

NOOSA COUNTRY DRIVE

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 - Western Extension
 - ⋯ Cooloola Great Walk
 - - - 4WD track
 - HHHH Heritage railway line
- Accommodation
 - Campsite
 - Paddle campsite
 - RV park
 - Eat & drink
 - Winery
 - Brewery
 - Distillery
 - Meadery
 - Farm gate
 - Lookout
 - Heritage site
 - Heritage railway
 - Art gallery
 - Shopping & markets
 - Health & wellness
 - Playground
 - Golf course
 - Hiking
 - Mountain biking
 - Horsing
 - Swimming
 - Abseiling
 - Quad biking
 - River tours
 - Theatre

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The Great Sandy Biosphere is home to the tallest and most complete rainforests growing on sand. It also provides the world's best observable example of ancient sand dunes.

The Noosa region was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2007. Adjacent are the Great Sandy Biosphere and the Sunshine Coast Biosphere - the world's only three adjoining biospheres.

The Noosa Biosphere Reserve is home to 2346 species of plants and over 700 species of native animals - at least 49 of these are internationally significant.

Noosa River is the only river system in Australia that has its entire upper catchment protected in National Park.

61 different regional ecosystems have been identified within the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.

44% of all Australia's birdlife diversity resides within the Noosa Biosphere.

The Mary Valley landscape is a patchwork of grazing cattle, farms, rainforests, endless rolling hills and quaint heritage towns.

The Noosa Biosphere Trails are a series of world-class, multi-use trails for walking, mountain biking and horse-riding.

66% of the Noosa Shire has high-value biodiversity significance.

There are more than 450km of public bikeways and walking paths through the Noosa Biosphere Reserve.



Noosa is one of 12 World Surfing Reserves around the globe.

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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES		
NOOSA HEADS 61 Hastings Street, Noosa Heads Open 9am - 5pm, 7 days	TEWANTIN Parkyn Hut 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin	GYMPIE 24 Bruce Highway Lake Alford, Gympie
Free booking service call 1 3000 NOOSA (66672) or 07 5430 5000		



WESTERN LOOP

**MARY VALLEY DRIVE | Imbil - Kandanga - Amamoor - Gympie - Traveston - Cooran (170km day trip)
EXTENSION | Gympie to Wolvi (+30km)**

Discover the gentle rolling hills of the Mary Valley, a patchwork of wooded forest reserves, paddocks of grazing cattle, tasty fresh produce and friendly villages.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Gympie to Wolvi
- Imbil Lookout
- Local produce markets, cafés and winery
- Mary Valley Rattler Heritage Steam Train
- Rolling hills
- Fishing or kayaking in the rivers and lakes
- Lake Borumba
- Forest walks and native wildlife

WESTERN LOOP TIPS

- ✓ Stretching from Kenilworth to Gympie, the Mary Valley will get you back in touch with nature and let you discover country hospitality and an easier pace of life.
- ✓ Do an early morning kayak on Yabba Creek to look for platypus.
- ✓ Enjoy a drive through the forested valleys of the Amamoor State Forest before embarking on a walk next to trickling creeks and streams surrounded by Hoop Pine and Red Cedar trees.
- ✓ Visit the Mary Valley Rattler Heritage Station in Gympie.
- ✓ From Amama day-use area, take the short walk to a viewing platform for a chance to see a platypus.
- ✓ At Lake Borumba you can water ski, kayak or fish before enjoying the sunset across the valley from Imbil Lookout.
- ✓ Get a real taste of the Mary Valley over a short break, staying in a local B&B and experience some of the region's local produce.
- ✓ Hire a bike and cruise along the Mary Valley Rail Trail from Imbil to Brooloo.

YOUR NOOSA COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Easy to explore, Noosa's hinterland and country areas are a collection of historical towns, tranquil lakes, accessible mountain lookouts with amazing coastal and hinterland views, boating and fishing locations, country pubs, charming cafés, galleries, markets and much more. Your Noosa Country Drive could be a day experience or book a room in a country cottage or B&B and stay longer to experience more.

