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Natural Highs

The seaside towns of 1770 and Agnes Waters are nestled between the National Parks of Deepwater and Eurimbula. Spend some quality time exploring and relaxing amongst the diverse plant and animal life. Enjoy the coastal breezes and soak up the beauty of the coastline and bushland.

Whether covering ground on foot or in a four wheel drive there are numerous trails to take advantage of at Deepwater National Park. The park fronts onto pristine coastline, where high sand dunes meet open forest, freshwater wetlands and the cool, clear waters of Deepwater Creek.

Eurimbula National Park also nestles into the coastline, with golden sand beaches and an incredible array of plant life. Eucalypts, mangroves, paperbarks and rainforests set the scene year round, while spring brings a covering of wild flowers to the Park floor. Join a day tour to the Bustard Head Lighthouse, or canoe to Pancake Creek, where the unique ecosystem includes estuarine coral.



Beachcombing

The Discovery Coast offers the quintessential Queensland beach experience. Long stretches of pristine golden sands meet safe waters warm enough to swim in year round, and are framed by majestic rugged headland boasting sweeping panoramic views.

The clear, calm waters and unspoilt sandy stretches of 1770's inlet sit against a backdrop of nature reserve. Eight kilometres away lies the surf beaches of Agnes Water, the most northern surf beach on the Queensland coast. Agnes Water shares the coast with eight beautiful beaches reflecting picture perfect holiday scenes. Head for Rules Beach, Workmans Beach, Sunrise Beach, Middle Rock Beach, Red Rock Beach, Flat Rock Beach, Wreck Rock Beach and Eurimbula Beach for sun, peace and quiet.

Eating out in Town of 1770/Agnes Water offers everything from grat fish 'n' chips to relaxed waterside cafes. At day's end grab a cocktail and settle in to witness Town of 1770/Agnes Water's stunning sunset, one of only three places on Australia's east coast where it is viewed across water.



Gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef

From the Town of 1770 and Agnes Water the sparkling crystal clear waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef beckon. Swim, snorkel or dive with accredited instructors in the protected coral cay and lagoons and be wowed by the tropical fish, dolphins, turtles, manta rays, whales (July-November) and vividly colourful coral. Day cruises to the Southern Great Barrier Reef operate daily from the Town of 1770 Marina.

Lady Musgrave Island has a reputation for fantastic diving and snorkelling, with a multitude of tropical fish, and hard and soft corals. A vast turquoise lagoon, white sandy beaches and native forests complete the picture.

Fitzroy Reef Lagoon, a stunning coral lagoon in the middle of the reef, lies amongst a smattering of small islands to the north of Lady Musgrave Island. With 2000 acres of brilliant clear waters, the protected lagoon houses vibrant corals and a huge array of marine life – snorkel, dive or take in the world below from a glass bottomed boat.



History and Heritage

The historical legacy of European settlement is rich in the Town of 1770, marking the site where Captain Cook stepped ashore lured by the sheer natural beauty. Walk around Heritage Headland and take in the same magnificent coastal views.

From Monument Point, see the exact location of Cook's anchorage in Bustard Bay and look out over the calm water inlet that still entices vessels from around the globe. The Miriam Vale Shire Museum in Agnes Water reflects the nostalgia and heritage vested in the area.

Rural Flavour

Step back from the coastline and explore the idyllic hinterland of the Miriam Vale Shire. Enjoy the welcoming rural communities that punctuate the diverse landscape, as well as the great local produce and seafood. Drop into the service station adorned with the big crab sandwiches. Alternatively take pleasure in a true country experience with a visit to the historic pubs of Miriam Vale and Bororen. The relaxed atmosphere, warm hospitality and hearty home-style cooking will make you feel part of the community,

Bring your fishing gear and spend a day at Rules Beach, Wartburg and Baffle Creek. The latter's tributaries stretch inland from the coast and boast quiet, serene spots for fishing, crabbing and boating.

Follow Baffle Creek inland to its upper reaches and stumble on the town of Lowmead, whose pub is a welcoming pit stop for many a daytripper. Rosedale lies on Bottle Creek, a tributary of Baffle Creek and is the southern gateway to the Miriam Vale Shire.

Day Tripping

Town of 1770/Agnes Water provides the perfect base to access and indulge in the Discovery Coast's beauty and welcoming hospitality. Whether you like to follow your nose and stumble across holiday highlights, or prefer to be navigated directly to a range of natural wonders by established adventure tour operators, there's no shortage of choices.

Take the long way round on a road trip through the Miriam Vale Shire or join a 4WD tour through the National Parks. Be wowed by the highlights of the reef or hop onboard an amphibious vehicle that negotiates the surf, the shoreline and creeks on a rollicking ride to Bustard Head, where the views from the lighthouse command the coast.



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