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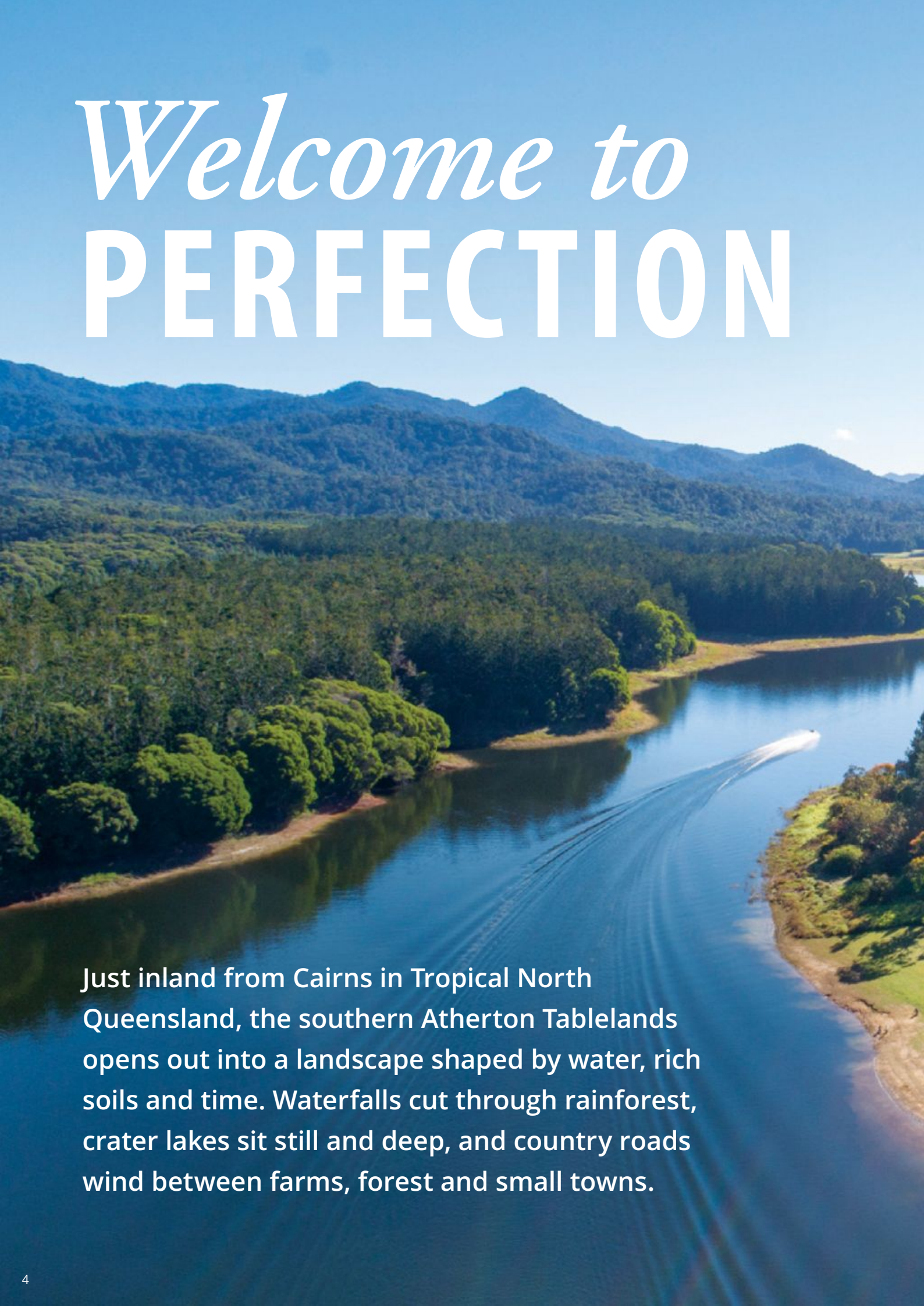
During your stay, please acknowledge the traditional owners of this amazing region and learn more of their ways. Enjoy your holiday and thanks for visiting.

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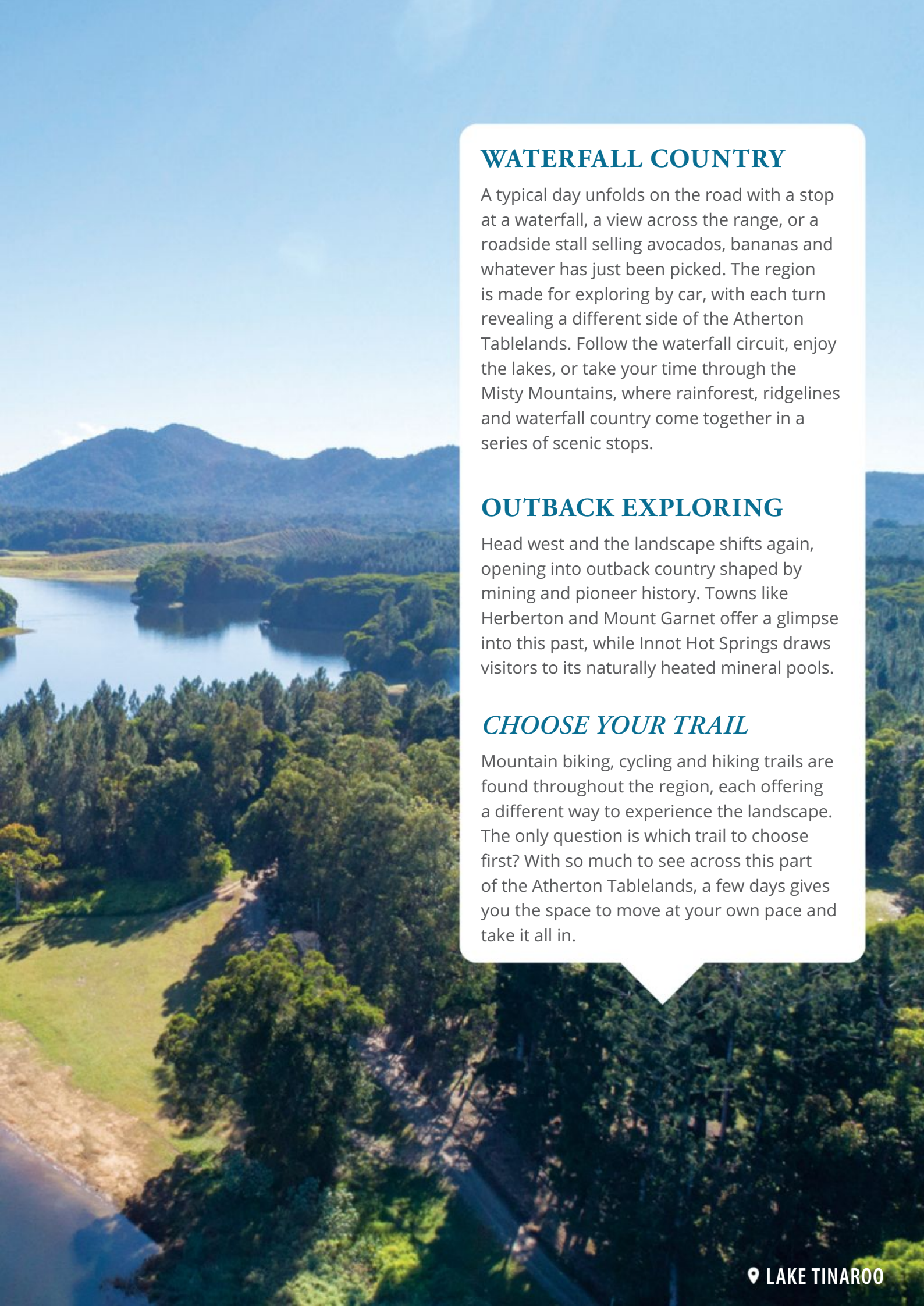


*Atherton
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An aerial photograph of a winding river flowing through a dense, green forest. The river curves from the bottom right towards the center of the frame. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains covered in forest under a clear blue sky. The text 'Welcome to PERFECTION' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Welcome to **PERFECTION**

Just inland from Cairns in Tropical North Queensland, the southern Atherton Tablelands opens out into a landscape shaped by water, rich soils and time. Waterfalls cut through rainforest, crater lakes sit still and deep, and country roads wind between farms, forest and small towns.



WATERFALL COUNTRY

A typical day unfolds on the road with a stop at a waterfall, a view across the range, or a roadside stall selling avocados, bananas and whatever has just been picked. The region is made for exploring by car, with each turn revealing a different side of the Atherton Tablelands. Follow the waterfall circuit, enjoy the lakes, or take your time through the Misty Mountains, where rainforest, ridgelines and waterfall country come together in a series of scenic stops.

OUTBACK EXPLORING

Head west and the landscape shifts again, opening into outback country shaped by mining and pioneer history. Towns like Herberton and Mount Garnet offer a glimpse into this past, while Innot Hot Springs draws visitors to its naturally heated mineral pools.

CHOOSE YOUR TRAIL

Mountain biking, cycling and hiking trails are found throughout the region, each offering a different way to experience the landscape. The only question is which trail to choose first? With so much to see across this part of the Atherton Tablelands, a few days gives you the space to move at your own pace and take it all in.

EXPLORE our Region

The Atherton Tablelands is made for exploring at your own pace. Distances are short, the roads are easy to follow, and no town is more than around 30 minutes from the next. From lakes and waterfalls to country pubs and farm gates, each stop offers something different, making it easy to shape your own journey across the region.



ATHERTON

Regional Centre
Shopping and Dining



HERBERTON

Historic Township
Mining Heritage



MALANDA

Dairy Country
Rainforest Walks



MILLAA MILLAA

Waterfall Circuit
Rolling Farmland



MOUNT GARNET & INNOT HOT SPRINGS

Mineral Pools
Pioneer Country



RAVENSHOE

High Country
Waterfalls Nearby



TOLGA

Rural Charm, Distillery
Timber and History



WALKAMIN

Orchards
Farm Gate Produce

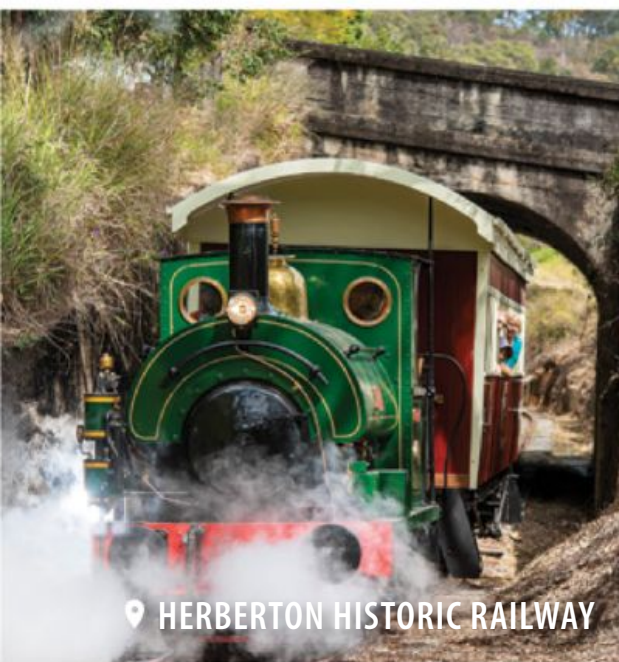


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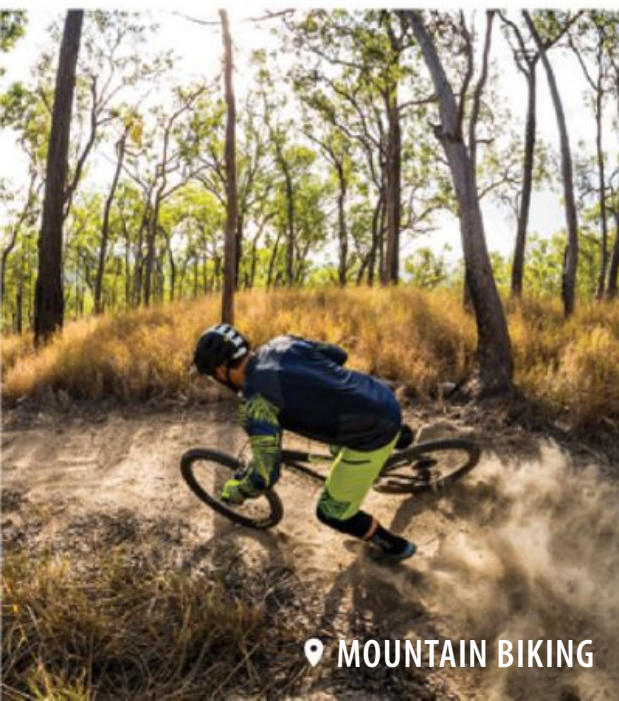
Heritage Village
Platypus and Lakes



📍 TOLGA BAT HOSPITAL



📍 HERBERTON HISTORIC RAILWAY



📍 MOUNTAIN BIKING



10 stops worth **THE DRIVE**

The Southern Atherton Tablelands unfolds in a tapestry of rainforest, waterfalls and fertile farmland. This is a place where the road is only the beginning. From secluded swimming spots to tableland towns, markets and artisan producers, here are 10 reasons to get behind the wheel and let the adventure unfold.

