



FAMILY DAY OUT

15 ITINERARIES AROUND NEWCASTLE,
LAKE MACQUARIE & HUNTER

Spring / Summer Edition 2023



WANT INSPO FOR A FAMILY DAY OUT?

Get out and enjoy time with your family. We've put together 15 different itineraries for a family day out in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie & Hunter region. This guide is for spring & summer and features fun family activities suited to warmer weather.

Each itinerary includes a suggested timeline followed by a map page. As this is an ebook, you can keep it on your smartphone when you're out and about. (You can also print it out as well!)

Obviously, every family is different so change up the itinerary to suit your circumstances, interests and summer weather - Be sun smart. With younger kids, you might even want to divide up a day itinerary into two separate day trips.

Keep in mind that things can change their operating hours or capacity or may require advance bookings. Check first with the attraction or activity to avoid disappointment.

*Have fun &
make some family memories*

For more information on any of the places we've included in this e-book, check out the [Newy with Kids website](#).



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ITINERARY 1: HONEYSUCKLE

Explore Newcastle Harbour starting at Honeysuckle and ending at Nobbys Beach

9:30 am Grab a coffee and let your kids run around Museum Park, a park created out of the old Civic Train Station stop. Be sure to take some photos in front of the Trevor Dickinson murals.

→ TIP: Drop into the Visitor Information Centre for tips on what to do in Newcastle

10 am Head to Newcastle Museum which is fun for all ages. The whole family will learn about the history of the Newcastle region. Don't miss the BHP Steel Show, a special light and sound show.

12 pm Stop for lunch at one of the many cafés in Honeysuckle or if you've brought your own picnic, eat it at the brightly coloured tables and chairs in front of the café strip.

1 pm Walk off your food with a riverfront stroll. Keep an eye out for coal ships and the Stockton Ferry. Stop for an ice cream along the way near Queens Wharf. There's a few places to choose from.

1:30 pm Head to Foreshore Park. There you'll find plenty of space for kids to burn energy running around, kicking a ball or having fun in the playground.

→ TIP: The Frog Pond is currently drained and is being used by small kids to ride scooters and bikes

2 pm Cool off with a swim at Nobbys Beach (patrolled) and watch coal ships entering and leaving the harbour.

3:30 pm Jump on the light rail at Pacific Park and travel back along Hunter Street.



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ITINERARY 1: HONEYSUCKLE

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Museum Park
2. Newcastle Museum
3. Honeysuckle Dining Area
4. Queens Wharf
5. Foreshore Park
6. Nobbys Beach
7. Light Rail Stop at Pacific Park



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ITINERARY 2: EAST END

Explore Newcastle's historic East End

9 am

Start with a wander through Foreshore Park. Here you'll find a small playground, lots of grass to run around and also remnants of Newcastle's past. The Convict Lumber Yard is nearby and is the oldest industrial workplace in Australia.

TIP: The Frog Pond is currently drained and is being used by small kids to ride scooters and bikes

10 am

Enjoy a swim. You have a few options for swimming depending on the age of your kids and your family's interests. For patrolled beaches, head to Nobbys Beach or Newcastle Beach. If you have snorkelling gear, explore Soldiers Bath, south of Nobbys Beach. You can also splash around in the Newcastle Ocean Baths (currently being renovated but scheduled to open for swimming in Summer 2023). For younger kids, head to the Canoe Pool, a shallow area just south of the Ocean Baths.

TIP: For more fun, download the [Newy with Kids Foreshore Park Scavenger Hunt](#)

12pm

Wander around Fort Scratchley (open every day but Tuesday). It's free to walk around the site to enjoy the view and see the army barracks and gun installations.

1 pm

Stop for lunch at a beach kiosk or one of the many cafés in the East End. You can pick up takeaway and eat it in Pacific Park or at Newcastle Beach.

2 pm

Walk up to King Edward Park. There you'll find the Bogey Hole, a rock pool cut out by convicts and also a playground for kids to play in. Relax in the shady grounds of the park or rotunda.

