



# Lots to do

## around Port Macquarie

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Port Macquarie is famous for having the most liveable climate in Australia, as well as its 17 gorgeous beaches, fabulous cafes, Koala Hospital and, of course, being home to API's very popular **Waterview Apartments** (we like to think the API members keep returning because they like us so much!).

One of the places our guests are enjoying more and more is Wauchope. Most people have heard how good **Timbertown** is, but it's **Wauchope** itself that has become an attraction in its own right. If you want a memento that is probably not available elsewhere, duck into the **Department Store**. Take a stroll along the riverbank for a perfect place to relax your soul.

From Wauchope, take the drive to **Mount Boss State Forest**. The waterhole is ideal for a summer dip and there are good picnic and BBQ facilities. Alternatively, head south to the **Burrawan State Forest** picnic area. There is a 600-metre loop

track which takes you past **Old Bottlebutt**, a huge, ancient Red Bloodwood tree. It's over 200 years old and boasts a 16-metre circumference. It's a sight you will remember and it's an easy, well-made track, so all the family can get there.



Old Bottlebutt is a sight you will not forget

Everyone likes the water, so make sure you make a booking with **Port Jet Cruise Adventures**. Whale watching is popular but the Ocean Blast ride in the 900 Hp Wave Rider is the best way to see the beaches in a fun ride which may get up to 100 kilometres per hour at times.

If you have always wanted to try out a jet ski, Port Jet is the place to do it - no licence required.



Russian-inspired hand made chocolates

The **Bago Winery** presents parents with an opportunity to relax while the kids explore the maze. Then both adults and kids will enjoy the Russian inspired handmade chocolates in **Baba Lila**, which is part of the complex. Impossibly delicious. For something very different, you might be able to book a Choc Art chocolate painting session. Hey Picasso, eat your heart out!



The Sandbar Café has fabulous food and views

About 20 minutes' drive south of Port, will bring you to the beautiful **Camden Haven** area. Sleepy villages and great cafes such as **The Sandbar** will delight you. With a name like Sandbar, you know what the views will be like. The coffee, pastries and meals are as good as the stunning views. In fact, all of the fooderies in that area are getting amazing reviews as the competition is so high. While you are there, it's



Visit the Koala Hospital

worth taking a walk out to **Perpendicular Point** and **Camden Head Lookout**. They are good places to spot dolphins and whales and see for miles up and down the coast, while the walk there is as good as the destinations. Native flowers and birdlife abound around you.

The poet Henry **Kendall** gave his name to a picturesque village where he lived from 1874 to 1881. The former logging town has several heritage-listed homes and sculpture of a bollock team at work. It is not far from Camden Haven.

Port Macquarie itself has so much to see and do for guests of every age. The more you look the more fascinating things you will find, from historic remains to pick your own strawberries, through to ingesting local grape juice which has been fermented carefully into a delicious elixir. Food experiences and holidays go hand-in-hand. We have so many food experiences waiting for you that they will keep your hands full for the whole holiday and more. But preparing your own meal from our local fresh ingredients in your very own unit at **Waterview Holiday Apartments** may be the very best food experience of them all.

**Come and say "Hi", as we would love to welcome you to our perfect part of Australia. API**

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