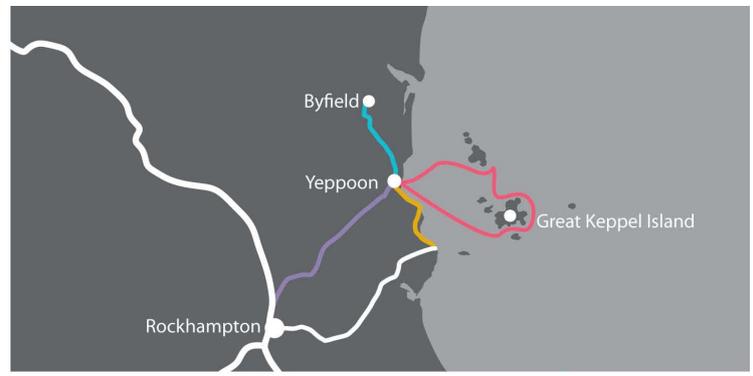


Capricorn Coast

Southern Great Barrier Reef
Queensland *Where great begins*



3 DAY TRIPS FROM YEPPOON

The largest link in this chain of coastal communities, Yeppoon is the holiday accommodation hub, service centre and cultural scene for the Capricorn Coast area.

DAY TRIP 1 - Escape to the Rainforest

Distance:
40km One Way

Suitable for:
2WD & Caravans

Where:
Yeppoon to Byfield

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lush tropical rainforest
- Bush walks
- Flowing freshwater creeks
- Local artisan pottery
- Wildlife sanctuary

Discover the lush rainforests of Byfield and spectacular scenery of the surrounding parks and forests. Breathe in pure rainforest air, swim, kayak. Explore artisan crafts and pottery or cuddle a koala. Stay the night in rainforest cabins or pitch a tent alongside a flowing freshwater creek.

Yeppoon to Byfield | 40km, 35 min drive (one way)



Just north from Yeppoon, you can discover the lush rainforests of Byfield and spectacular scenery of the surrounding parks and forests. The Byfield National Park and State Forest abounds with wonderful scenery, rolling sand dunes, beaches, rainforest-edged creeks and rugged mountains.

Start your day with a visit to Nob Creek Pottery. Nestled in the rainforest, the gallery has a superb collection of work by resident potters and display of Australian glass, wood work and jewellery. From here you can call past the Byfield General Store and Cafe. The cafe has a relaxed alfresco atmosphere and offers a beautiful home made menu and great coffee.

When you've had your fill of cakes head to one of the nearby State Forest Picnic Areas. The most popular being Upper Stony Creek Recreation Area.



Upper Stony Creek is a popular spot with several bush walking tracks and camping available. Picnic spots are accessible by 2WD and offer automatic barbecues and toilet facilities. Camping is also permitted.

After lunch it's on to Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary. Cuddle a koala, hold a snake, hand-feed the friendly kangaroos. Enjoy the company of the animals as you stroll through the lush rainforest parkland of Cooberrie Park. You can hand-feed wallabies, peacocks, free-roaming water birds, emus and others, with the prepackaged food available from the park's kiosk.

Take the scenic route back to Yeppoon via Panorama Drive and take in some breath taking view of the coastline as the road weaves it way through the hillsides.

DAY TRIP 2 - Reef & 'Great' Islands

Distance:
30 min Boat transfer

Date:
All year around

Where:
Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pristine Reef
- Abundant marine life
- Sailing & Cruising
- Bush walks
- 17 uncrowded beaches
- Swim all year around

Explore the underwater playground of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Swim, snorkel, and soak in the clear waters of Great Keppel Island.



A visit to Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast is simply not complete without a visit to Great Keppel Island. The Keppel Islands lie a mere stones throw from the mainland and can be explored via ferry, Island Hopping Charters or Cruising Adventures- all departing from either Keppel Bay Marina or Pier One.

Once you arrive at Great Keppel Island, you will notice that bare feet and board shorts could be mistaken for the formal dress code. Swim and soak in the clear water of 17 different beaches or enjoy snorkeling the fringing reef right off the beach. There are 7 excellent snorkelling locations all withing walking distance from the main beach. Scuba Diving is also available from Great Keppel Island.



Great Keppel is approximately 1454 hectares in size and has an interior rich with native flora, all waiting for you to explore. Ninety percent of the island is bushland and there are several bush walking tracks that disperse trekkers around the island to untouched beaches, or spectacular lookouts. These range in duration and difficulty, from a leisurely stroll, to challenging hikes.

Let's not forget water sports! If you have any energy left after all that snorkeling and bushwalking then why not try stand up paddle boarding, kayaking tours, tube riding and catamaran cruising.

If this is all too much fun for one day, Great Keppel boasts a variety of accommodation and a scenic bar and bistro for anyone wishing to 'drop anchor' for a few days.

DAY TRIP 3 - A tale of mighty ships

Distance:
18km One Way

Suitable:
For all vehicles

Where:
Cooee Bay to Emu Park

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beaches galore
- Magnificent Views
- Lookouts
- Local History
- Spot a Turtle
- Walking Trails
- Swim all year around

Journey from Wreck Point Lookout to the Singing Ship memorial, taking in views, pristine beaches and some turtle spotting along the way.



Kickstart your day with a delicious breakfast from one of the local cafes and then head to the quaint locality of Cooee Bay. Here you will find Wreck Point Lookout. Offering more than just spectacular views 360 degree views, this 'must see' spot is the final resting site of the ill-fated schooner ship, the Selina. She had departed the Pine River north of Brisbane on 31 July 1847 bound for Sydney with a cargo of cedar logs and carrying a crew including Captain Cameron. Selina failed to arrive in Sydney and was not sighted again until she was found 15 months later near this spot, now known as Wreck Point.



When you are ready to hit the road again, make your way a mere 6km south along the Scenic Highway to the southern end of Kemp Beach which forms part of the Capricorn Coast National Park. Take the coastal walk up Bluff Point for magnificent views across the sparkling ocean to the Keppel Islands at Turtle Lookout - and, you guessed it, spot turtles swimming in the water beneath you.



From here the drive continues along the Scenic Highway south and we hope you like beaches because you are about to see quite a few... Enjoy solo sun-lounging on beaches away from crowds. Swim in safe, calm waters and try beach fishing. There's a beach for everyone! Every beach buff will find a favourite stretch of sand with so many family-friendly and dog-friendly options.

At the end of the coastline you will discover the beautiful seaside town of Emu Park. Emu Park is home to the famous Singing Ship sculpture. Set against a spectacular coastal vista, the majestic monument commemorates the area's legacy of the historical explorations of Captain James Cook. A gentle sea breeze produces a musical sound through fluted pipes.



Just below the Singing Ship is a viewing deck and boardwalk that makes up part of the Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Walk. The impressive boardwalk hugs the coastline and remembers our community's brave servicemen and women.

Emu Park Main Beach is a calm beach with a grassy picnic area and playground. The beach is patrolled during peak times.