TIP: Visit Garside Gardens in King Edward Park. It's impressive when it's planted with flowers in full bloom

3 pm

Head to The Obelisk for great views of Newcastle's beaches. The white obelisk is one of Newcastle's oldest navigational markers visible to sailing vessels along the coast.



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ITINERARY 2: EAST END

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Pacific Park
2. Fort Scratchley
3. Nobbys Beach
4. Newcastle Ocean Baths
5. Canoe Pool
6. Newcastle Beach
7. King Edward Park
8. Garside Gardens
9. The Bogey Hole
10. The Obelisk



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ITINERARY 3: THE BEACHES

Visit Newcastle's iconic Bar Beach & Merewether Beach

9 am

Start the day at Strzelecki Point. This high point is a popular spot for hang gliders, locals & tourists. On a windy day, watch as hang gliders run off the cliffs to catch the thermals.



TIP: Spot dolphins and whales from Bar Beach lookout. There's a resident pod of dolphins which swim between Bar Beach and Merewether.

9:30 am

Go for a walk along Newcastle Memorial Walk. Enjoy coastal and city views from this walkway built as a tribute to local men and women who enlisted during World War 1.

10 am

Pack the beach shelter and set up for a couple of hours at Bar Beach. This is a popular beach spot for many families. Due to its sandbar, the waves can be more gentle here.



INFO: Bar Beach, Dixon Park Beach and Merewether Beach are patrolled beaches.

12 pm

Bring food from home and enjoy a picnic at the beach enjoying views out to the ocean. Or grab takeaway fish and chips from the beach kiosk.

1 pm

Walk, scoot or cycle from Bar Beach to Dixon Park Beach (or jump in the car and drive)



TIP: Watch the talent at Bar Beach Skate Park. It's a popular spot for local skateboarders

1:30 pm

Stop for a play at Dixon Park Beach Playground. This park has fun play equipment, lots of grass and ocean views.

2 pm

Walk (or drive) to Merewether Ocean Baths for an afternoon dip at these ocean baths. It's the largest ocean pool complex in the Southern Hemisphere. Or if you prefer, go for another swim between the flags at Merewether Beach.



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ITINERARY 3: THE BEACHES

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Strzelecki Lookout
2. Newcastle Memorial Walk
3. Bar Beach Lookout
4. Bar Beach Kiosk
5. Bar Beach Skate Park
6. Dixon Park Beach
7. Dixon Park Playground
8. Merewether Ocean Baths
9. Merewether Beach



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ITINERARY 4: STOCKTON

Go “overseas” and visit Stockton

9 am Either drive over to Stockton or catch the ferry from Queens Wharf in Newcastle. Getting there is half the fun.

TIP: Bring bikes and / or scooters along to travel around Stockton. It's well set up with shared pathways and makes it easy to get around.

9:30 am Follow the foreshore walk north and walk out on the Stockton Breakwater, site of the Stockton Shipwreck Walk. It's estimated that over 200 vessels were lost entering or leaving Newcastle Harbour and you can see the wrecks that remained and were used in the construction of the breakwater.

For more fun, download the free [Newy with Kids Stockton Scavenger Hunt](#).

10 am Go for a swim at patrolled Stockton Beach or if you prefer a pool, head to Stockton Pool (charges apply).

12 pm Stop for lunch at a café or restaurant in Stockton or shop for picnic supplies at the Stockton IGA. There are plenty of spots along the river for a picnic.

1 pm Have a big play at Stockton Active Hub. With great play equipment and skate facilities plus fantastic harbour views of Newcastle, it's a favourite with both kids and adults.

2 pm Venture down to Stockton Foreshore near Punt Road. This is where the original Stockton car ferry left from. See if you can spot a coal ship gliding by.

3 pm Catch the ferry back to Newcastle or drive home over Stockton Bridge.



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ITINERARY 4: STOCKTON

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Stockton Wharf
2. Stockton Shipwreck Walk
3. Stockton Beach & Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC)
4. Stockton Pool
5. Stockton Cafes & IGA on Mitchell Street
6. Stockton Active Hub at Griffith Park
7. Stockton Foreshore at Punt Road



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ITINERARY 5: NEW LAMBTON

Discover animals and nature at Blackbutt Reserve followed by a visit to popular Lambton Park

9 am

Start with a play at Black Duck area at Carnley Reserve. The Bower Bird playground is designed for children ages 2 to 10. It features a large climbing structure, roundabout, see saw, a group swing, two slides and musical instruments.