1 ***WATERFALLS***

Explore the Waterfall Circuit, a 17-kilometre loop that reveals tropical rainforest and cascading falls. Millaa Millaa Falls is the centrepiece with its 18-metre plunge waterfall made for swimming.

2 ***CRATER SWIMMING***

Lake Eacham is the jewel in the crown of the Atherton Tablelands. The sapphire-blue crater lake is perfect for a swim, paddle or the three-kilometre loop walk around the lake, with forest fringed water views.

3 ***RETAIL THERAPY***

Browse heritage-lined streets dotted with boutique retailers in Yungaburra, Atherton and Malanda to find local art, gifts and specialty foods.

4 ***LOCAL EXPLORING***

Step back in time at the Historic Village Herberton, where 60 original buildings tell the region's story, or go subterranean to admire the glittering crystal and fossil collection in the manmade Crystal Caves.

5 ***MARKET DAYS***

Every weekend, there is a market showcasing fresh local produce, artisan crafts and country hospitality, from Malanda and Wondecla to Ravenshoe, Yungaburra and more.

6 ***GALLERIES***

Art galleries abound in Atherton, like the Old Post Office Gallery at the Hou Wang Chinese Temple and Museum precinct and the Tablelands Regional Gallery, or find artists further afield, from the Ravenshoe Heritage Gallery to Artistree Gallery in Yungaburra.





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7 *FINE FOOD*

Pull up a chair in Yungaburra and prepare to indulge your tastebuds at one of a number of exquisite restaurants. For local fare, start your feast at Our Place, Little Eden, Botanica or Mr Belson.

8 *ARTISAN PRODUCE*

Pull over at Mungalli Creek Bio-Dynamic Dairy, Gallo DairyLand, or Mt Uncle Distillery to sample the wares crafted by the fertile Atherton Tablelands and its artisan producers.

9 *WILD ENCOUNTERS*

Spot platypus in Yungaburra's waterways, glimpse tree kangaroos around the Malanda Falls Conservation Park and check out cassowaries around Lake Eacham. Birders will also be rewarded at locations like Hasties Swamp and Bromfield Swamp.

10 *PUB PITSTOPS*

Take a tippie at a character-packed country pub, whether it is Queensland's Highest Pub at The Ravenshoe Hotel, or one of the classic Queenslander timber pubs, which include the Big Pub at Malanda Hotel, the Tolga Pub or Yungaburra Pub.



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Where to STAY

RAINFOREST RETREATS

Sleep tucked in the rainforest canopy, where mornings begin with birdsong and filtered light through the trees. The Canopy Treehouses, Rosegums, Mt Quincan, Crater Lakes, Sharlynn by the River B&B, Chambers Wildlife Rainforest Lodges and Lumholtz Lodge B&B ensure visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing their stay.

LAKESIDE LODGINGS

Wake up near the water with wide-open views and walking tracks on your doorstep. Tinaroo Lake Resort and Lake Tinaroo Holiday Park place you right on the edge of the region's largest lake, with easy access for swimming, paddling and picnics.

COUNTRY ESCAPES

Experience the Atherton Tablelands' agricultural heart, where open vistas and fresh produce shape your stay. Altitude 700 Rural Retreat offers elevated views and a working farm feel, while a host of properties including Malanda Lodge and Bonadio RV & Nature Park across Malanda and Millaa Millaa connect you to the arable land the region is known for. Hitching Rail Retreat offers a mix of railway cabins and glamping tents for an authentic country stay.

HERITAGE TOWNS

Take in the character of the region's small towns while staying within walking distance of cafes, galleries and restaurants. In Yungaburra, relax at Kookaburra Lodge, the Yungaburra Hotel, or any of the other boutique boltholes on offer. Atherton and Malanda are also great springboards for exploring the region. Herberton offers small-town charm with its accommodation options including Wild River Caravan Park.

CARAVANS, CABINS & CAMPING

For cabins, caravans, camping and RVs, the Atherton Tablelands offers options to suit everyone. Mungalli Falls Education Centre is a quiet base surrounded by open landscapes that combines cabins and RV sites with a working farm setting in the Southern Tablelands. Nearby, Atherton Holiday Park, Tolga Caravan Park and Millaa Millaa Tourist Park are convenient hubs to access the region's key attractions.

BOUTIQUE ESCAPES

For a more intimate stay, these hideaways offer the perfect place to surrender to seclusion. Birds and Bloom, Lakes Edge and Blue Summit Hideaway provide a personalised experience, ideal for couples or for longer stays.



Paddock to **PLATE**

The geology and rich fertile soils of the Atherton Tablelands give rise to some of the country's most breathtaking scenery and support an agricultural industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Here you will find coffee, tea, milk, sugar, tropical fruits and cheese, plus avocados, citrus, papaya, potatoes, herbs, pumpkins, watermelons, blueberries, strawberries and more.

Fresh and Local

Growers also continue to diversify their farming practices, bringing a bounty of tropical fruit wines, liquors and spirits made from tropical fruits and native botanicals. You can sample these at a number of cellar doors including Mt Uncle Distillery and Eventide Hills Distillery.

At Millaa Millaa, Mungalli Biodynamic Dairy and Farmhouse Cafe at Millaa Millaa produces award winning organic cheese, yoghurt, milk and ice-cream. Nearby, between Malanda and Atherton, Gallo DairyLand offers a fully licensed restaurant and a range of cheeses produced on-site using local milk. While the southern Atherton Tablelands offers a slower-paced, farmgate-focused experience, the region's coffee story remains close by, with Skybury, Australia's oldest coffee plantation, showcasing the wider Atherton Tablelands' coffee heritage.

In Yungaburra, a growing cafe culture sits comfortably alongside the region's history, with leafy streets home to bakeries, coffee spots and quaint restaurants. Across the southern Atherton Tablelands, historic pubs in towns like Malanda, Yungaburra, Ravenshoe, Herberton and Tolga continue to anchor their communities, each offering a glimpse into the region's past with traditional pub fare on offer.

These pubs are a throwback to a time when the Atherton Tablelands was a bustling timber and mining hub in the early 1900s, and remain central to local life today. The surrounding landscape adds to the experience, with rolling farmland, pockets of rainforest and glimpses of the region's tea plantations shaping the journey between stops.

Be sure to look for produce and preserves at roadside stalls, direct from the farmer, or stock up at The Humpy. Outback Tasting Adventures adds another layer to the region's paddock-to-plate story, connecting visitors directly with local growers, producers and flavours through guided food experiences.



Time to **DINE**



Visitors to the Atherton Tablelands are spoilt for choice when it comes to the many dining options available. A growing cafe culture in the bustling town centres of Yungaburra, Malanda and Atherton provide a number of options, or hit the road and discover the joys of homestyle country fare and traditional bakeries in Herberton and Ravenshoe.



BREAKFAST

Start the day at one of the many breakfast spots across the Atherton Tablelands. With locally grown coffee pouring across the region, visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to cafes. Yungaburra sets the tone with Burra Bakehouse for artisan baked goods and coffee, while Mr Belson offers a relaxed spot for breakfast favourites. For a slower start, Lake Barrine Tea House pairs breakfast with lakeside views. In Malanda, The Malanda Collective is a great place to begin the day, and after breakfast the local SPAR is brimming with local produce, making it easy to fill a picnic hamper for later.



LUNCH

The Atherton Tablelands serves up lunch in a range of characterful settings, from paddock to plate to pub classics. Enjoy a stop at Mungalli Creek Dairy or Gallo DairyLand, where cheese and chocolate are part of the experience. In Atherton, the Atherton International Club offers a relaxed setting for a casual lunch. For something more traditional, Tolga Pub and Ravenshoe Hotel dish up pub favourites in classic country settings. For a lunch with a sense of history, the Pioneer Camp Kitchen at the Historic Village Herberton brings camp oven cooking to life, or pick up a homemade pie at the Bakerville Tearooms.



DINNER

When dusk falls, linger over dinner in Yungaburra at Our Place, which offers a unique blend of Australian and Mediterranean cuisine. Just along the road, Little Eden's relaxed refined dining champions local produce. For something more casual, Yungaburra Hotel is a heritage pub dishing up the classics or go big, literally, and tuck into a steak at the Big Pub at Malanda Hotel.



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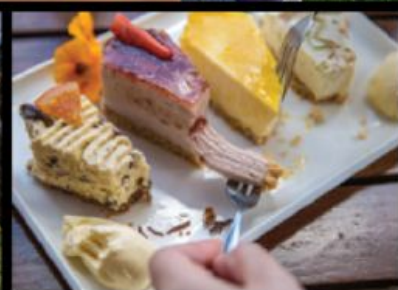
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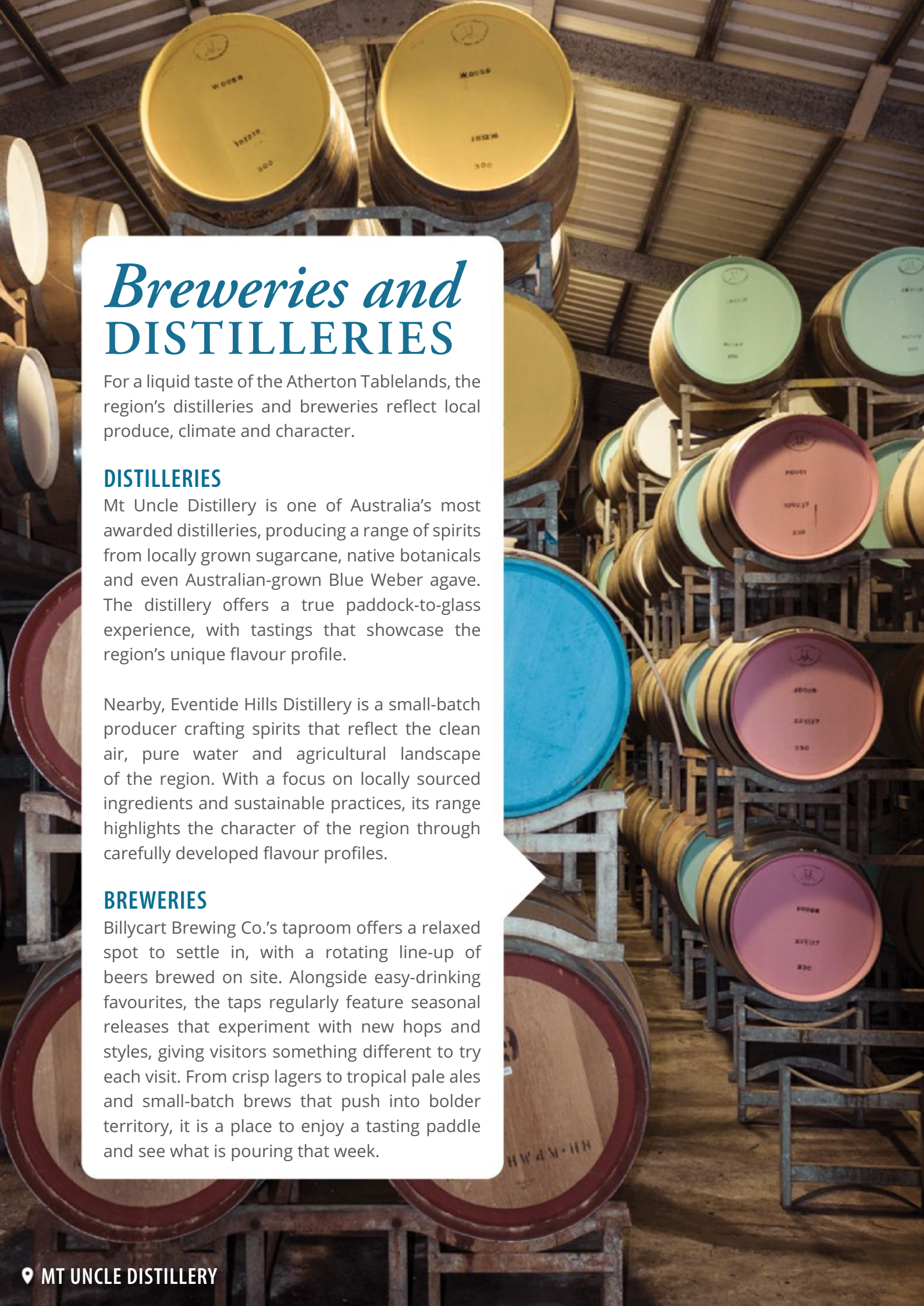


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Breweries and **DISTILLERIES**

For a liquid taste of the Atherton Tablelands, the region's distilleries and breweries reflect local produce, climate and character.

