



## travel feature

### **DROPPING A LINE IN THE TWEED**

The Tweed Coast and Tweed Valley offer plenty of opportunities to get your line wet, either in the surf or lazing by a quiet country stream.

At Clarrie Hall Dam, deep in the valley out past Uki, you can fly-fish for the wily Australian bass hiding beneath the lily pads. Fingerlings are released into the dam every year, so you're bound to get lucky, particularly in the stillness of the early dawn hours. (The bass fly-fishing season runs from October to May; strict bag limits apply; and locals advocate catch and release.)

Following the Tweed River back towards the coast, you can pull up pretty much anywhere along the banks and toss in a line while you soak up the serenity of lush pastureland overlooked by slumbering mountain ranges.

The Rous and Tweed Rivers meet at Tumbulgum, another popular fishing spot with a gorgeous old pub gazing out over the wide waterway.

In the estuaries east of here, local fishermen all have their favourite fishing hideaways among the network of islands and mangroves.

The islands are excellent for crabbing – blue swimmers and big Queensland muddies – so set a few pots among the mangroves before you head off to the pylons around Boyds Bay Bridge and the Bypass Bridge.

With 35kms of mostly deserted beaches, surf fishing is almost a religion along the Tweed coast but if you're looking for the ultimate challenge, treat yourself to a day out on one of the offshore charters that operate from Tweed Harbour.

Of course, if all else fails, you're absolutely guaranteed a fresh catch at any one of the seafood co-ops lining the riverbank in Wharf Road, Kennedy Drive, South Tweed and Chinerah. Haul in a parcel of prawns, fish and oysters straight off the trawlers and find a peaceful picnic spot in one of the many waterfront parks for the ultimate seafood banquet.

Tweed Tourism can provide details on what's available and make all your reservations, as well as sending you a free copy of their Tweed Coolangatta Visitor Guide. Phone tollfree on 1800 674 414 or go to [www.tweedtourism.com.au](http://www.tweedtourism.com.au).

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