TIP: Pay for all day parking if you plan to stay for a few hours. Works out cheaper the longer you stay

10 am

Go for a wander through the animal enclosures accessible via a series of pram-friendly boardwalks. These enclosures include birds, lizards, snakes, wombats and koalas. Kangaroos and emus are nearby in an enclosed paddock.



TIP: You can also feed the emus at Blackbutt Reserve. Just purchase food at the Kiosk

For more fun, download the free [Newy with Kids Blackbutt Scavenger Hunt](#).

11 am

Drive around to the other side of Blackbutt Reserve for more play at the adventure playground. Set in the leafy surrounds of Richley Reserve, this colourful 60 metre playground is filled with play equipment that will entertain and challenge kids of all ages.



TIP: Use your all-day ticket to park at Richley Reserve

12 pm

Time for lunch. Drive out and either have lunch at Blackbutt Orchardtown cafés or pick up some picnic fixings and drive around to Lambton Park for a picnic.



TIP: The rotunda and under the large trees are great spots for a picnic

1 pm

To cool off, head to Lambton Pool (charges apply). As well as pools, it features an aquatic playground and a 100-metre waterslide.



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ITINERARY 5: NEW LAMBTON

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Bower Bird playground at Carnley Reserve
2. Blackbutt Reserve Wildlife Exhibits
3. Richley Reserve
4. Orchardtown Road Shops
5. Lambton Park
6. Lambton Pool



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ITINERARY 6: GLENROCK LAGOON

Explore the nature and scenery in Glenrock State Conservation Area

9:30 am

Set out on the Yuelarbah Walk from Kahibah to Burwood Beach. This scenic track in Glenrock State Conservation Area takes you along boardwalks, bridges, past waterfalls and through beautiful rainforest.



TIP: There are no amenities on this walk so use public toilets in Kahibah and bring drinking water

10 am

Stop halfway at Leichhardt's Lookout, to enjoy amazing uninterrupted views of Glenrock Lagoon out to the ocean and read up on the colonial history of the area.



TIP: There are some steep parts on this walk so it's best for kids 4+

12 pm

Bring some swimmers as you can splash around in Glenrock Lagoon or swim at Burwood Beach (unpatrolled).

1 pm

If you have lunch, enjoy a picnic on the beach. See if you can spot remnants of the 1860s mine and the railway line. The area was originally a coal mine, Burwood Colliery.

*If you're keen to extend your walk, visit during low tide so you can cross the inlet and keep going around to Merewether Baths for a dip, food or ice cream or a well-needed pitstop, before heading back up the track.



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ITINERARY 6: GLENROCK LAGOON

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Yuelarbah Trail Start
2. Leichhardts Lookout
3. Glenrock Lagoon
4. Burwood Beach
5. Merewether Ocean Baths



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ITINERARY 7: SPEERS POINT & WARNERS BAY

Enjoy some lakefront family fun around Lake Macquarie

9:30 am

Visit Speers Point Park, a massive fully-fenced playground set on two hectares. It's the region's largest playground with extensive play equipment for kids of all ages. From a toddler area to a giant 12 metre climbing tower and flying foxes, there's something for every kid to enjoy.

→ TIP: Bring scooters and bikes for little ones to enjoy the scooter track at the back of the playground

11 am

Pack some swimmers to take advantage of the water play area at Speers Point Park. Or cool off with a swim at Speers Point Pool located next door to Speers Point Park (charges apply).

1 pm

Stop for lunch at a café or restaurant in Warners Bay café strip or shop for picnic supplies in Warners Bay. There are plenty of spots along the lake for a picnic.

→ TIP: Buy some snags and cook them at barbecue facilities on Warners Bay Foreshore

2 pm

Check out sculptures along Warners Bay Foreshore. You'll find Charles Darwin, a flying pig and an oversized Buddhist-monk child. You can also play ping pong at the outdoor table. Bring your own set or rent a set.

