



## Fast Facts

### LOCATION

The Central Coast is located on the east coast of Australia. It is bordered by Sydney to the south and Newcastle to the north and is just over an hour's drive from either city.

### CLIMATE & WATER TEMPERATURE

A temperate climate makes the region a popular year-round destination and ocean temperatures range from approximately 22°C during the summer months to approximately 15°C during winter.

### SHOPPING

Major shopping centres are open:

- 9.00am - 5.30pm Mon to Wed
- 9.00am - 9.00pm Thu & Fri
- 9.00am - 5.00pm Sat
- 10.00am - 4.00pm Sun (some have extended hours)

### BANKING HOURS

Bank trading hours are:

- 9.30am - 4.00pm Mon to Thu
- 9.00am - 5.00pm Fri

### POSTAL INFORMATION

Post Offices are located in most shopping centres, trading hours are:

- 9:00am – 5:00pm Mon to Fri
- 9:00am – 12noon Sat (at some locations)

### EMERGENCIES

#### Hospitals

- Gosford 4320 2111
- Woy Woy 4344 8444
- Wyong 4393 8000

#### Ambulance, Fire or Police

- 000

#### Poisons Information

- 13 1126



## Patrolled Beaches

### UMINA BEACH:

Excellent surfing conditions, choppy in strong southerlies.

### OCEAN BEACH:

Consistent medium waves that most swimmers can handle.

### KILLCARE BEACH:

Beautiful beach but the surf can be challenging on big days.

### MACMASTERS BEACH:

Secluded and good for swimming.

### COPACABANA BEACH:

Ocean beach suitable for board and body surfing. Children need to be watched.

### AVOCA BEACH:

Ideal for swimming and boards. Patrolled area, rock pool for kids.

### NORTH AVOCA:

Big surf for experienced surfers. Children need to be watched.

### TERRIGAL BEACH:

An excellent family beach with rock pool and smaller surf.

### WAMBERAL BEACH:

A challenging beach with unpredictable surf. Not for learners.

### SHELLY BEACH:

Suitable for surfers and swimmers of most standards.

### TOOWOON BAY:

Protected beach, great for families. Strong currents near the rocks at southern end.

### THE ENTRANCE:

Popular beach but care is needed towards the channel.

### NORTH ENTRANCE:

A wide ocean beach normally safe but requires caution.

### SOLDIERS BEACH:

Excellent surfing beach for the board rider and the family.

### LAKES BEACH:

Challenging for swimmers and board riders. Children need to be watched.





## National Parks

### Bouddi National Park

Located on the north entrance to Broken Bay, between MacMasters Beach & Killcare, this park features a variety of plant and animal life as well as beaches including Little Beach, Killcare Beach, Tallow Beach and the very secluded Maitland Bay, which has a unique Marine Extension.

### Brisbane Water National Park

Conserving more than 12,000 ha of rugged sandstone country with magnificent views of the Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water and Broken Bay. The park forms an important ecological link in the chain of conservation and recreation reserves which links the Great Dividing Range with the coast.

### Dharug National Park

Covering 14,000 ha and featuring spectacular sandstone cliff-lines and gullies, Aboriginal culture (Dharuk rock engraving sites) and European history (convict-built Old Great North Road).

### Munmorah State Conservation Area

Located between Budgewoi and Catherine Hill Bay, this park conserves 1444 ha of forest, woodland, heath, wetland and temperate rainforest plus 12 kms of spectacular and rugged coastline. On its western side it fronts onto Lake Munmorah.

### Wyrabalong National Park (North and South)

The 480 ha northern section of Wyrabalong National Park features a stunning 9km walking track. The 130 ha southern section includes a 3.5km walking track linking Bateau Bay to Wyrabalong Lookout, Crackneck Lookout and Forresters Beach.

**For further information and campsite bookings contact:**

**Ph: 02 4320 4200 (general enquiries)**

**Ph: 02 4320 4203 (camping enquiries)**

**Web: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)**



## Scenic Lookouts

[Marie Byles Lookout, Killcare](#). On the Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights. Stunning views across the ocean to Sydney's northern beaches.

