

## KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES IN THE TWEED REGION

For further information on the wealth of activities and attractions guaranteed to appeal to kids of all ages, contact:

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### **ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTONS**

#### **Catch your own seafood banquet**

Seafood just doesn't get any fresher than this. Catch-a-Crab cruises take you to the best mud crab hunting grounds where you can throw out the pots and catch your own lunch. To complete the seafood banquet, you can try your hand at yabby pumping, shuck oysters straight from the beds and drop a line for some freshwater fish.

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#### **Whale watching**

From June to November, the majestic humpbacks swim along the Tweed Coast on their way to Hervey Bay and the Whitsundays. For the most up-close-and-personal encounter, head offshore to greet our winter wanderers in a ten-man zodiac operated by Tweed Whale Watching Adventures

**Contact:** **Tweed Snorkelling and Whale Watching**  
John and Leah van Blanken  
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### **Cruise through the canefields**

Water-based nature tours are a unique feature of the Tweed River, taking you on a cruise through the wetlands and bird habitats lining the estuaries. Other highlights of the journey include historic river villages like Tumbulgum, cruising through the canefields and pockets of rainforest on inland islands.

**Contact:** **Tweed Endeavour Cruises**  
Scott Peterson  
River Terrace, Tweed Heads  
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### **Snorkelling with the Turtles**

Mal Hennessey from Fingal Dive and Snorkel takes you out to one of the Tweed's favourite diving hotspots – Cook Island – where you can don a snorkel and flippers to swim with the turtles who make their home here.

**Contact:** **Fingal Dive & Snorkel**  
Malcolm Hennessey  
Ph: 0418 711 659

### **Tropical treats**

It must be the world's healthiest theme park - Tropical Fruit World and Research Park comprises a 65-hectare plantation of more than 500 varieties of rare and tropical fruits. Sample the Chocolate Pudding Fruit, Jak Fruit, Casimoras, Carambolas and Cactus Fruit, as well as Macadamia Nuts, Babacos and Papayas. The plantation has been developed as a popular family fun park with riverboat cruise, miniature railway, adventure playground and fauna park. Owner Bob Brinsmead has also established a unique garden of medicinal plants gathered from all over the world and an Aboriginal bush tucker garden where you can sample the wild fruits, nuts and berries that made up the diet of indigenous tribes.

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### **Ethnic bounty**

For a completely different food experience, the Hare Krishna community of the Tweed Valley puts on a huge community banquet of traditional foods every Sunday. This unique group of devotees moved to the valley many years ago to establish a 'true' Hare Krishna living experience. They share their bounty with anyone who cares to join them for a simple gold coin donation. Tours of their community are also available.

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### **New Tweed Coast Adventures**

New Tweed Coast Adventures offers a host of water-based activities, such as kayaking in Cudgen Creek, learn-to-surf sessions, bodyboarding lessons, and more..

**Contact:** **New Tweed Coast Adventures**  
Leisa Boulton  
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**Ph:** 02-6674 1039  
**Website:** [www.tweedcoastadventures.com.au](http://www.tweedcoastadventures.com.au)

### **Cycle the Coast**

One of the best ways to explore the Tweed Coast is on a bicycle – and the extended cycleway running almost right along the beaches from Kingscliff to Pottsville makes it easy and safe to do just that. Start with breakfast at one of the award-winning cafes lining Kingscliff's Esplanade 'eat street'; explore the multi-million dollar Salt and Casuarina developments, stopping for lunch or a snack at a beachfront watering hole; then enjoy the contrast of sleepy seaside villages like Hastings Point, Cabarita and Pottsville which still retain their old-fashioned family holiday charm.

**Contact:** **New Tweed Coast Adventures** as above

### **4WDing in the Rainforest**

Test your off-road skills at the McCalman family's Crystalvale – a 4WD recreational vehicle drive park and school nestled beneath the Springbrook Mountain Range at Crystal Creek. The terrain includes extreme hill climbs, bog crossings, a rainforest drive, test track and numbered tracks which is all yours to enjoy for just \$20 per vehicle per day.

(Sorry, can't put my hands on the contact details for this one – let me know if you're interested and I'll dig a bit further!!)

### **Wilderness wandering**

The Tweed Valley boasts six National Parks which form part of the World Heritage listed Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves of Australia (CERRA). These include Mt Warning, Border Ranges, Lamington, Springbrook, Nightcap and Mooball. All of these rainforest areas are networked with excellent walking trails and we would be happy to line up a local guide to give you some added insight on any area you would like to explore.

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### **All creatures great and small**

Crystal Creek Miniatures is home to an amazing collection of pint-sized animals, including horses, cows, donkeys and more. Even the family dogs are pocket-sized Chihuahuas. In addition to being a working animal stud, they have an entertaining hour-long tour on the valley tractor train and you can finish up by sampling local Down on the Farm beef at the Verandah Café.

**Contact:**      **Crystal Creek Miniatures**  
Crystal Creek  
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### **Numinbah Valley Adventure Trails**

Horseback riding adventure through the Tweed's back country. You'll ride through open forests and along the river flats, stopping for billy tea and damper by the creek before venturing up through the rainforests bordering Lamington National Park.

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