DISTILLERIES

Mt Uncle Distillery is one of Australia's most awarded distilleries, producing a range of spirits from locally grown sugarcane, native botanicals and even Australian-grown Blue Weber agave. The distillery offers a true paddock-to-glass experience, with tastings that showcase the region's unique flavour profile.

Nearby, Eventide Hills Distillery is a small-batch producer crafting spirits that reflect the clean air, pure water and agricultural landscape of the region. With a focus on locally sourced ingredients and sustainable practices, its range highlights the character of the region through carefully developed flavour profiles.

BREWERIES

Billycart Brewing Co.'s taproom offers a relaxed spot to settle in, with a rotating line-up of beers brewed on site. Alongside easy-drinking favourites, the taps regularly feature seasonal releases that experiment with new hops and styles, giving visitors something different to try each visit. From crisp lagers to tropical pale ales and small-batch brews that push into bolder territory, it is a place to enjoy a tasting paddle and see what is pouring that week.

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Hiking Heroes

There are no shortage of hikes on the Atherton Tablelands. Whether you are an avid adventure up for the challenge of climbing Queensland's highest mountain or prefer the rolling plains of the country side, there is a hike, walk or casual stroll ready to be underfoot in one of the many national parks across the region.

The Southern Atherton Tablelands, walking can be as gentle or as challenging as you choose. Whether taking a stroll along the creative Malanda Mosaic Trail or scrambling up Mount Bartle Frere, Queensland's highest mountain, every step reveals a magical landscape, layered with rainforest, mountains, waterfalls and volcanic forms. Mt Baldy near Atherton is also short, steep climb that delivers wide-reaching views across the Tablelands for those willing to take it on.

For a relaxed walk, follow the shaded paths of Peterson Creek Wildlife & Botanical Walking Track in the heart of Yungaburra. where you might spot a platypus. While you are in the area, don't miss the ancient Curtain Fig. The extensive roots of this tree, itself nearly 50-metres tall, drop 15 metres to the forest floor forming a timber curtain that can be admired from different vantage points along the boardwalk. A short drive away, the Lake Eacham Circuit is an easy walk that circles the lake.

If WWII history is more your thing, history and scenery combine on the Millstream Falls WWII Track near Ravenshoe, where interpretive signage tell the stories of the WWII battalion training campsites once located here. The surrounding landscape adds to the experience, with open woodland giving way to Big Millstream Falls, the widest single-drop falls in Australia.

The poetically named Misty Mountains wilderness tracks are a 130-kilometre network of wilderness tracks of various lengths that meander through pristine, high-altitude rainforest punctuated by waterfalls and panoramic views.

Those seeking a geological oddity can venture to Mount Hypipamee Crater, where a short walk leads to a volcanic pipe with a diameter of 61 metres at the water level, which is 58 metres below the viewing platform.

Whether you're seeking a moment of forest bathing or a more demanding hike, the reward is the same, which is a connection to the landscape that lingers long after the final step.



Atherton Tablelands Hiking Heroes

MILLSTREAM FALLS WWII TRACK

(Easy) Short walking tracks lead to Australia's widest single-drop waterfall, with additional sections of the WWII track offering a slightly longer walk.

MT HYIPAMEE CRATER TRACK *(Easy)*

A short walk to viewing platforms overlooking the volcanic pipe and surrounding rainforest.

MISTY MOUNTAINS WALKING TRAILS

(Moderate to Difficult (varies))

A network of longer walks through rainforest, waterfalls and ridgelines, best suited to prepared walkers.

MOUNT BARTLE FRERE *(Difficult)*

Queensland's highest mountain, offering a challenging full-day hike with significant elevation gain.



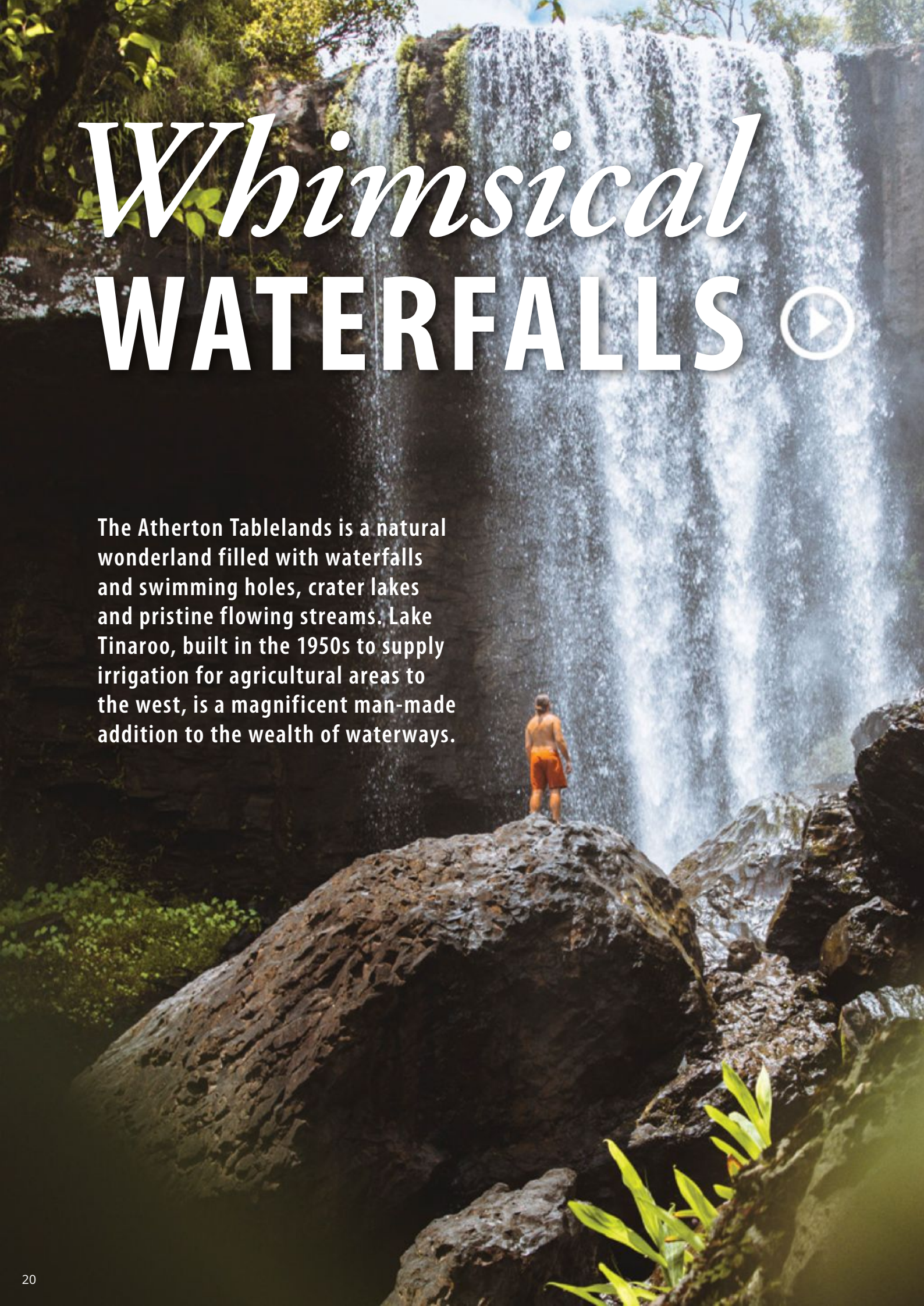
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📍 MT HYIPAMEE CRATER



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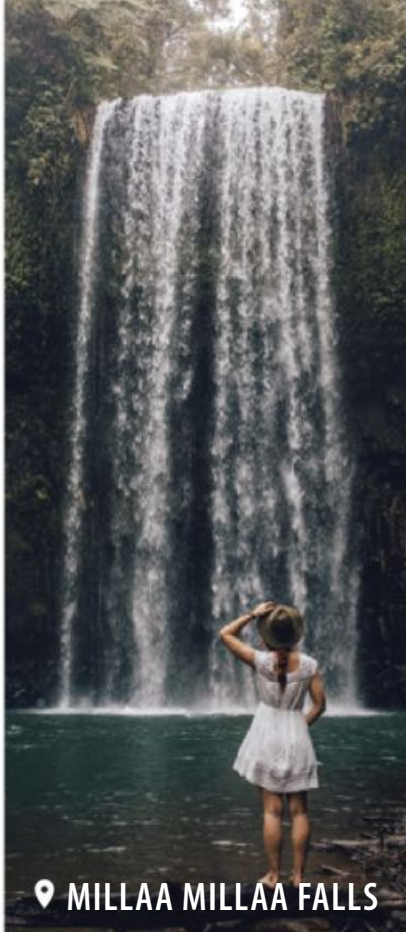


Whimsical **WATERFALLS**

The Atherton Tablelands is a natural wonderland filled with waterfalls and swimming holes, crater lakes and pristine flowing streams. Lake Tinaroo, built in the 1950s to supply irrigation for agricultural areas to the west, is a magnificent man-made addition to the wealth of waterways.



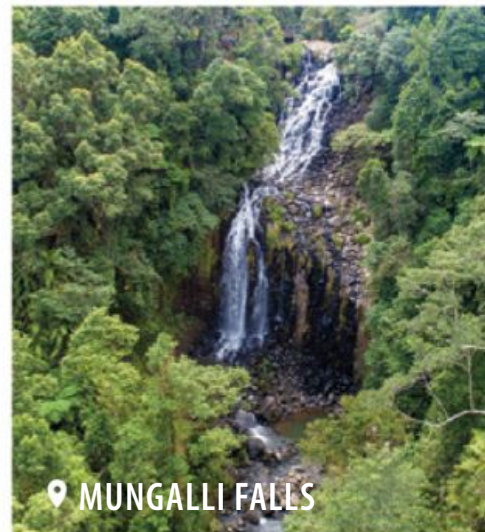
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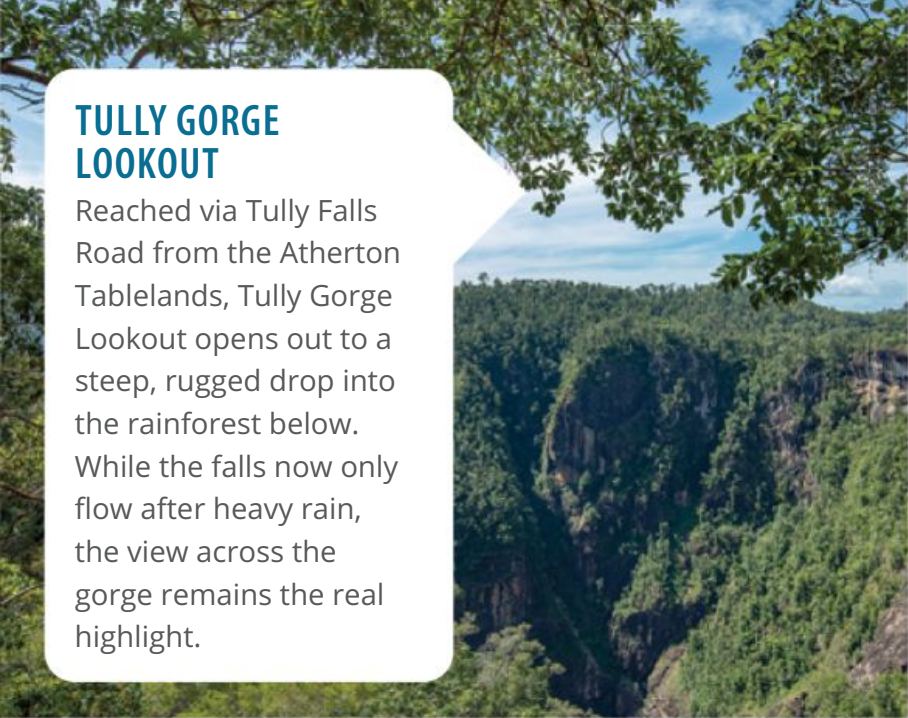
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SCENIC *Lookouts*

Jaw-dropping views are part and parcel of Atherton Tablelands country, where elevation transforms every perspective into a panorama of rainforest, farmland and distant ranges. Think rolling farmland dotted with dairy cows, hidden pockets of ancient rainforest, waterfalls or bubbling streams around every corner and mountain silhouettes on the horizon. Whether pausing roadside or walking to a summit, each viewpoint invites appreciation of the region's incredible scenery.