[Staples Lookout, Kariong](#). Off Woy Woy Rd. Viewing areas of Woy Woy, the Rip Bridge and Gosford.

[Warrah & Tony Doyle Lookouts, Brisbane Water National Park](#). Off Patonga Dr, Patonga. Views to Palm Beach & the Hawkesbury.

[President's Hill Lookout, Gosford](#). From West Gosford, via Hely St. Offers spectacular views of Brisbane Water.

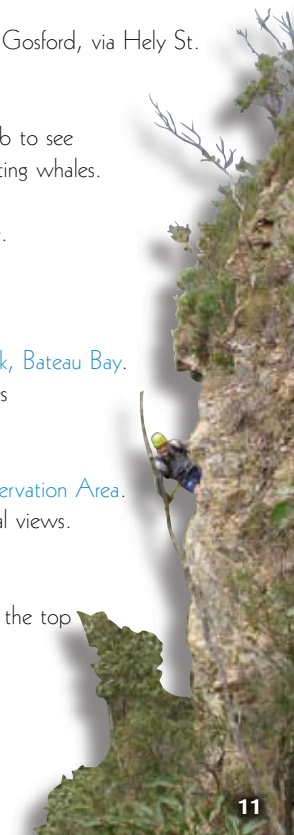
[The Skillion, Terrigal Beach](#). A short steep climb to see the rugged coastline, crashing waves and migrating whales.

[St John's Lookout, Katandra Reserve, Holgate](#). Via Toomey's Rd. Highest point is approx. 208m above sea level.

[Crackneck Lookout, Wyrribalong National Park, Bateau Bay](#). Hilltop St. Offers opportunities to spot whales during migration.

[Wybung Trig Lookout, Munmorah State Conservation Area](#). Located off Wybung Head Rd. Rugged coastal views.

[Norah Head Lighthouse](#). Located off Bush Rd. 190° ocean views from the top of the tower. Spot whales during migration.



## Picnic & BBQ Areas



LOCATION	ADDRESS
AVOCA BEACH	Heazlett Park, Avoca Dr.
BATEAU BAY	Crackneck Point Lookout, Hilltop St.
BERKELEY VALE	Ewen Howlett Reserve, Jean Ave. Blue Bell Park, Lakedge Ave.
BUDGEWOI	McKenzie Reserve, Lake St. John Slade Rotary Park, Scenic Rd.
CANTON BEACH	Canton Beach Rd.
DOORALONG	Dooralong Park.
ETDALONG BEACH	Waterfront Reserve, The Esplanade.
GOROKAN	Wallarah Point Res.
GOSFORD	Lions Park, Masons Pde. Gosford Waterfront, Gertrude Pl.
KINCUMBER	Kincumba Mountain.
LONG JETTY	Foreshore Reserve, Tuggerah Pde. Rotary Park, The Entrance Rd.
MANGROVE MOUNTAIN	Mangrove Creek Dam.
MUNMORAH STATE CONSERVATION AREA	Various places.
NORAH HEAD	Soldiers Point. Jenny Dixon Reserve/Lions Park, Bungary Rd.
NORTH ENTRANCE	North Entrance Peninsula Nature Res, Wilfred Barrett Dr. Terilba Reserve, Stewart St.
PATONGA BEACH	Waterfront Reserve, Patonga Dr. Patonga Beach Camping Area, Bay St.
PEARL BEACH	Waterfront Reserve, Pearl Pde.
SOMERSBY	Somersby Falls.
SPRINGFIELD	Rumbalara Reserve, Dolly Ave.
SUMMERLAND POINT	Boat Harbour Reserve, Cams Blvde.
TERRIGAL	Rotary Park, Terrigal Dr. Terrigal Foreshore Reserve, Cnr Terrigal Dr & Willoughby Rd. Terrigal Haven.
THE ENTRANCE	Memorial Park, The Entrance Rd. Picnic Point, Cnr The Entrance Rd & Tuggerah Pde.
TOOWOON BAY	Swadling Park, Bay Rd.
TOUKLEY	Osborne Park, Peel St.
UMINA BEACH	Reserve, Sydney Ave. Lloyd Park, Norman St.
WOY WOY	Memorial Park, Waterfront Reserve, Brickwharf Rd. Lions Park, North Burge Rd.
WYONG	Braithwaite Park, Cnr Yarralong & Old Maitland Rds.



