

Cape Byron

State Conservation Area and Surrounds



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[Cape Byron State Conservation Area](#)

is one of the most beautiful places in Australia. The rugged headland is surrounded by sheltered rainforest gullies and subtropical waters, boasting magnificent views of the hinterland and the ocean. It is also an exceptional place for watching humpback whales on their annual migration, as well as seabirds, dolphins and turtles.

[PARK HIGHLIGHTS](#)

The [Cape Byron Lighthouse](#) has stood on the most easterly point of the Australian mainland since 1901. Take a guided tour of this heritage listed icon (phone 6685 5955 for bookings) and appreciate its superb Fresnel lens, the first of its kind in Australia.

The magnificent [Cape Byron Walking Track](#) winds its way through diverse plant communities, offering panoramic views of the ocean and views all the way to world-heritage listed Wollumbin Mount Warning. The 3.7 km walk heads high above the coast and then down through sheltered rainforest gullies to white-sand sparkling beaches. Allocate at least 2 hours to fully appreciate its beauty.

Stay the night in the [Assistant Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages](#) (bookings essential, phone 6685 6552) and experience the lighthouse's beam sweep across the ocean at night, as the stars shine above.

Spend a week with family or friends in one of the four private and beautifully restored [beach-side cottages](#) all spectacularly located with uninterrupted views of 'The Pass', one of Australia's premier surf and dolphin-spotting destinations.

Treat yourself at the top with a drink or snack at the [Cape Cafe](#).

[THINGS TO SEE AND DO](#)



Experience the wonders of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

Visit [Wollumbin Mt Warning National Park](#) and walk the Lyrebird Track around the base of Wollumbin-Mount Warning. See how many bird species you can spot – there are over 100 species recorded in the area, including the rare Albert's Lyrebird.

The Pinnacle Walk in [Border Ranges National Park](#) is one of the highlights of this park, offering a dramatic encounter with the Wollumbin-Mount Warning crater. The walk takes you through subtropical rainforest and finishes at a lookout platform perched at the edge of the escarpment. From here you have spectacular views of Wollumbin-Mount Warning and the Tweed valley 1000 m below. You can also relax at the Antarctic Beech picnic area and enjoy the views over the Lost World wilderness area.

Have a picnic in [Nightcap National Park](#), drive to Minyon Falls or enjoy a hike to breathtaking Protestors Falls.

Go camping in one of the many allocated sites and immerse yourself in nature. Make sure to visit the [national parks website](#) to check out facilities, accessibility and fees.

Meet an amazing diversity of native animals - you can see kangaroos, koalas, spotted-tail quolls and squirrel gliders in Mount Warning National Park, but also rarer species like the wompoo pigeon and the marbled frogmouth. In Border Ranges National Park you should look out for the rufous scrub-bird, echidna, bandicoots, possums, spotted-tailed quolls, platypus, pademelons and flying-foxes. From Kingscliff and Byron Bay, you can spot pods of dolphins and humpback whales during their annual migration.

Drive the [Rainforest Way](#), which will take you on an inspirational journey through northern NSW. You'll encounter scenic lookouts, picnic areas, rainforest walks and quirky towns and villages.

Enjoy the glorious white sandy beaches and discover world class surfing spots.

You can be adventurous and try kayaking, snorkelling, diving and hot-air ballooning. Or enjoy more relaxing activities like river cruising and deep sea fishing.

Join a whale-watching or dolphin watching tour.

Try the great local produce, including macadamia nuts, pecans, avocados and coffee.

Visit the hinterland towns of Casino, Kyogle, Lismore and Nimbin. The area is well known for its alternative lifestyle and it is the home of many artists, writers and musicians.

Go to a local market and admire beautiful arts and crafts, or attend one of the region's many vibrant festivals.

Relax in a health spa, practice your yoga, meditate in the rainforest; the region is renowned for its well-being experiences.

HOW TO GET THERE

There are several ways to get to Byron Bay, which is the gateway to this region.

Regular flights land in the Ballina and Gold Coast airports (30 minutes and 60 minutes from Byron Bay respectively).

Byron Bay is approximately nine hours drive north of Sydney or two hours drive south of Brisbane.

There is also train access; visit www.countrylink.info for timetables, fares and online bookings.

Most bus companies on the east coast of Australia have services to Byron Bay.

CONTACTS

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Cape Byron Information Centre

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Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay NSW 2481

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Opening hours: 9:30am-4:30pm 7 days a week (closed Christmas Day)

Byron Visitor Centre

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www.visitbyronbay.com

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USEFUL LINKS

National Parks

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Byron Bay and Surrounds

www.visitnsw.com/area/Ballina_Byron_and_Surrounds.aspx

Australia's Green Cauldron National Landscape

www.australia.com/campaigns/nationallandscapes/AustraliasGreenCauldron.htm

The Rainforest Way

www.rainforestway.com.au

The Legendary Pacific Coast

<http://pacificcoast.com.au/>

Weather Forecasts

www.bom.gov.au/nsw/forecasts/northernrivers.shtml

