



BOULDERING on unique rock formations, New England granite with lots of crimps, flakes and friction. Stonehenge Recreation Park near Glen Innes has over seventy routes. Gara Gorge near Armidale and Bald Rock near Tenterfield are other classic bouldering and rockclimbing destinations.



MOUNTAIN BIKING is massive in New England High Country. Local clubs have made over 40km of purpose-built tracks around Guyra and Armidale. At Washpool and Gibraltar you can ride a 50km loop through World Heritage National Parks. Bald Rock, Boonoo Boonoo and Basket Swamp National Parks near Tenterfield also feature designated biking tracks.



CANYONING in New England High Country can be remote and rugged and often requires wilderness and navigational skills. The rewards are huge however with stunning gorges, waterfalls and secluded swimming holes. Easier rockhopping walks can be enjoyed along the many creeks and rivers from popular picnic spots.



KAYAKING and CANOEING The Nymboida River between Glen Innes and Grafton is one of Australia's best white water destinations. Most of New England High Country's wild rivers boast great spots for still water and rapids and suit beginners through to advanced paddlers.

Parts of New England High Country belong to the World Heritage Gondwana Rainforests of Australia

Gorgeous

NEW ENGLAND HIGH COUNTRY BOASTS AN EXTENSIVE GORGE WILDERNESS WITH OVER 500 KILOMETRES OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS. DISCOVER A UNIQUE NATURAL PLAYGROUND WITH MAGNIFICENT WATERFALLS, RAINFORESTS AND EXOTIC FLORA AND FAUNA.



Rock Wallaby

Oxley Wild Rivers National Park is one of the few remaining regions where the endangered Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby has a healthy population which can be frequently seen

Imagine a place where the geology and biodiversity is unique, where you can climb giant rock formations, stroll through rainforests, encounter rare wildlife, watch powerful waterfalls, camp in the wilderness, paddle wild rivers, and find endless breathtaking views. This is all part of the New England High Country experience – there are hundreds of thousands of hectares of national parks and state forests to explore.

From Point Lookout in the New England National Park, you can gaze out in all directions across unspoilt wilderness and the Bellingier Valley all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Rock wallabies and lyrebirds are among the rare sights you can expect to encounter along the walking tracks through the banksia and snow gum populated bush around the lookout.

Much of this park is World Heritage listed, protecting a significant expanse of Antarctic beech rainforest that has thrived on the edge of the Great Dividing Range for eons. This is one of the very few places in the world where you can experience what the ancient supercontinent of Gondwana may have looked like.

The landscape in Cathedral Rock National Park offers a different spectacle - rock-hopping isn't just for the wallaroos here. Hike to the park's main boulder piles of Woolpack Rocks and Cathedral Rock and scramble to their summits for superb views across the wilderness landscape of dry eucalypt forest and granite outcrops.

East Kunderang Homestead offers beautifully restored heritage accommodation for up to 14 people



East Kunderang Homestead

The park's rock formations are particularly photogenic in late-afternoon light or mist.

Hundreds of kilometres of waterways rage and meander through the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, where huge tracts of magnificent wilderness are also World Heritage listed. This is where camping, trout fishing, kayaking, swimming, canyoning and abseiling are major attractions.

The 7km walk from Budds Mare to Riverside descends 700m to the Apsley River with great bass fishing, swimming holes, camping and day use areas. Alternatively, Riverside has vehicular access (low range 4WD required), a key can be obtained from the NPWS offices. A more challenging hike is the award-winning Green Gully Track - a unique four-day trek taking you deep into the Apsley-Macleay gorges with restored stockman's huts for accommodation along the way.

Just under an hour from Glen Innes are the neighbouring World Heritage listed Washpool and Gibraltar Ranges National Parks. Both parks share an impressive network of walking



Warratah in Washpool NP

tracks that present some spectacular and varied wilderness walking opportunities. An easy amble along the beautiful Coombadhja Creek takes you through rainforest and dry forest areas, where you will see rare and ancient giant red cedar trees, coachwood, crabapple and figs. If stamina and time permit, the extraordinary Gibraltar-Washpool World Heritage Walk is an unforgettable multi-day journey through rugged mountains on the edge of New England High Country.

There's something about Boonoo Boonoo (pronounced bunna bunoo) near Tenterfield that seems to bring out the romantic side in those who visit. It certainly cast a magic spell over Banjo Patterson. He proposed to his sweetheart, Alice Walker, daughter of a local cattle station owner at Boonoo Boonoo Falls. Today, Boonoo Boonoo is still the ultimate romantic setting, especially after a good rainfall. From the lookout you have an uninterrupted view of the Boonoo Boonoo River cascading over the granite cliff to plunge 210m into the gorge below. Settle into nearby shady groves for a picnic or cool off on a hot day in the secluded rock pools, along the river, surrounded by wildflower-filled bushland.

great walks

experience a multi-day bushwalking adventure through world-heritage national parks



GREEN GULLY TRACK

Experience fern-lined gullies, high elevation forests and wildlife along the Green Gully Track. Stay in heritage huts for a break from this challenging multi-day hike.

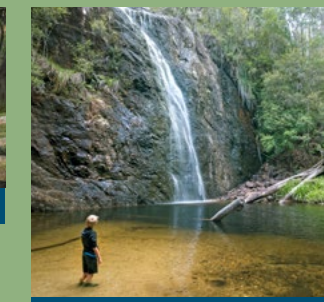
Where Oxley Wild Rivers NP

Distance 64km loop - 4 days

Grade Hard

Cost \$90 for 4 nights, \$140 for 5. Group size 2-6

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WASHPOOL GIBRALTAR

Keep an eye out for birds and wildflowers on the 80km Gibraltar-Washpool World Heritage Walk through dry eucalypts, streams and granite tors above the Clarence River Valley.