3 pm

End your day by walking above water at Eleebana and walk across Redbluff Boardwalk. It's a 400 metre elevated pathway built above the Lake.

→ TIP: Stop to read the poetry engraved on the boardwalk bridge rails



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ITINERARY 7: SPEERS POINT & WARNERS BAY

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1. Speers Point Park
2. Speers Point Pool
3. Warners Bay Cafe Strip
4. Warners Bay Foreshore
5. Redbluff Boardwalk



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ITINERARY 8: REDHEAD

Enjoy some beachside fun in Redhead

8:30 am Grab a coffee at Redhead Surf Lifesaving Club and enjoy the view at Redhead Beach.

TIP: Visit the toilets at SLSC before the walk

9 am Start walking the Awabakal Walk. You can access it via Collier Street in Redhead. It's a 2 kilometre walk to Dudley one-way but you can do a partial walk and return to Redhead.

TIP: If you want to do the entire walk without a return trip, catch the 48 bus on Steel Street. It can drop you off at Ocean Street in Dudley opposite Knoll Avenue, the closest point to the start of the Awabakal Walk. You can also bring another car and do a car-shuffle

9:30 am Check out the views at the lookout near Collier Street. It has great views looking south towards the Central Coast.

10 am Follow the track north until you come to the Awabakal Viewpoint. These views are northerly towards Newcastle.

11 am Return to Redhead and go for a swim at Redhead Beach. This beautiful beach features the iconic Shark Tower as well as the Redhead Bluff headland.

12 pm Enjoy a picnic in the park or grab some takeaway from the Redhead shops and eat it at Webb Park near Redhead Beach. This beach-themed playground is lots of fun.

1:30 pm Enjoy another walk, this time on a flat, family-friendly coastal stroll. The Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway includes a network of paths alongside Redhead Beach, through coastal vegetation and wetlands. It's 2.5 kilometres return.



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ITINERARY 8: REDHEAD

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1. Redhead Surf Life Saving Club
2. Start of Awabakal Walk (Redhead)
3. Start of Awabakal Walk (Dudley)
4. Awabakal Viewpoint
5. Redhead Beach
6. Webb Park Playground
7. Ken and Audrey Owens Walkway



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ITINERARY 9: BELMONT

Nature, culture, history, water. Explore a scenic lagoon and take a swim in the lake

10 am

Start your family day out with a walk. Explore the lake, bush and creek on the 4.3km Belmont Lagoon Reserve Walk. Follow the path from Beach Street to Cold Tree Canal and then to Belmont Lagoon Spit.



TIP: Park at the car park at Ken Lambkin Reserve. There is a public toilet here as well as a duck pond

As well as being a nature spot, Belmont Lagoon is significant to Indigenous Australians and is known by them as The Teardrop of the Moon. It was also in use in World War II as Cold Tea Canal was dug and dredged into an anti-tank ditch.

12 pm

Stop for a picnic along the walk or head back to Ken Lambkin Reserve where you'll find picnic tables, toilets and a kids playground.

1 pm

Go for a dip in the Belmont Baths at Lake Macquarie. The swimming enclosure consists of a shark-netted swimming area and a jetty that's fun to jump off. There's plenty of room for everyone including those with inflatables.



TIP: If you're concerned about razor clams in Belmont Baths, wear an old pair of sand shoes, crocs or aqua shoes

2 pm

If the kids still have energy, go for a walk along the lake at Belmont or stop for a play at the Belmont Lions Park Playground.



