

Minimbah - good fishing place

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Question: Where is the best place to go fishing?

Answer: Where there are plenty of fish!

Sounds a bit smug doesn't it? But then again, it is a sensible idea, especially for those of us who are not very experienced, but like to wet a line occasionally.

“ Charmingly lazy holiday atmosphere ”

So that begs the 2nd question: Where should you go? Answer: A place which is called 'good fishing place'.

In the local Worimi Aboriginal language, **Tuncurry** means 'plenty fish' or 'good fishing place', so that would be a good starting place.

The twin towns of **Forster-Tuncurry** span the entrance to **Cape Hawk Harbour**, one either side of the enchantingly clear waters at the entrance to Wallis Lake. Forster-Tuncurry has a charmingly lazy holiday atmosphere. It is no wonder people who have succumbed to their charms, return year after year. Originally, it was considered just one town by the white settlers. It was called Minimbah up until 1869 when it was renamed Forster, after the then Secretary of Lands, William Forster - clearly not a shy individual.



“ Where else can you get a holiday for less than \$14 per night per person? ”

Wallis Lake is the largest producer of Sydney rock oysters, which is a blessing for fishermen, as oysters attract fish.

If you have your own tinny, or one of the pedal propelled fishing kayaks, there is an excellent boat ramp, complete with fish cleaning facilities, in Point Road, Tuncurry, which is the perfect spot to set off to Wallis Lake. It's also very conveniently located only about 100 metres from **API's Fairholme units**. If you don't have a boat, the fishing from the shore, or wading to the adjacent island, delivers good size Flathead and Bream. It also only takes 1 minute to get back to the unit for another coffee or something colder on a sunny day!



A really fun experience is to join Forster Estuary Charters. The flat-bottom punt is very stable and ideal for fishing in Wallis Lake. It's a great way to see what sort of equipment to use, and where to use it. It takes the fuss out of getting gear ready for the whole family. They cater for beginners and experienced anglers.



Fairholme's comfortable lounge room

A few years ago, I was treated to half a day on a boat which took us out to some reefs. It was a day made especially memorable when a whale and her calf started breaching close by. After the whale had moved on, I came home with a respectable haul, even after releasing a few. As I am not very experienced, I found it very useful to go with professionals. It taught me a lot and gave me confidence to try more things when fishing with friends.

When you get a chance, Google 'fishing at Tuncurry' and take a look at some of the U-Tube videos available. They provide an indication of how good the area looks and clearly there are a lot of fish around, so the Worimi people were right.

The **Fairholme** units offer amazing value to API members. They sleep 5 people, so families can enjoy a waterfront holiday at a budget price. They are well-located with plenty of restaurants within an easy walk. For the kids, the **Tuncurry Rock Pool** is the best swimming and snorkelling area and it is just a few minutes-walk away.

The leather lounges are comfortable, and the units have everything you need for an enjoyable holiday. The views across the lake from the lounge room are amazing. The sunsets are equally amazing. It does not matter whether you are into fishing or not, it's a great place to relax and work out what is important in life.

PS. **BCF** stocks everything you could possibly need for fishing, as well as the pedal propelled fishing kayaks - if you need any Christmas present ideas. **API**

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