Where Washpool and Gibraltar Range NP

Distance 54km loop - 3 days

Grade Hard

Cost Park entry fees apply

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NEW ENGLAND WILDERNESS TRAIL

This challenging walk takes experienced bushwalkers on a journey through diverse wilderness, from the edge of New England Tablelands to the headwaters of Bellingier River.

Where New England NP

Distance 33km one way - 4 days

Grade Hard

Cost Free

Info nationalparks.nsw.gov.au



BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL TRAIL is Australia's premier long-distance trekking route for the self-reliant trekker which stretches an incredible 5330km from Cooktown to Healesville. Sections 7 and 8 of the BNT traverse through New England High Country and offer horse-riders, mountain bikers and bushwalkers a unique expedition experience. There is a great variety of scenery and access to several national parks including Bald Rock, Gibraltar Range, Washpool, Oxley Wild Rivers and Werrikimbe. Further information at bicentennialnationaltrail.com.au

come up and be inspired.

New England High Country boasts spectacular waterfalls, gorges, world-heritage national parks, cool-climate vineyards and a fascinating and diverse cultural heritage. Canyoning, mountain biking, birdwatching, trout fishing and other outdoor adventures take on an exciting new

dimension up high. Whether you seek adventure, solitude, romance or just something a bit different, New England High Country will inspire and energise. Learn more at newenglandhighcountry.com.au



Stony Creek Falls

Point Lookout

new england high country

Starting around 1000 metres above sea level, New England High Country offers visitors a truly evocative and unique experience with four distinct seasons. The city of Armidale and the towns of Glen Innes, Guyra, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha share a rich history and stunning natural environment.

Where else can you experience World Heritage wilderness in the morning and indulge in the sophistication of world-class galleries, boutique shops and vineyards in the afternoon?

Come up and visit us soon.

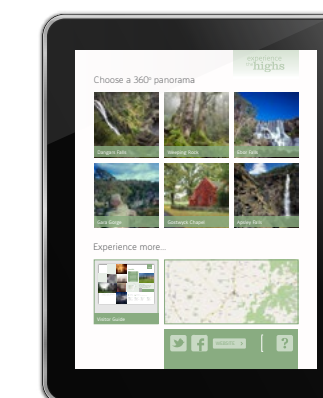
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bird watching

New England High Country offers the perfect environment for birdwatching with a diverse range of rare and unique birds in a stunning setting. Some species to look out for include the Superb Lyrebird, Azure Kingfisher, Barking Owl, Diamond Firetail and the Black-chinned Honeyeater to name just a few.

Azure Kingfisher

Mist over Green Gully



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Uralla • Walcha

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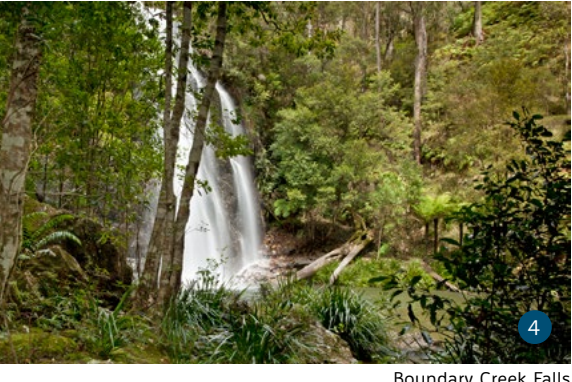
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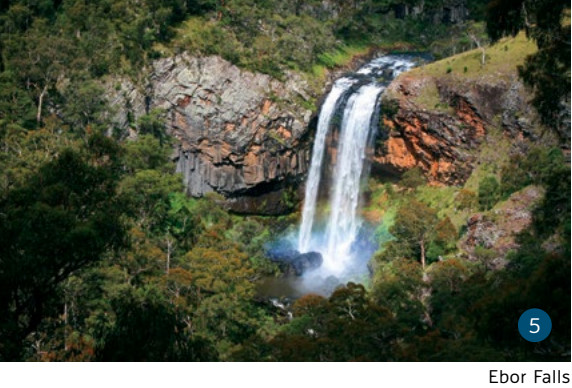
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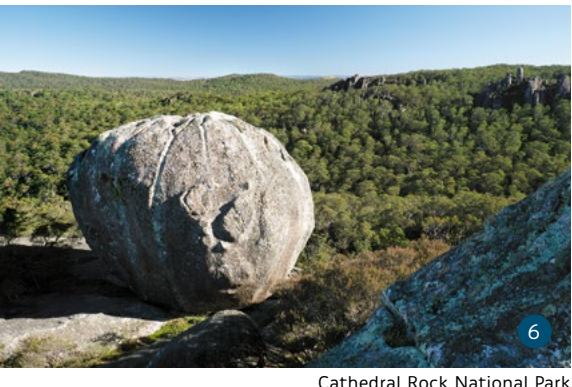
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Boundary Creek Falls



Ebor Falls



Cathedral Rock National Park



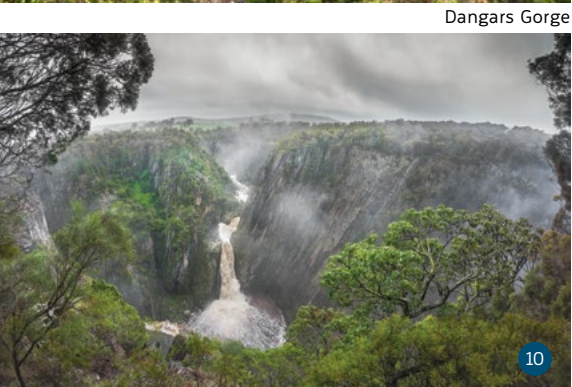
Point Lookout



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Apsley Falls



Hoppy's Lookout