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ITINERARY 9: BELMONT

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Start of walk at Beach Street
2. Cold Tree Canal
3. Belmont Lagoon Spit
4. Ken Lambkin Reserve
5. Belmont Baths
6. Belmont Lions Park Playground



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ITINERARY 10: BLACKSMITHS

Enjoy family-friendly Blacksmiths Beach

** Some of this itinerary is dependent on [tide tables](#) so there's no suggested timeline **

- #1** Go for a swim at Blacksmiths Beach. As it's protected by the breakwall, it's a popular swimming beach for families. → **INFO:** Council lifeguards patrol annually from the September/October school holidays through to April
- #2** Go for a walk along the breakwall. If you have fishing gear, you can drop in a line.
- #3** From here, walk around to Grannys Pool which faces the Swansea Channel. This is a shallow tidal pool so you'll need to visit when it's not low tide to ensure that there is sufficient water in it. Bring a sun shelter if you plan to stay a while. → **TIP:** Use public toilets before you head to Grannys Pool as there are no amenities here
- #4** Grab some takeaway and have a picnic at the beach or buy some snags in Blacksmiths and cook them at the barbecue facilities at the Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) → **TIP:** Take a selfie in front of the mural on SLSC
- #5** When it's low tide, head over to nearby Swansea Heads rock shelf at Reids Reserve to search for fossils. Here, you'll find remnants of a petrified forest in this interesting geological spot. It's believed that there was a volcano eruption 250 million years ago off the Swansea coast. → **TIP:** Look for circular patterns on the rock shelf. These are fossil tree stumps.



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ITINERARY 10: BLACKSMITHS

POINTS OF INTEREST

[Click here to access a Google Map linking to the destinations](#)

1. Blacksmiths Beach
2. Blacksmiths Breakwall
3. Grannys Pool
4. Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club
5. Reids Reserve



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ITINERARY 11: CAVES BEACH

Explore a network of caves, a beautiful beach and a headland walk

** This itinerary is dependent on [tide tables](#) so there's no suggested timeline **

#1

Go for a walk along Caves Beach. It's a 300 metre stretch of beach running north south. Once you're warmed up, head into the water for a swim



INFO: Council lifeguards patrol annually from the September/October school holidays through to April

#2

Head towards the southern end of the beach. You'll see a track over the rocks that leads to a network of caves. Explore the caves at Caves Beach. However, you'll need to check the tide tables as you can only visit the sea caves during low tide.



TIP: There's a variety of different sized caves to explore, some of them with narrow openings to crawl through. Look up and you'll see moss and water dripping from the cave ceiling

#3

Explore tidal pools outside the caves. They are full of seagrass, crabs and other marine life.

#4

Follow the trail and walk around to Spoon Rocks Beach. The rocks are the remains of a breakwater which was originally constructed to transport local coal onto waiting ships. Follow the path to Quarries Head or go further to Pinny Beach in Wallarah National Park.



TIP: During whale watching season, this cliff top walk is a great place to spot whales

#5

Grab some takeaway and have a picnic at the beach or buy some snags in Redhead and cook them at the barbecue facilities.

#6

Do the kids still have energy? Have a play at the playground located back near Caves Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



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ITINERARY 11: CAVES BEACH

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Caves Beach
2. Sea Caves
3. Spoon Rock Beach
4. Spoon Rocks Lookout
5. Quarries Head
6. Pinny Beach
7. Playground at Stuart Chalmers Park



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ITINERARY 12: RATHMINES

Enjoy fun, plane history & nature at Lake Macquarie

9:30 am

Visit Rathmines Park. This is an historical site as it was home to the RAAF Catalina Flying Boat Base with 14 Catalinas and almost 3000 officers at its peak making it the largest flying boat base in Australia.



TIP: For an idea of the size of the plane, there are four signs around the perimeter of the playground that indicate the actual size of the Catalina flying boat

10 am

Have a play at the Rathmines playground. It contains plane-themed play equipment and suits a variety of ages.

12 pm

Bring a frisbee or two and play a 10-hole Disc Golf course at Rathmines Park. It's similar to traditional golf but instead of using golf clubs and a ball, you use a frisbee. The aim is to complete each hole with the fewest number of throws.



TIP: Enter via Overhill Road and bring a few frisbees if the whole family wants to play

1 pm

Stop for lunch at a café or restaurant in Rathmines or bring some food and enjoy a lakeside picnic.

2 pm

Head to a neighbouring suburb and go for a walk along the Kilaben Bay Nature Walk. This walk combines a dirt trail and elevated boardwalks. This nature walk takes 45 minutes each way and goes through five different types of vegetation.