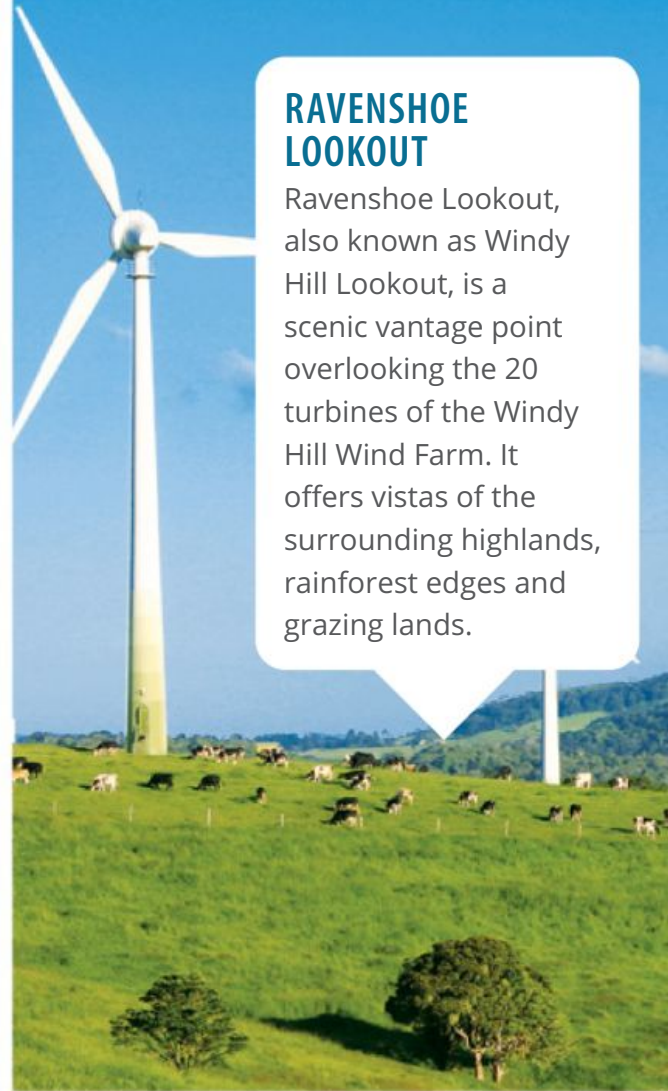
WINDIN FALLS

The Windin Falls trailhead follows a route of old forestry tracks through the Wet Tropics rainforest. The area sits within a World Heritage-listed landscape and offers extraordinary natural beauty.

A photograph of a deep, rugged gorge with steep, forested cliffs. The view is from an elevated position looking down into the valley.

TULLY GORGE LOOKOUT

Reached via Tully Falls Road from the Atherton Tablelands, Tully Gorge Lookout opens out to a steep, rugged drop into the rainforest below. While the falls now only flow after heavy rain, the view across the gorge remains the real highlight.

A photograph of a large white wind turbine on a grassy hill. In the background, other turbines are visible against a blue sky. The foreground shows a green field with some trees and a fence.

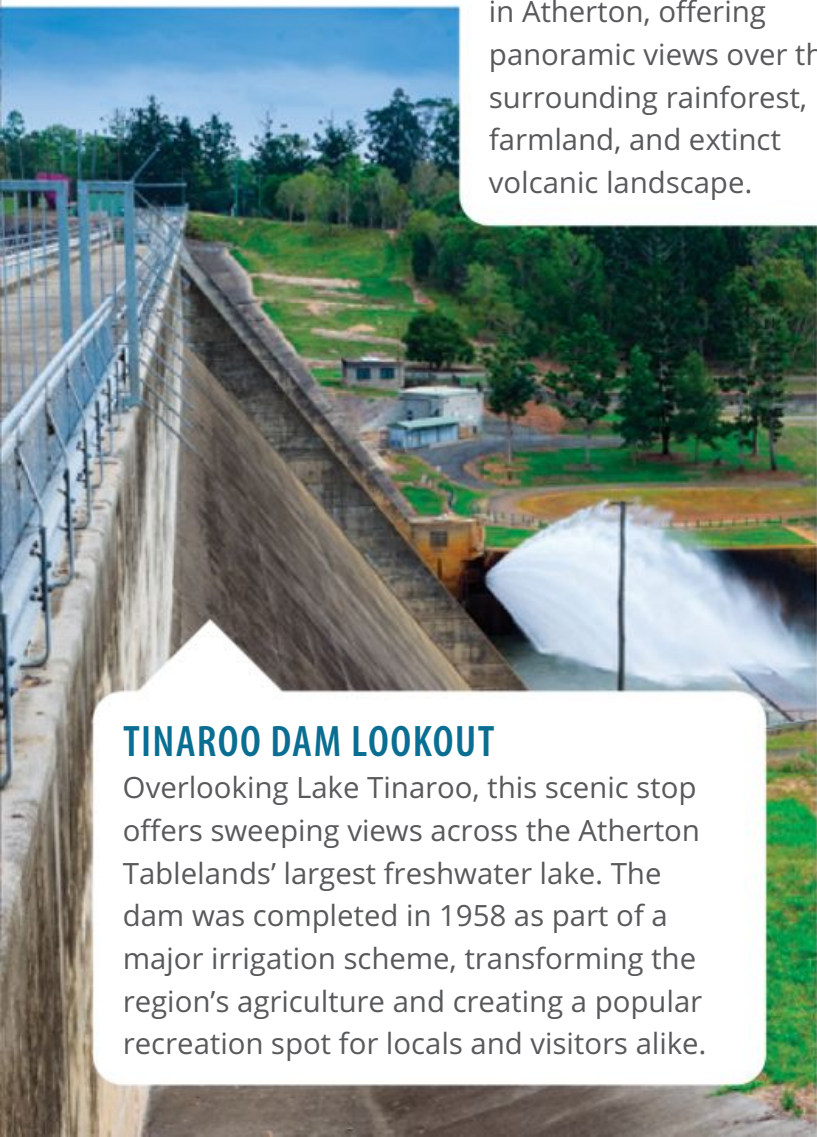
RAVENSHOE LOOKOUT

Ravenshoe Lookout, also known as Windy Hill Lookout, is a scenic vantage point overlooking the 20 turbines of the Windy Hill Wind Farm. It offers vistas of the surrounding highlands, rainforest edges and grazing lands.

A photograph of a dark, jagged volcanic cinder cone in the foreground. In the background, there is a wide view of a valley with green fields and distant mountains under a blue sky.

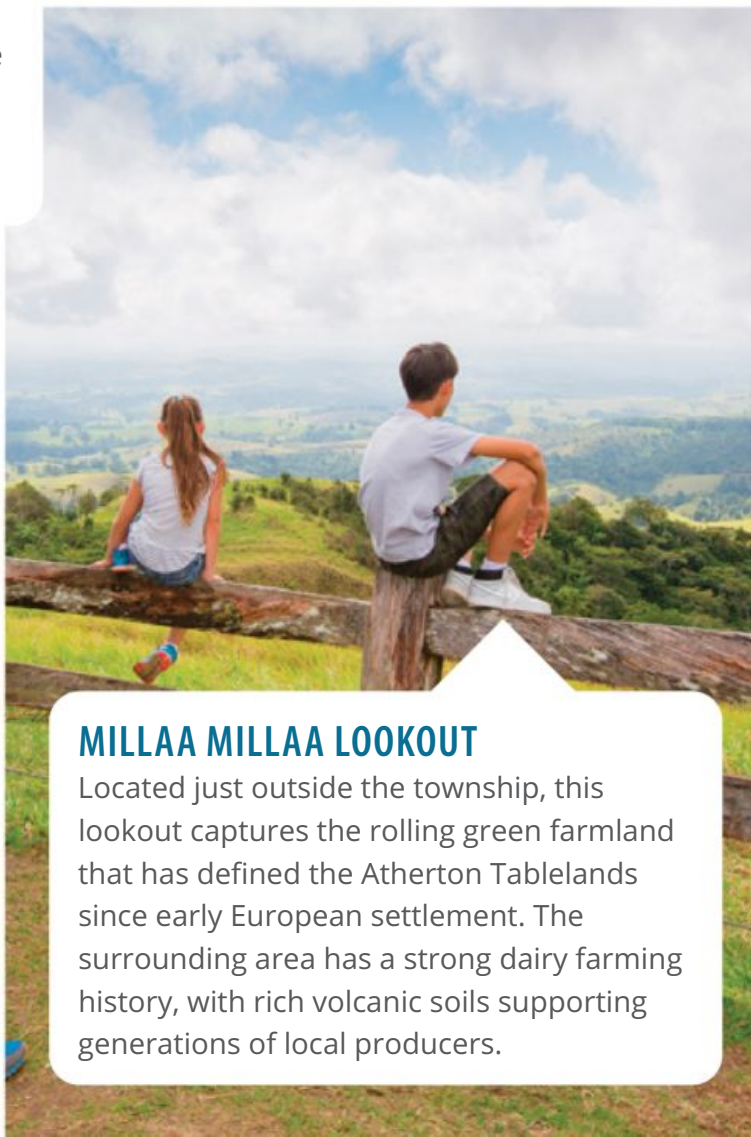
HALLORAN'S HILL

One of the most prominent geological features on the Atherton Tablelands, Hallorans Hill is a volcanic cinder cone and scenic lookout in Atherton, offering panoramic views over the surrounding rainforest, farmland, and extinct volcanic landscape.

A photograph of a large concrete dam with water flowing over it, creating a white splash. The dam is surrounded by green trees and a paved area with some buildings in the background.

TINAROO DAM LOOKOUT

Overlooking Lake Tinaroo, this scenic stop offers sweeping views across the Atherton Tablelands' largest freshwater lake. The dam was completed in 1958 as part of a major irrigation scheme, transforming the region's agriculture and creating a popular recreation spot for locals and visitors alike.

A photograph of a young girl and a young boy sitting on a wooden log on a grassy hill. They are looking out over a vast landscape of rolling green hills under a cloudy sky.

MILLAA MILLAA LOOKOUT

Located just outside the township, this lookout captures the rolling green farmland that has defined the Atherton Tablelands since early European settlement. The surrounding area has a strong dairy farming history, with rich volcanic soils supporting generations of local producers.

Birding & **WILDLIFE**

Playful platypus, dancing Brolgas and cute tree kangaroos are just some of the unique Australian wildlife you can encounter in the region. Viewing and studying wildlife is made possible by a network of national parks, bushwalks, wildlife spotting tours and the knowledgeable interest of so many local people.

There are more than 430 bird species in the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef and 327 of these can be seen on the Atherton Tablelands.

Birdwatching on the Atherton Tablelands attracts global attention due to the diversity of birdlife and the range of habitats, including wetlands, rainforest, open woodland and agricultural land.

Top birdwatching spots include Bromfield Swamp, the Crater Lakes National Park (Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine), Mt Hypipamee National Park, and surrounding farmland and wetlands near Malanda and Yungaburra.

To find the hotspots, consider joining a guided birding tour with local operators such as Sicklebills Safaris.

During the summer months from October to April, the warmer, wetter conditions bring an influx of migrant species from Papua New Guinea, including the Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher, Channel-billed Cuckoo and Common Koel.

Many birds such as the White-eared Monarch and Noisy Pitta are also breeding at this time of year and are easier to observe as they search for food.

During the cooler winter months from May to September, Victoria's Riflebirds are also displaying, while Brolgas and Sarus Cranes can often be seen feeding in harvested agricultural fields.