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## Cycleways

The Central Coast has an extensive system of cycleways stretching from Budgewoi in the north to Woy Woy in the south.

Grab the family and set off cruising around on a classic bike with your front basket packed with picnic goodies and refreshing treats. Spend a leisurely afternoon cycling the Long Jetty foreshore along picturesque Tuggerah Lake, a flat cycling track that meanders 9 km in one direction to Chittaway and 3 km in the other direction to the popular township of The Entrance. Based at Long Jetty on the waterfront, **Tour De Long Jetty Cycle Hire** captures the magic of yesteryear offering a range of classic 50's style upright bikes, geared bikes, children's bikes and cycles with baby seats for hire. **Tour De Long Jetty Cycle Hire** also offers to snap photographs of you in action for instant picture postcards or take-home memories. Contact **Tour De Long Jetty Cycle Hire**, corner of Tuggerah Pde and Archbold St, on 0411 258 899 or see advertisement, page 63.

### OTHER DO-IT-YOURSELF CYCLING TRACKS INCLUDE:

- **Gosford - West Gosford - Point Clare - Woy Woy (25 kms return)**

Start at the Gosford Sailing Club, Masons Pde. Follow the track north along Gosford waterfront, crossing the Brian McGowan Bridge to Woy Woy.

- **Ettalong Beach – Umina (5.2 kms return)**

Start at the beach end of Picnic Pde, Ettalong Beach. Follow the track heading south as it winds around Ettalong and Ocean Beaches to Umina.

- **Budgewoi (approx 3 kms return)**

Start at Diamond Head Dr, off Scenic Dr, on Budgewoi Creek (near Budgewoi Bridge). Follow the track west along the lake edge to Woodland Parkway.





## Markets

For further information on markets and events, contact Central Coast Tourism on 1300 659 285 or 02 4385 4430

*Mt Penang Produce Markets,*  
Mt Penang Parklands, Kariang  
2nd Sunday of the month

*Toukley Open Air Markets,*  
Coles Carpark, Toukley  
Every Sunday

*Ettalong Seaside Village Markets,*  
Ettalong Beach  
Weekends and Monday Public  
Holidays

*The Entrance Lions Club Markets,*  
Cinema Carpark, The Entrance  
Every Sunday

*Ettalong Beach Art & Craft Market,*  
Ettalong Beach  
1st Saturday of the month

*Wyoming Markets,*  
Wyoming Shopping Centre, Wyoming  
Every Sunday

*Gourmet Food and Art Market,*  
Terrigal Primary School, Terrigal  
2nd Saturday of the month

*Niagara Park Market Day,*  
Niagara Shopping Centre,  
Niagara Park  
2nd Saturday of the month

*The Entrance Markets,*  
Memorial Park,  
The Entrance  
Every Saturday





## Annual Events

10th – 12th MARCH

Central Coast Country Music Festival,  
Memorial Park, The Entrance

Over 40 artists and 20 venues with most of the entertainment for free. Acts include Adam Harvey, The Wolverines, Jonah's Road, Camille Te Nahu & Stuie French, Rob Wilson, Pixie Jenkins, Whiskey River and many more.

10th – 12th JUNE

Music Festival, Pearl Beach

5 classical concert programs performed by highly accomplished musicians.

27th AUGUST

Gathering of the Clans, Toukley

Celebrating everything Scottish, bagpipes, food, crafts, the "Parade of Tartan" plus much more.



