

Time 45minutes

Grade: Easy

Eucalypt Forests and Rainforest

This track is suitable for groups and families.

18 Sublime Point Track

1.2m track/walk (one way)

Time: 45minutes.

Grade: Strenuous

Enter from Sublime Point Lookout or can also be entered in reverse from top of Asquith St Austinmer.

Historic track dating back to early 1900's.

Recently upgraded, the Trail descends sharply down the escarpment providing some of the most magnificent scenery in the Illawarra.

THIRROUL

19 Thirroul Beach, Pool and Picnic Area

The Esplanade

Great place to head to the beach, have a picnic, play some games and enjoy the Northern Illawarra coastline.

See other associated Trails



Art & Antiques Trail



Cafe & Dining Trail



Outdoor Activities Trail



Historical & Local Attractions Trail



www.nicc.net.au

* Denotes Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce member @ February 2010