EYES ON WILDLIFE

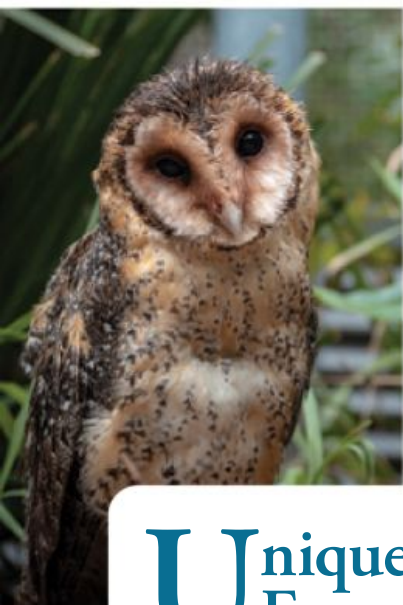
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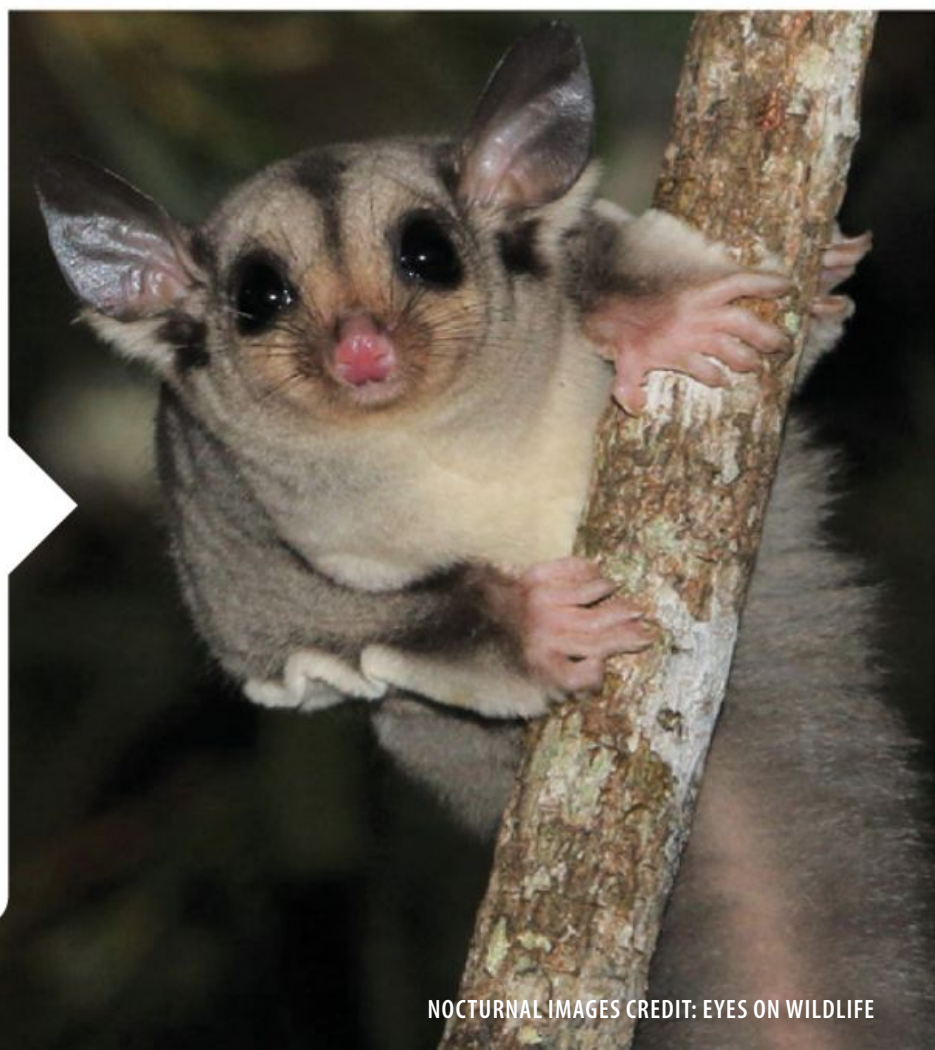




Unique Encounters

The Tolga Bat Hospital in Atherton is internationally known and has a visitor centre where you can learn more about microbats and flying foxes. Across the Atherton Tablelands, wildlife is never far away, from platypus in freshwater lagoons to Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroos high in the canopy.

Many animals on the Atherton Tablelands are nocturnal, and the landscape comes alive after dark. Guided experiences such as Eyes on Wildlife nocturnal tours offer the chance to spot elusive species, or simply sit outside your accommodation and wait for possums, sugar gliders and bandicoots to emerge.



From canopy to forest floor, the Atherton Tablelands is home to some of Australia's most unique and elusive wildlife.

LUMHOLTZ'S TREE KANGAROO

There is no best time of day to see tree kangaroos. They are episodic in their behaviours and can be encountered day or night. The best locations for finding tree kangaroos are around Malanda Falls Conservation Park, the Curtain Fig Tree near Yungaburra, and Wongabel State Forest near Atherton.

Tree kangaroos eat a wide range of leaves from trees, vines and epiphytes. Like most herbivores they will take a high protein meal (flesh) if they can get it. They are marsupials and macropods, and are the largest tree dwelling mammal in Australia.



Two Wheel TRAILS



Ready to hit the road, or the trail, on two wheels? On the Atherton Tablelands, cycling opportunities range from a relaxed road ride to a challenging mountain bike adventure. Country roads, purpose-built trails and forest tracks invite cyclists to explore a landscape of volcanic formations, rainforest, rolling hills and rural vistas.

ATHERTON TABLELANDS RAIL TRAIL

For a gentle introduction, the Atherton Tablelands Rail Trail offers an easy scenic ride. Following sections of a former railway corridor between Atherton and Mareeba, the trail, parts of which are still under construction, passes farmland, wetlands and open countryside, with interpretive signs dotted along the path. The mostly flat terrain makes it accessible for cyclists of all levels, with plenty of places to pause and enjoy the view.

SEVEN SISTERS TRAIL

Those looking for an on and off-road adventure can explore the Seven Sisters Trails, which links Atherton, Malanda and Yungaburra. This collection of three trails includes the Pinnacle Pocket Cycle Loop and the Malanda Cycle Loop, with Purcell's Crossing Adventure Trail linking to both. Rolling pastures, lakes, swampland and volcanic landscapes are among the highlights.



A woman wearing a teal and white helmet, a black long-sleeved shirt, and teal shorts is riding a mountain bike on a dirt trail. She is looking forward with a focused expression. The trail is surrounded by lush greenery and tall trees, with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Mountain **BIKE TRAILS**

For mountain bike enthusiasts, the Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park is a standout destination. The park features a network of purpose-built, single-track trails that wind along the Herberton Range's lower slopes and flats, dipping into gullies and creeks and rising to the ridgelines of the surrounding hills. Riders can expect varied terrain, including former experimental forestry plots and sections with panoramic views. The trails extend beyond the Bike Park across the broader Herberton Range State Forest area, traversing diverse landscapes from forests of gums and bloodwoods to high-altitude rainforests.

EASY CYCLING GUIDE

The Atherton Tablelands is the perfect destination for cyclists, offering family friendly rides along country lanes between the villages and small towns to world class mountain bike trails.

- Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park
Network of 17 Rides
- Atherton Rail Trail *Easy 13km Ride*
- Kairi Loops *Easy 28km Ride*
- Atherton Farm Roads Loop *Easy 35km Ride*

REGIONAL MAP

OPEN MAP

TRAVEL TIMES

ATHERTON TO

Herberton	19km	19min
Lake Eacham	23km	20min
Lake Barrine	24km	25min
Malanda	20km	20min
Mareeba	30km	30min
Millaa Millaa	45km	45min
Ravenshoe	50km	45min
Tinaroo	20km	20min
Tolga	5km	5min
Yungaburra	12km	15min

CAIRNS TO

Atherton (via Gillies)	80km	1hr 15min
Atherton (via Kuranda)	93km	1hr 30min
Kuranda	27km	30min
Malanda	77km	1hr 15min
Millaa Millaa	149km	1hr 30min
Tolga	84km	1hr

MILLAA MILLAA TO

Innisfail	65km	45min
Ravenshoe	26km	45min

MALANDA TO

Herberton	38km	40min
Millaa Millaa	24km	30min

MAREEBA TO

Atherton	30km	30min
Chillagoe	142km	1hr 30min
Julatten	54km	30min
Kuranda	44km	30min
Port Douglas	79km	1hr 20min

RAVENSHOE TO

Mount Surprise	166km	2hrs 30min
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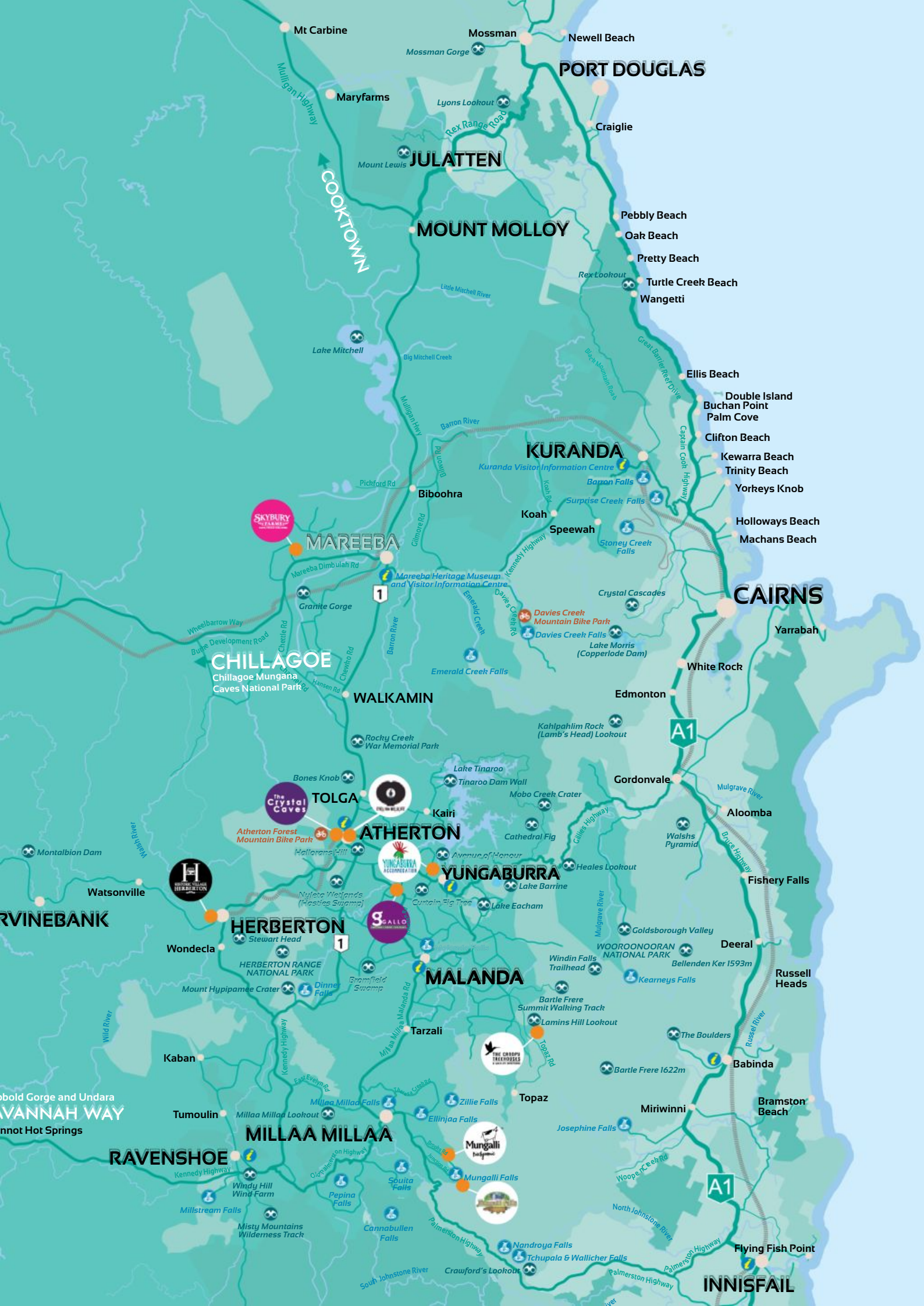
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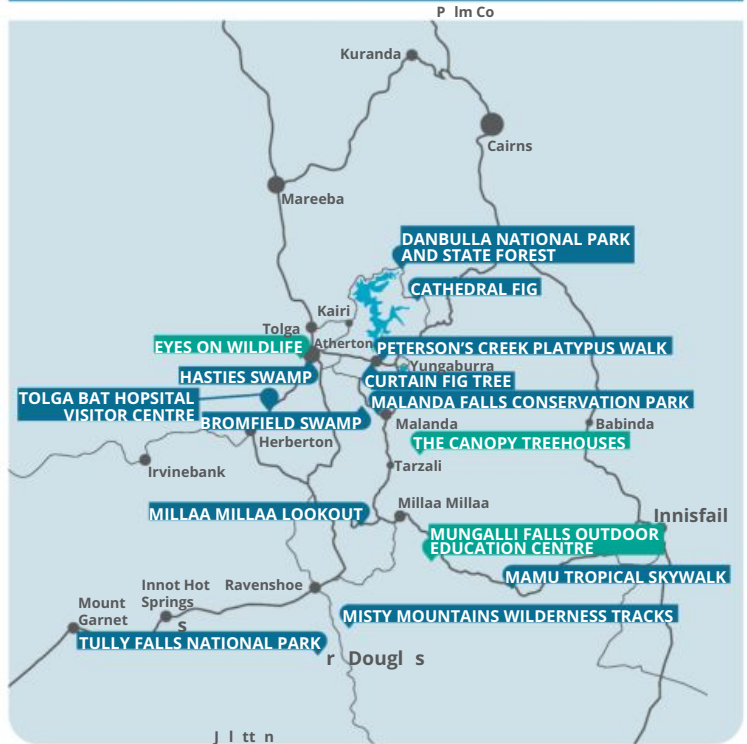
These themed trails are just a starting point for the great range of experiences that can be found on the Atherton Tablelands. Take in the clean, fresh mountain air, picturesque surroundings and uncrowded, wide-open spaces either hiking, cycling, bush walking, swimming, and camping.