7th – 10th SEPTEMBER

Australian Springtime Flora Festival,  
Mt Penang Parklands, Kariang

One of the premier festivals in NSW featuring 5ha of brilliant landscaped displays, trade displays, arts, crafts, street theatre, non-stop entertainment and delicious refreshments.

12th NOVEMBER

Brisbane Water Oyster Festival,  
Woy Woy foreshore

Celebrating the local oyster and fishing industry. Kayak challenge, "Blessing of the Fleet", fresh seafood, wine tasting and craft products.

1st – 2nd DECEMBER

Tuggerah Lakes Mardi Gras Festival,  
Memorial Park, The Entrance

Enjoy alternating entertainment, events and other colourful additions which alter from year to year. A highlight of the festival is the annual crowning of the Mardi Gras Queen and runner up.

DECEMBER

Carols By Candlelight

Held at various locations throughout the Central Coast. Bring along your torch or candle, sing along to all your family's favourites and join in the local Christmas celebrations.





## Transport

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Kings & Queens Central Coast Travel Connections operate daily services between the Central Coast and Sydney/Newcastle Airport Terminals, (page 20).

### WATER TRANSFER

A unique waterfront venue transfer is available from Estuary Fishing and Tours, (page 22).

### CAR RENTAL

Car rental is available through Budget Rent A Car (page 20) or DavJam Car Rentals, (page 19).

### TRAINS

Trains depart the Central Coast approximately every half hour to either Sydney or Newcastle. Train timetables are available from stations where train tickets can be purchased, or phone 13 1500 for timetables, train arrivals and fare enquiries. For Country Link reservations phone 13 2232.

### FERRIES

- Central Coast Ferries operate daily from Woy Woy to Davistown, Saratoga and Empire Bay, (page 19).
- Palm Beach Ferry Service operates daily between Ettalong/Wagstaffe and Palm Beach.
- Dangar Island Ferry operates daily between Brooklyn and Dangar Island.

### CHARTER TOURS

Brasco Charter Tours (page 20) and Coast N Away Tours (page 19) specialise in group transfers, day and extended designer tours.

### TAXIS

You can telephone for a cab, hail one on the street or take the first one in a taxi rank. For bookings phone Central Coast Taxis on 1300 665 777.

### BUSES

Buses operate from all railway stations, shopping centres and most beaches and travel to all areas of the Central Coast. For information contact:

- Busways Gosford 4368 2277 and Busways Wyong 4392 6666.
- Red Bus Services Bateau Bay 4332 8655.

### BASS FLINDERS CRUISES

Bass Flinders operate a scenic cruise along the Pacific coastline from Circular Quay, Sydney to Gosford Wharf, Central Coast. Cruise departs Wednesday and Sunday.

For information phone (02) 9583 1199.

## Central Coast Ferries

Map ref: 9D/8D



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to the DAVO  
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## Coast-n-Away Tours



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## DAVJAM Car Rentals

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## Budget Rent A Car

Map ref: 7C

- Self drive is a great way to explore the Central Coast.
- Vehicles range from small compact to large sedans and buses.
- All vehicles automatic and air-conditioned.
- Deliveries available, conditions may apply.



**Budget**

Open: Mon to Fri (7am - 6pm)  
Weekends and Public Holidays (7am - 3pm)

Cnr York & Melbourne Streets, East Gosford NSW 2250  
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## Access All Areas

No matter where you decide to holiday on the Central Coast, you can access these three attractions.

Hold a How To Host a Murder party, available at 4 Central Coast locations. A fun and mysterious event where you need to plot, plan, accuse and dissolve the clues to work out who amongst you is the murderer. Choose from a variety of themes and settings and dress in costume for a night to remember.

Visit the hydroponic farm of A Dozen Roses and take a guided tour learning how these beautiful flowers are created using the latest environmentally friendly techniques. Spoil the one you love by taking home a delightful traditional bunch of twelve roses.

A fishing expedition or leisurely cruise is an easy way to get out on the water. Join Estuary Fishing and Tours, at your choice of location, and explore the Coast's secluded bays and inlets or arrive at your waterfront destination in style with a water transfer.



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