

style travel

happy wandering



Kerry Heaney wondered why this windy stretch was called The Waterfall Way...

THE WATERFALL Way leads from Coffs Harbour on the New South Wales central coast through the delightful country town of Bellingen and on to Dorrigo, stretching over a distance of 280km to Tamworth. There are waterfalls right near the road, waterfalls in the national park and waterfalls to swim under.

We based ourselves in Coffs Harbour and spent a couple of days exploring The Waterfall Way and central coast area. Coffs is an interesting town with plenty to do and lots of good places to eat.

Head down to the Coffs Harbour International Marina to pick up the freshest fish and chips, and dine from the wrapper while sitting on the rocks. For a more refined meal, try one of the several restaurants at the marina, all with great sea views.

Take a short stroll along the marina breakwater and check out the completely treeless Muttonbird Island. Surrounded by rugged rocks, the island is home to what is thought to be the largest colony of wedge-tailed shearwaters in New South Wales. They breed on the island in the summer. On the eastern side of Muttonbird Island, there's a great view out to sea and whales can also be seen from May to September during their annual migration.

If you love markets, Coffs has plenty for bargain hunters. Don't miss the Vietnamese spring rolls at Coffs Harbour's Jetty Market and Uptown Market on Sundays. The town is famous for its enormous yellow concrete banana, which is located 3km north of Coffs Harbour on the Pacific Highway.



Coffs Harbour International Marina is the perfect spot for a fish-and-chips picnic

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