Discover interesting and engaging facts about the region's rich mining heritage, forestry and farming traditions on the Heritage Trail, or why not eat your way across the Atherton Tablelands, from chocolate to cheese and everything in between. Think tropical fruit and wines, coffee plantations, botanical distilleries, dairies, rainforest fruit products and more.

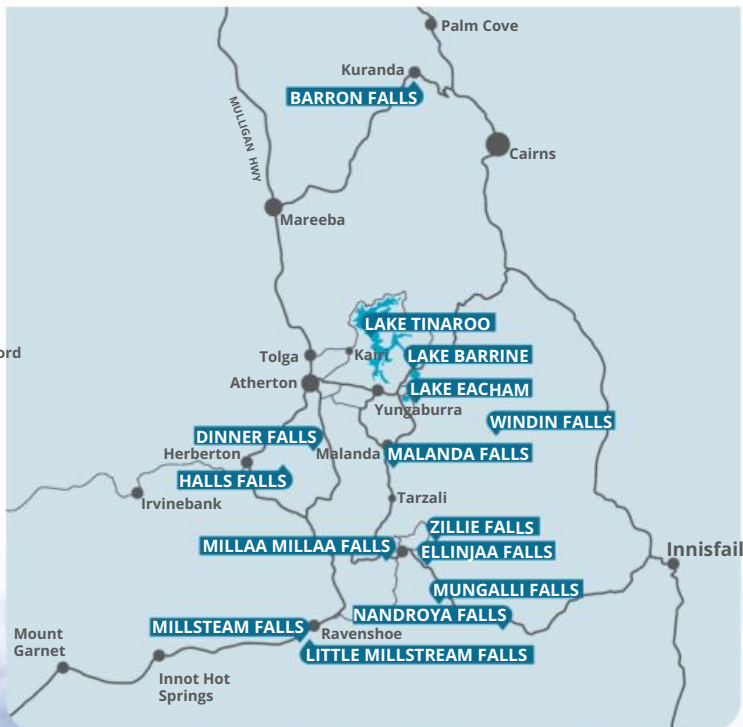
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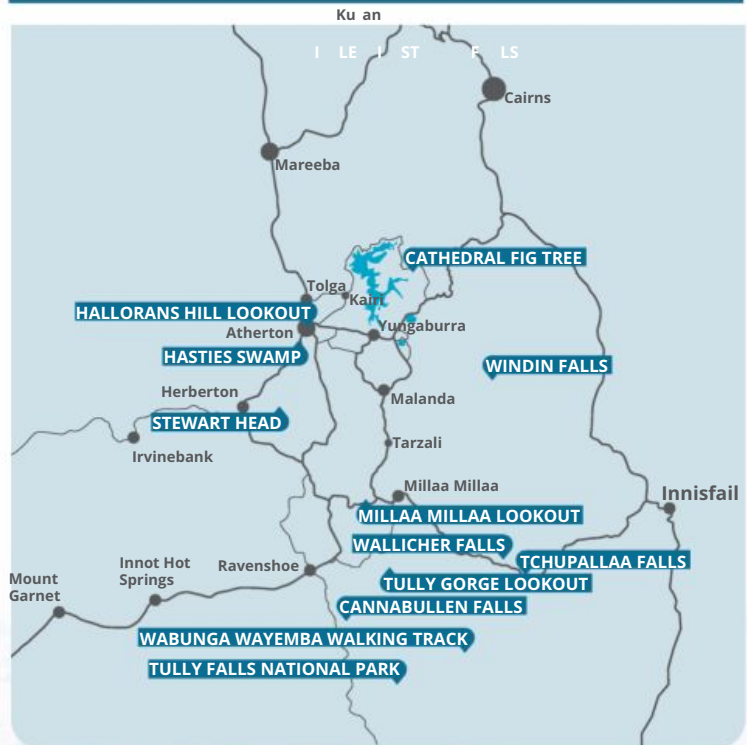
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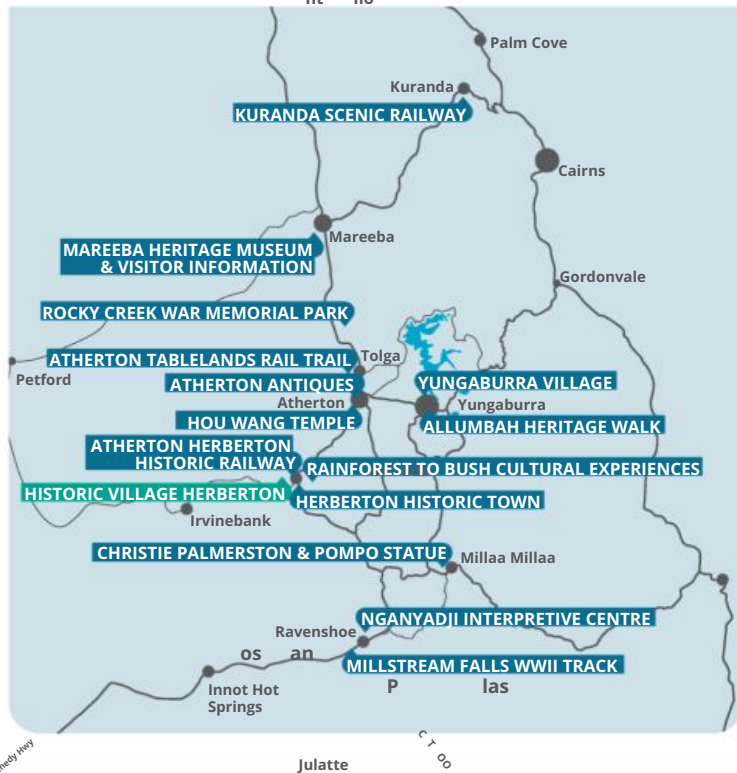


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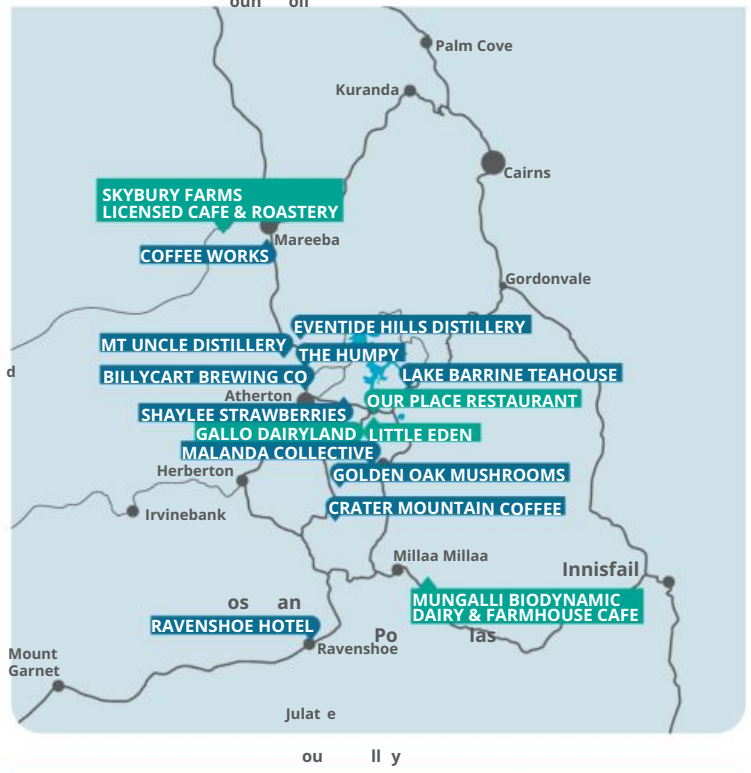


Themed Trails

ORIGINS AND ECHOES



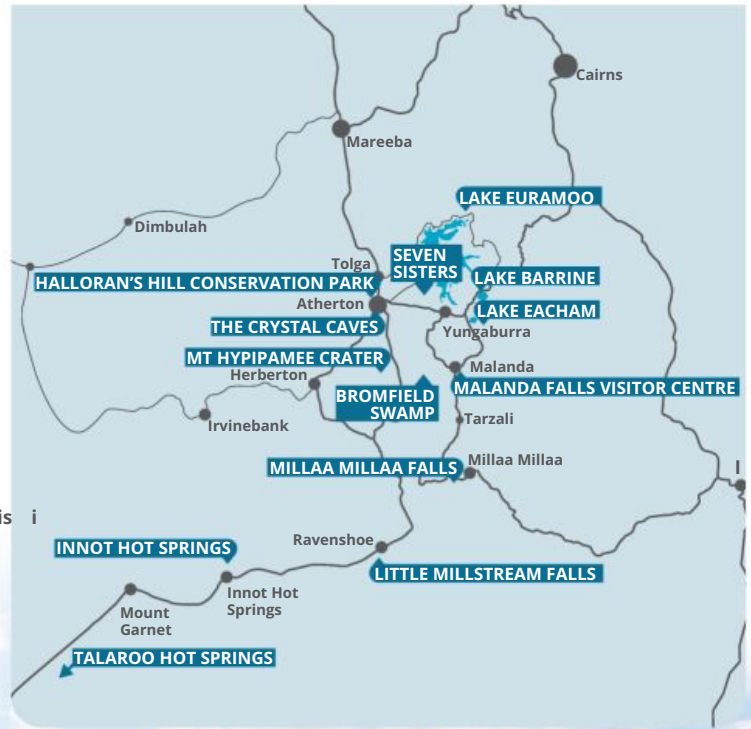
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Prehistoric **CRATER LAKES**