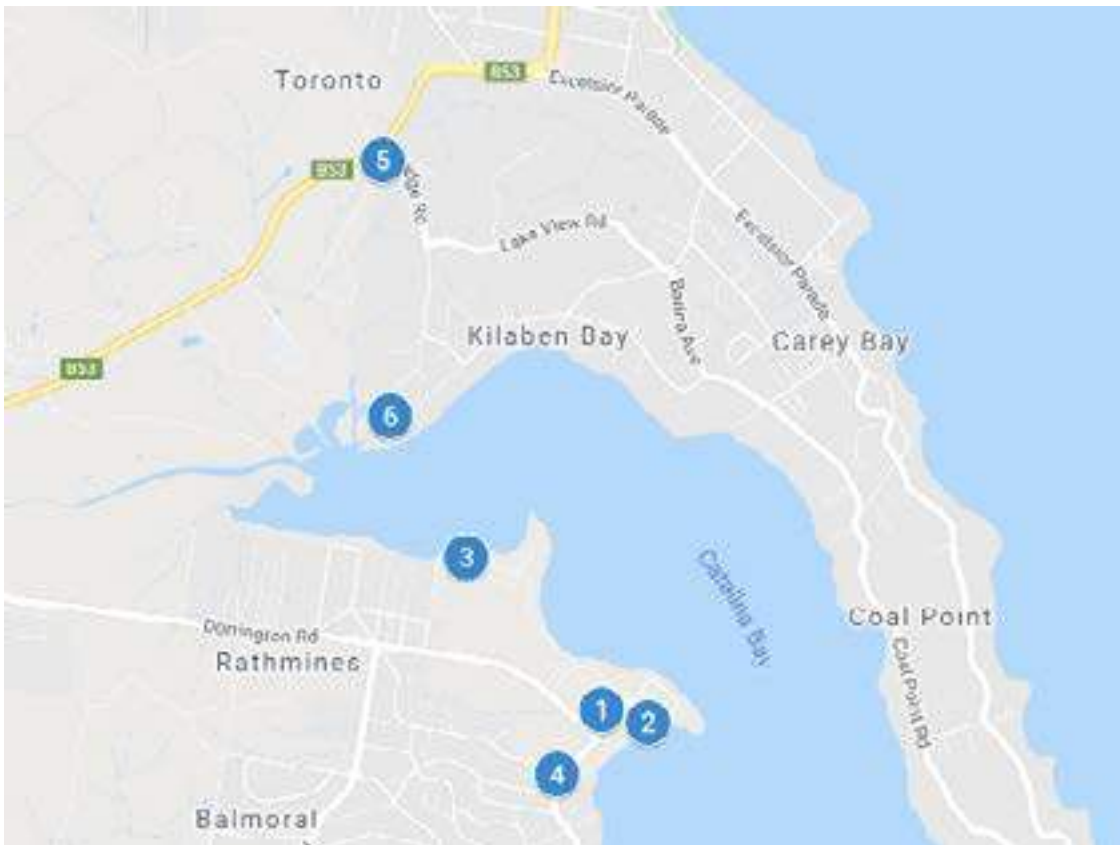
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ITINERARY 12: RATHMINES

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Rathmines Park
2. Rathmines Playground
3. Rathmines Disc Golf Course
4. Rathmines Shops
5. Kilaben Bay Nature Walk



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ITINERARY 13: SHOAL BAY

Enjoy a water wonderland & spectacular views

9 am

Climb up Tomaree Headland. It's a steep walk to the summit which is 161 metres high. The path consists of paved areas and a series of metal steps at the end. Spectacular views from the top though!

TIP: Allocate enough time for the trip and bring water. It's a 2.2 kilometre return trip that can take from 90 minutes to 2 hours for the trek

If you have little ones who don't want to hike up a hill, drive to Gan Gan Lookout. This is Port Stephen's highest and most accessible lookout with stroller-friendly paths lead to viewing platforms and spectacular vistas.