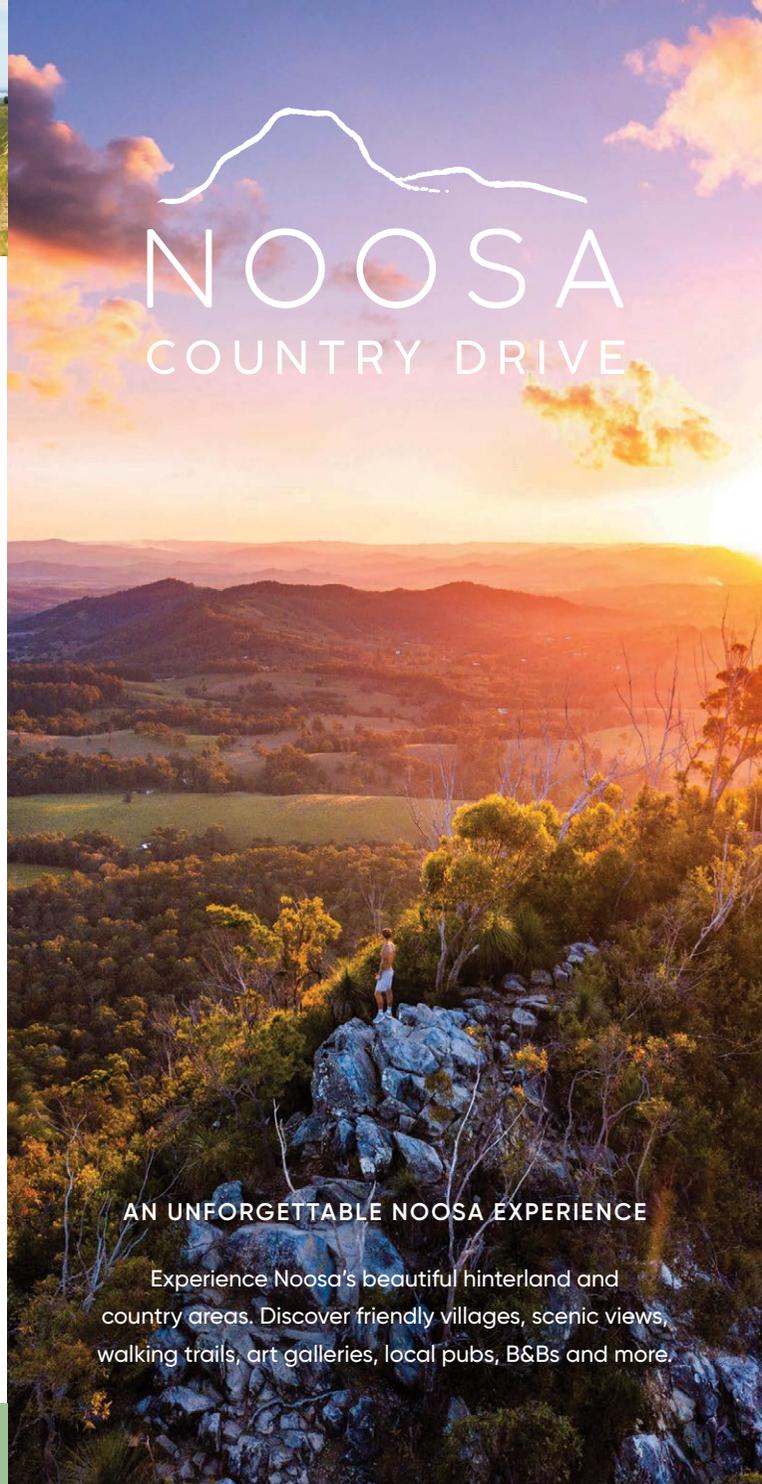
THE NOOSA BIOSPHERE TRAILS

The Noosa Biosphere Trails complement the Noosa Country Drive with sign-posted and scenic hinterland trails for walking, mountain biking and horse-riding. Pick up a trail map at the information centres or go to visitnoosa.com.au/noosa-biosphere-trails for a detailed trail map.

The trails connect the hinterland villages of Pomona, Cooran, Kin Kin, Lake Macdonald and Cooroy. Interpretive signs along the trails provide historic stories and interesting facts on the local flora and fauna. Also see stunning mountain vistas on your trail journey, and please respect the local wildlife, making sure you take only photos, and leave only footprints.

TIPS FOR YOUR NOOSA COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

- ✓ For more information on exact locations of restaurants, shops and attractions check the business listings on visitnoosa.com.au.
- ✓ Some businesses are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Noosa hinterland. Make sure to check opening hours before heading out.
- ✓ Some roads on this drive are gravel roads and some areas may not have mobile phone service.
- ✓ Keep your eyes open for 'honesty boxes' on your way - you won't find fresher produce than straight from a farm gate.



NOOSA COUNTRY DRIVE

AN UNFORGETTABLE NOOSA EXPERIENCE

Experience Noosa's beautiful hinterland and country areas. Discover friendly villages, scenic views, walking trails, art galleries, local pubs, B&Bs and more.