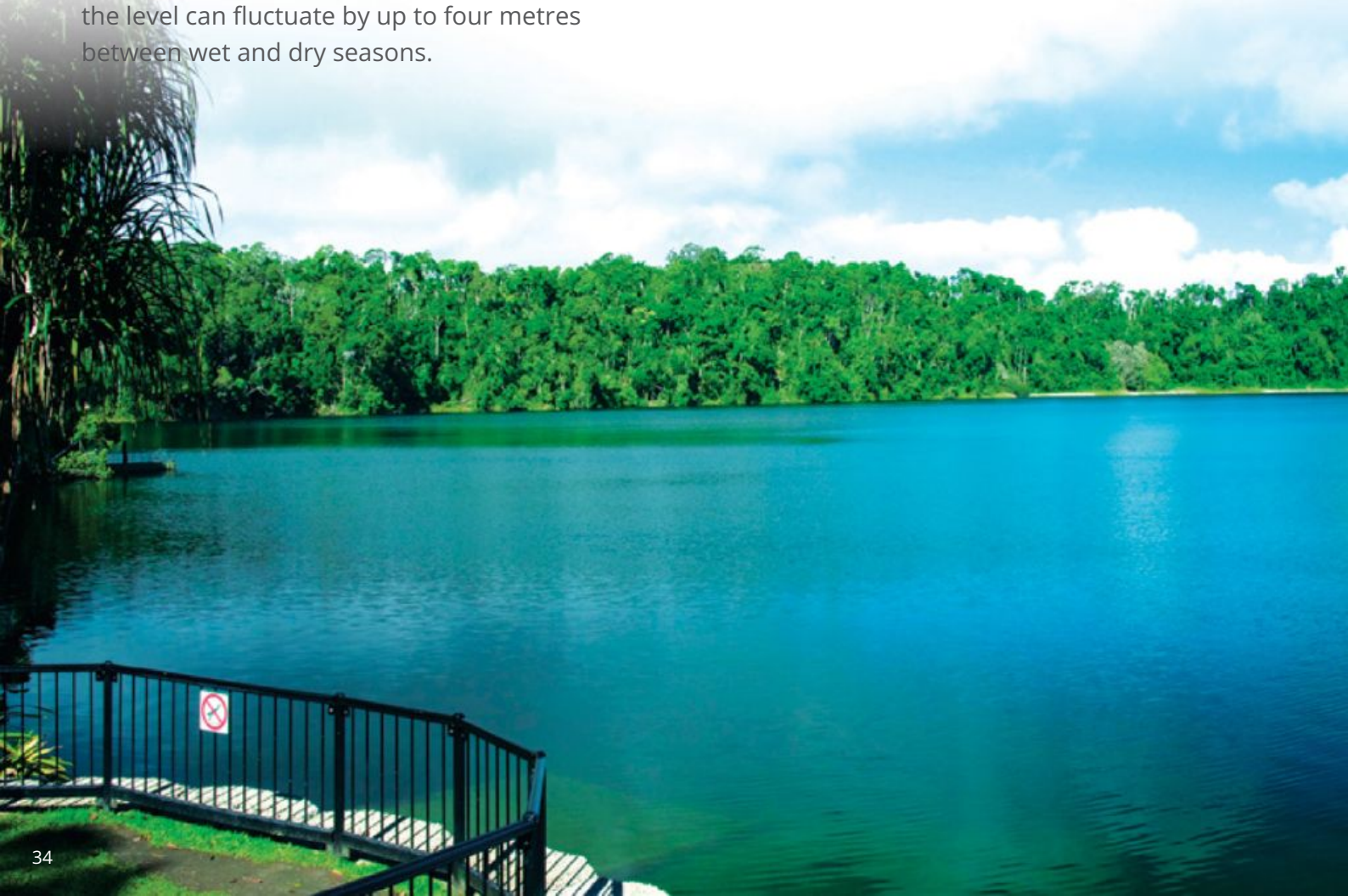
Swim in an ancient crater lake right here on the Atherton Tablelands. The twin volcanic crater lakes of Barrine and Eacham are tranquil pools of water surrounded by rainforest. Formed approximately 12,000 years ago by violent volcanic eruptions, it took several hundred years for water to fill these giant craters and for the trees to grow back, creating the placid lakes used today by local families and visitors for recreation.

There are no streams that flow into or out of the lakes, water is lost only through soakage and evaporation and is only replenished by rain. Many people are surprised to discover the level can fluctuate by up to four metres between wet and dry seasons.

LAKE BARRINE

At Lake Barrine, the Heritage Teahouse Cafe offers a charming setting to enjoy tasty light lunches and Devonshire Teas as well as a 45-minute guided rainforest and wildlife cruise on the lake. Wandering along the shoreline you may see fish, turtles and eels and there are lots of waterbirds in and around the maar – another word for a crater lake.

There is a short walk to the towering twin Kauri trees, thought to be over 1000 years old, while a longer 5km circuit, will take you along the shoreline.





📍 LAKE BARRINE

LAKE EACHAM

The clear blue and green waters of Lake Eacham make it a go-to-place on a summer's day and with motored craft banned, it's a serene and pristine beauty spot on the Atherton Tablelands all year round.

Lake Eacham is a 10-minute drive (7km) from Yungaburra via State Route 52 (Gillies Range Highway) and Lakes Road. The drive through the rainforest is the perfect prequel to arriving where the rainforest gives way to a picture-book view.

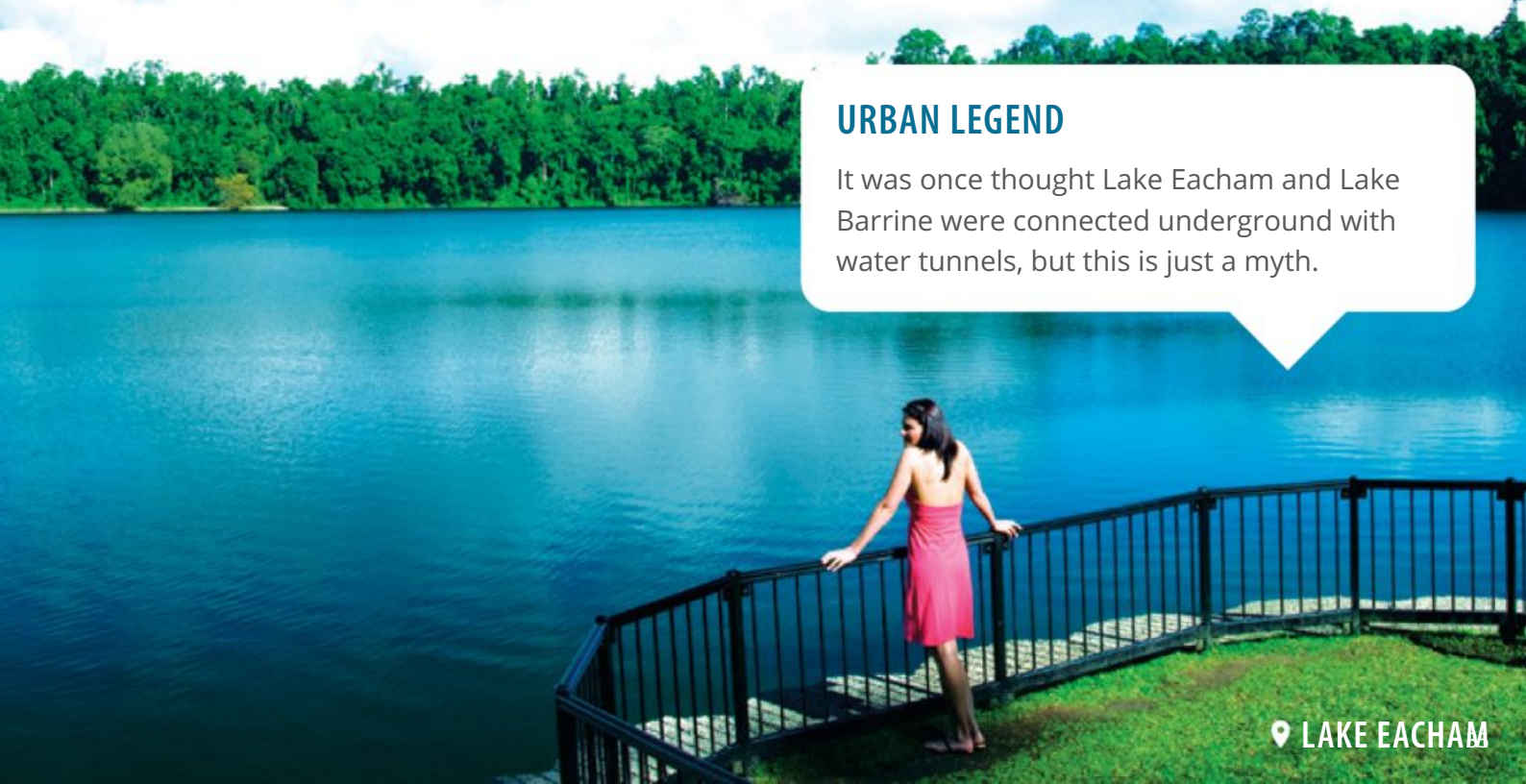
The lake has an average depth of 65m, and access to the water is simple with a pontoon provided for those who want to play in the deeper water. For those who want to stay dry, viewing platforms give a better look at this lake and its inhabitants, including fish and turtles.

There is also a 3km walking track circling the lake and the area is renowned for birdwatching, not surprising given more than 180 species have been recorded within the upland rainforest. There is also lots of great interpretive signage for children to learn about the rainforest and local wildlife. There are picnic areas and barbecue facilities lakeside and numerous places to take in the scenery around the lake circumference. Paddle out in a canoe or SUP to enjoy the pristine waters and abundant wildlife up close.

Crater Lakes National Park is managed on a daily basis by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, with management of the broader World Heritage area coordinated through a coordinated between the Commonwealth and Queensland governments and Traditional Owners.

URBAN LEGEND

It was once thought Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine were connected underground with water tunnels, but this is just a myth.



📍 LAKE EACHAM

The heart of **YUNGABURRA**

Village Charm

Yungaburra is a quaint village established in 1890. With 18 heritage-listed buildings, it is the largest National Trust village in Queensland and with its lovely streetscapes largely unchanged from those early pioneer days it is easy to see why. Wide verandahs and historic shop fronts line the pretty lanes, while charming cafes, award-winning restaurants and arts and crafts galleries complete the picture.

Attractions

Yungaburra's high profile landmark, the amazing Curtain Fig Tree, is only minutes from the village and is accessed by a short boardwalk from the sealed road. The Cathedral Fig Tree, another 500-year old strangler fig, is located in the nearby Danbulla State Forest. The Lake Eacham Hotel, or Yungaburra Pub as it is commonly known, is a magnificent showpiece of federation architecture.

MIGHTY GIANTS

Some of the giant rainforest trees of the Atherton Tablelands include the Curtain Fig Tree near Yungaburra. It is 50 metres high with a trunk circumference of 39 metres. It is 500 years old and was placed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 2009. Other not-to-miss giants include the Twin Kauri Trees at Lake Barrine, The Cathedral Fig Tree in the Danbulla State Forest and The Giant Red Cedar Tree near Lake Eacham.



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Activities

Bushwalking is the ideal way to encounter the wildlife of the surrounding areas. A network of easy and moderate walking tracks leads through wetlands, rainforest, scrub and lake-side paths. The village is set below Mt Quincan, an extinct volcanic crater.

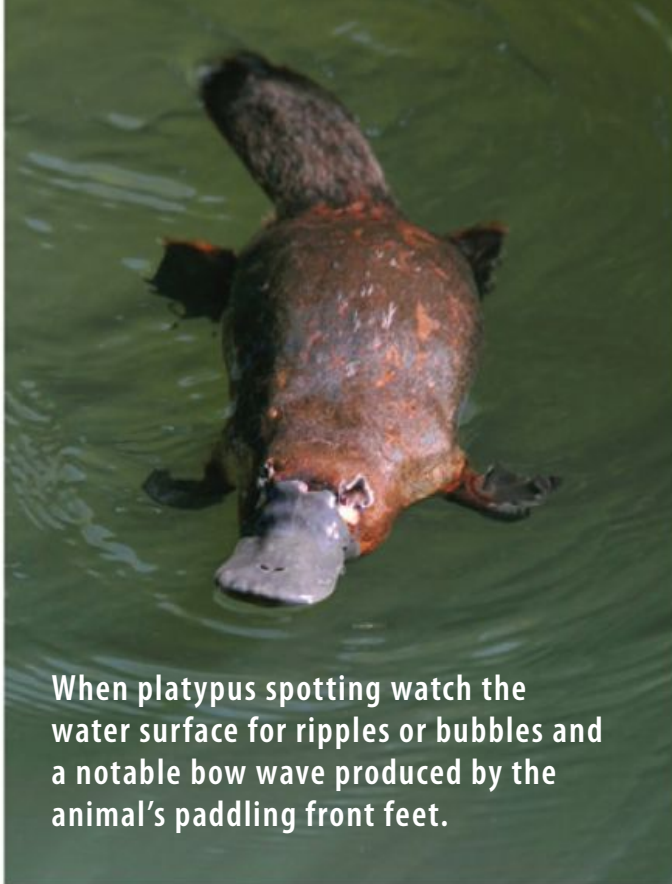
Visit the Peterson Creek Walking Circuit where there are nearly always platypus to be spotted. The revegetation program has ensured Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroos are also making their home there. The platypus viewing platform also provides an excellent place to watch.

On the Water

Nearby Tinaburra Waters is popular for sports. It features a boat ramp and special areas set aside for water skiing and jet skiing. Active travellers will love exploring the lakes and trails by bike, boat or kayak.