11 am

Cool off with a swim. You have a few options for swimming depending on the age of your kids and your family's interests. You can cool off with a swim at Shoal Bay. As this is a bay beach, it's often calmer than the ocean facing beaches at Fingal Beach. Another beach is Little Beach at Nelson Bay. This is a popular spot for families and has a small beachside playground.

TIP: See if you can spot dolphins at Little Beach Reserve. There is a pod of resident dolphins that swim back and forth.

1 pm

Grab some lunch at Shoal Bay or Nelson Bay. You can either buy some picnic fixings or grab some takeaway and enjoy it on one of the picnic tables dotted along the beach.

2 pm

If kids still have energy, bike or drive around to Fingal Bay. There's a great playground to keep kids happy plus it's next door to Long Boat Café at the Fingal Bay Surf Life Saving Club if you need refreshments.

TIP: If you have bikes, bring them to Shoal Bay. You can bike to Fingal Bay and back on shared paths.



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ITINERARY 13: SHOAL BAY

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Tomaree Head Summit Walk
2. Gan Gan Lookout
3. Shoal Bay
4. Little Beach Reserve
5. Lunch at Nelson Bay
6. Fingal Bay
7. Fingal Bay Playground



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ITINERARY 14: TANILBA BAY

Try to spot koalas in the wild

9:30 am Start your day searching for koalas at Tilligerry Habitat. It's one of the best spots, locally, to see a koala in the wild. You can also spot other creatures in this area as well. Look out for the possum boxes, native insect houses and the Dreamtime Bridge.

TIP: The best way to spot a koala in the habitat is to look for their scats (poos) on the ground and then search the trees above that area.

10:30 am Spend some time at the viewing platform and enjoy some morning tea. It has spectacular views across Tanilba Bay to Snapper Island and North Arm Cove.

TIP: Before you leave home, be sure to jump on the Tilligerry Habitat website to download and print the Kids Activity Sheet and Bird Spotters Sheet. Kids can search and mark off all the birds and trees on their activity sheet

11 am Bring your swimmers and towels and go for a swim at Tanilba Bay. As it's a bay beach, it's a safe spot for a swim especially at high tide.

12 pm Walk to the end of the track until you arrive at Caswell Reserve. Here you'll find a kids playground and amenities. There is also an undercover picnic area and electric barbecues so it's a great place to stop for lunch.

1 pm Wander back through Tilligerry Habitat and see if you can spot any koalas before you head home.



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ITINERARY 14: TANILBA BAY

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1. Tilligerry Habitat
2. Viewing Platform
3. Tanilba Bay
4. Caswell Reserve



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ITINERARY 15: MAITLAND

Discover history, art and nature in Maitland

10 am

For an art fix, visit Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Arty kids will appreciate the interesting artwork throughout this gallery. Wander upstairs through the Art Factory. Often there are interesting exhibitions that target kids and families.



TIP: Visit on a Sunday and you'll enjoy Free Art Sunday. Every Sunday between 11am and 1pm, families are invited to participate in free art activities inspired by the exhibitions on display

11 am

Head to Walka Water Works located just outside Maitland in Oakhampton Heights. This recreation area is a great spot to go for a bushwalk, spot kangaroos or have a family picnic.

12:30 am

Enjoy some lunch in Maitland near the river. There are cafés and restaurants to choose from or pack a picnic and eat it riverside. Check out the signs that show how high the river peaked during the famous 1955 Maitland floods.

1:30 pm

If the kids need to burn off some energy, head to Magic Garden, Maitland Park's fenced all-abilities playground with equipment suited to a range of ages.

2:30 pm

Cool off next door at Maitland Pool (charges apply). As well as an indoor pool and outdoor pool, it features a splash pad complete with tipping bucket for the kids.



TIP: Bring scooters or bikes for little ones as there is a pretend play road in Maitland Park complete with signs, crossings, speed bumps and a refuelling area.



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ITINERARY 15: MAITLAND

POINTS OF INTEREST

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1. Maitland Regional Art Gallery
2. Walka Water Works
3. Maitland Riverfront
4. Historic Maitland Walk
5. Maitland Park Playground
6. Maitland Pool



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