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NORTHERN LOOP

Boreen Point - Kin Kin - Cooran (100km day trip)

Option 2 - Boreen Point - Kin Kin - Cooran - Wolvi (146km day trip)

Prepare for a paddock-to-plate experience, aquatic adventures, historic sites, creative communities, vintage stores and scenic lookouts on this magnificent drive.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Cootharaba
- Bird watching
- Scenic hinterland backdrops
- Farm visits
- Vintage shops
- Spa and wellness retreats
- Art galleries and heritage pubs
- Breweries

NORTHERN LOOP TIPS

- ✓ At dusk and dawn, you can watch eastern grey kangaroos graze at Elanda Point located at Lake Cootharaba.
- ✓ Hire a kayak and glide over the tranquil water of Lake Cootharaba. The lake is the gateway to the upper Noosa River, the ancient Everglades and the Great Sandy National Park.
- ✓ Step back in time and visit Mill Point, one of Queensland's earliest timber settlements. The mill closed in 1892, but remnants can still be seen today.
- ✓ Enjoy some good old country hospitality. Visit a typical Aussie country pub or purchase locally made products at a farm gate.
- ✓ Pick your own strawberries and blueberries and enjoy handmade ice-cream. Head north to Wolvi, a 34km detour but well worth it.
- ✓ Enjoy a cold beer at a country-style brewery in Cooran.
- ✓ Enjoy breathtaking coastal and hinterland views at James McKane Memorial Lookout in Cooran.
- ✓ A number of trails start out from the Cooran Trailhead in Pioneer Park with a range of distances.

CENTRAL LOOP

Pomona - Cooroy - Lake Macdonald - Tinbeerwah (90km day trip)

Expect breathtaking views from lookouts, unique experiences such as silent movies, ghostly encounters or historic sites on this unique drive.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Mountain climbing and hiking
- Lookouts
- Silent theatre
- Historic sites
- Scenic hinterland backdrops
- Antique stores
- Noosa Botanic Gardens
- Quaint cafés
- Country markets

CENTRAL LOOP TIPS

- ✓ Planning your trip on a weekend? Make sure to visit Pomona's Country Market every Saturday morning. Then set out on a hike or bike from the Pomona Trailhead in Stan Topper Park with a range of distances.
- ✓ Watch a silent movie in the world's oldest silent movie theatre - the iconic Majestic Theatre in Pomona.
- ✓ Test your fitness and climb the 439m high volcanic rock of Mt Cooroora. It's challenging but you will be rewarded with exceptional views.
- ✓ Stop at one of the quaint cafés or browse through one of the antique stores selling second-hand and retro items.
- ✓ Walk through the Mill Place Precinct in the heart of Cooroy with the Cooroy Library, historic Butter Factory Arts Centre, and the Lower Mill Site housing a restored boilerhouse and kilns - you can even hear from Pepper's Ghost about the town's history.
- ✓ The Hinterland Adventure Playground in Cooroy is a unique nature-based, all-abilities destination for both kids and adults.
- ✓ Stroll through the beautiful Botanic Gardens on the shores of Lake Macdonald. Then drive to Mt Tinbeerwah Lookout and catch a great sunset photo of the Noosa hinterland mountains.

SOUTHERN LOOP

Doonan - Eumundi - Cooroy - Tinbeerwah (80km day trip)

Discover tranquil lakes, an abundance of nature and wildlife, vibrant markets, indigenous encounters and picturesque sunrises and sunsets atop a mountain lookout.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Weyba
- Art galleries and markets
- Historic sites
- Breweries
- Scenic hinterland backdrops
- Lake Macdonald and amphitheatre
- Noosa Botanic Gardens
- Bird watching
- Hinterland Adventure Playground in Cooroy
- Sunrise or sunset at Mt Tinbeerwah



SOUTHERN LOOP TIPS

- ✓ Soak in the sun on the shores of magnificent Lake Weyba.
- ✓ Visit the Eumundi Markets with over 500 market stalls every Wednesday and Saturday and Eumundi Square Markets also every Friday morning.
- ✓ Wander under the shade of magnificent memorial fig trees and pick up a historical walk booklet at the Discover Eumundi Visitor Centre and learn about the town's history.
- ✓ Enjoy a cool local drink at breweries in Eumundi and Cooroy.
- ✓ Visit one of the 'World's Coolest Modern Libraries' in Cooroy or the Butter Factory Arts Centre which displays works of local artists and offers a range of art workshops.
- ✓ Stroll through the idyllic Noosa Botanic Gardens located on the shores of Lake Macdonald. You can see exotic and native plant species and might even spot a majestic osprey.
- ✓ Finish off a perfect Noosa country day by soaking in sensational 360 degree views and a picturesque sunset at Mt Tinbeerwah.