Accommodation

Charming B&Bs such as Birds 'n' Bloom Cottages, Blue Summit Hideaway and Lakes Edge Retreat can be found here.



When platypus spotting watch the water surface for ripples or bubbles and a notable bow wave produced by the animal's paddling front feet.



Shopping

The village features a garden centre, boutiques, art and gem galleries, crafts and country style antiques, a popular second hand book store and a foodmart/newsagent/delicatessen. For gorgeous handcrafted furniture, homewares, gifts visit Artistree Gallery.

Botanica by Rainforest Bounty also offers a range of Australian gifts, native produce, art and books to choose from.

History

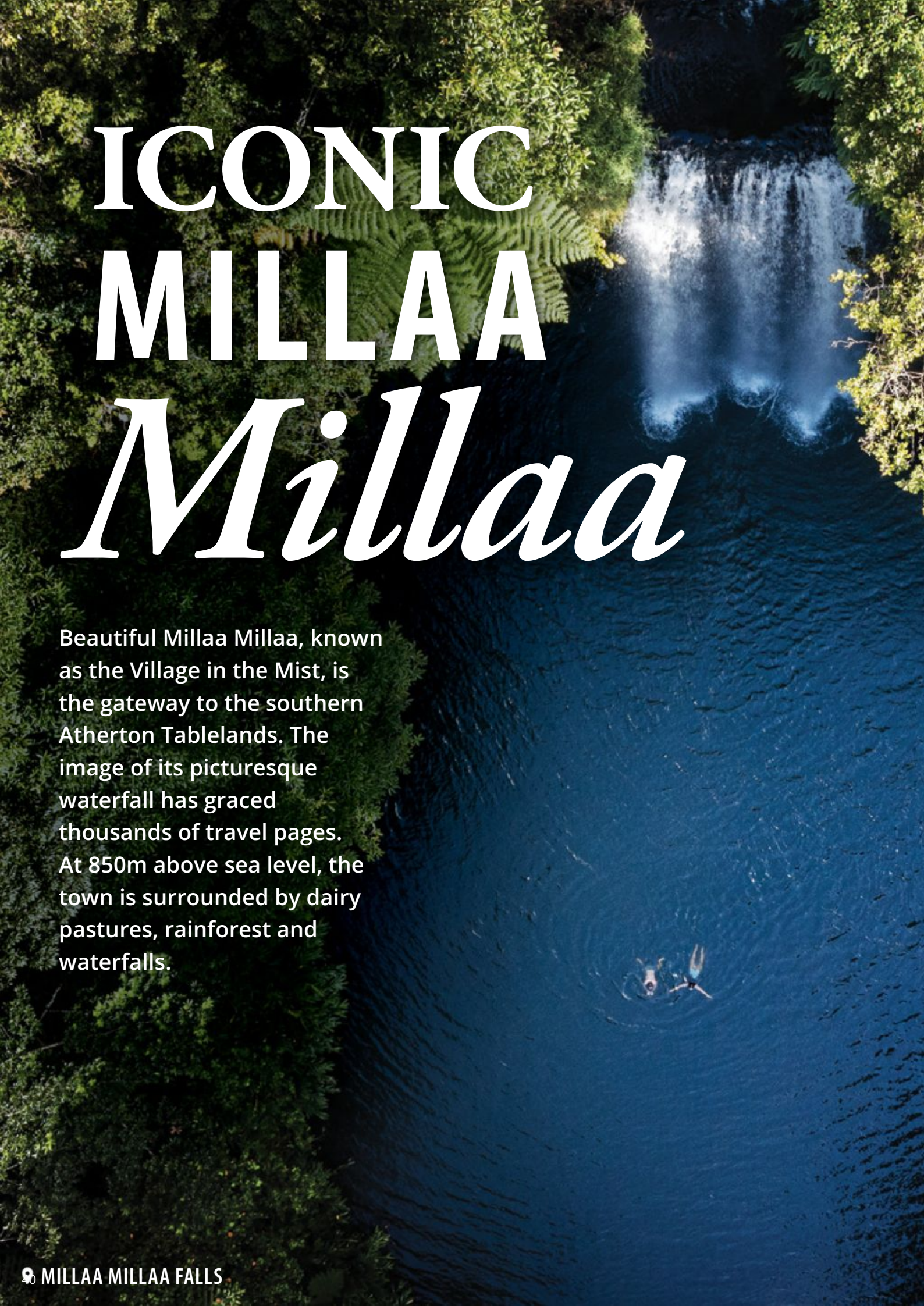
Yungaburra has existed largely unchanged since 1910 and the Eacham Historical Society has chronicled much of the town's early history.

The town's original name was Allumbah Pocket and in the early days of the 1880s miners en-route to the tin and goldfields used the hamlet as an overnight stopover. Take a self-guided stroll around the village with an Old Town Loop map from the Visitor Information Centre.

Avenue of Honour

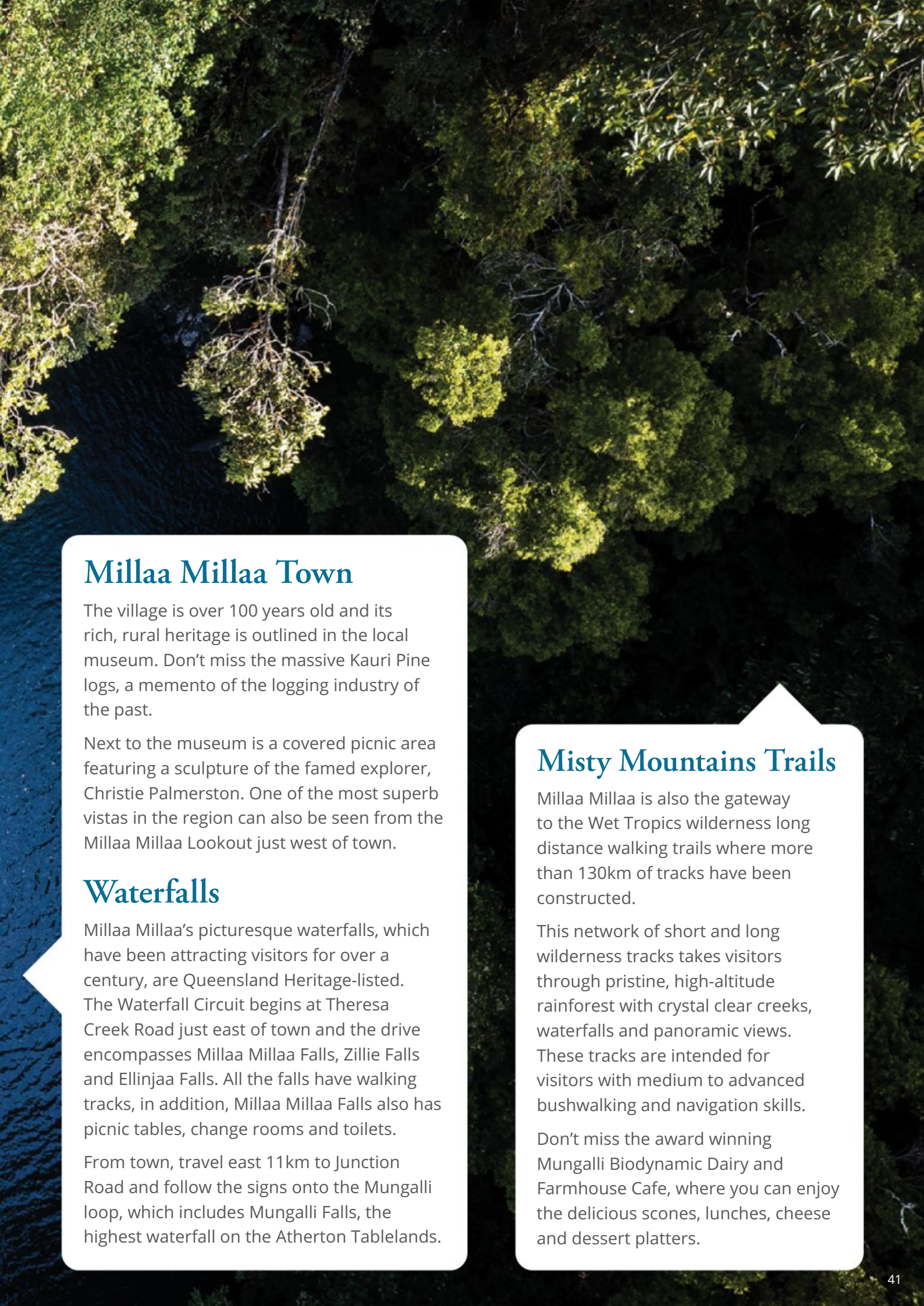
The Afghanistan Avenue of Honour is a living memorial dedicated to the memory of all who served in Afghanistan. Private Ben Chuck, one of three commandos killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2010, was from Yungaburra.

Located within the Avenue is a sculptured set of wings in full flight depicting the contributions made by all services and symbolising the undaunted spirit of the Australian servicemen and women.

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. In the upper right, a waterfall cascades into a deep blue pool of water. The surrounding area is covered in dense rainforest with various shades of green. In the lower right, two people are swimming in the pool, creating ripples in the water. The text 'ICONIC MILLAA' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'Millaa' is in a white, elegant script font, both positioned on the left side of the image.

ICONIC MILLAA *Millaa*

Beautiful Millaa Millaa, known as the Village in the Mist, is the gateway to the southern Atherton Tablelands. The image of its picturesque waterfall has graced thousands of travel pages. At 850m above sea level, the town is surrounded by dairy pastures, rainforest and waterfalls.



Millaa Millaa Town

The village is over 100 years old and its rich, rural heritage is outlined in the local museum. Don't miss the massive Kauri Pine logs, a memento of the logging industry of the past.

Next to the museum is a covered picnic area featuring a sculpture of the famed explorer, Christie Palmerston. One of the most superb vistas in the region can also be seen from the Millaa Millaa Lookout just west of town.

Waterfalls

Millaa Millaa's picturesque waterfalls, which have been attracting visitors for over a century, are Queensland Heritage-listed. The Waterfall Circuit begins at Theresa Creek Road just east of town and the drive encompasses Millaa Millaa Falls, Zillie Falls and Ellinjaa Falls. All the falls have walking tracks, in addition, Millaa Millaa Falls also has picnic tables, change rooms and toilets.

From town, travel east 11km to Junction Road and follow the signs onto the Mungalli loop, which includes Mungalli Falls, the highest waterfall on the Atherton Tablelands.

Misty Mountains Trails

Millaa Millaa is also the gateway to the Wet Tropics wilderness long distance walking trails where more than 130km of tracks have been constructed.

This network of short and long wilderness tracks takes visitors through pristine, high-altitude rainforest with crystal clear creeks, waterfalls and panoramic views. These tracks are intended for visitors with medium to advanced bushwalking and navigation skills.

Don't miss the award winning Mungalli Biodynamic Dairy and Farmhouse Cafe, where you can enjoy the delicious scones, lunches, cheese and dessert platters.

WATERFALL

Daytripping

Chasing waterfalls is easy here. Choosing how you do it is the hard part.

The Waterfall Circuit anchors this trail, looping through some of the region's most recognisable stops, each one only minutes apart but offering something different.

Start at Millaa Millaa Falls, the one everyone knows and for good reason. From there, follow the road as it winds through farmland and rainforest pockets to Zillie Falls and Ellinjaa Falls, where short walks and quieter corners reward those who take their time.

From here, the trail opens up. Stay on the circuit for an easy run of classic stops, or take a detour out to Mungalli Falls. Further on, Millstream Falls offers a completely different scale, wide and steady rather than steep and dramatic.

DEPART ACCOMMODATION—CAIRNS
OR ATHERTON TABLELANDS BASED
8.30AM (VIA GILLIES RANGE ROAD)

9.30AM
LAKE EACHAM

8km 10mins

10.30AM
YUNGABURRA

41km 30mins

11.30AM
MILLAA MILLAA FALLS

8km 10mins

1PM
ZILLIE FALLS

10mins

3PM
ELLINJAA FALLS

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Bustling ATHERTON



Central Hub, Retail Centre

From its beginnings as a timber-getters' camp and staging post between the outback tin mines and the coast, Atherton has blossomed like its trademark Jacaranda trees into a diverse regional centre. Well known to the locals as a highland getaway destination, Atherton is also famous for its rich soils, which grow superb produce and flowers.

Browse through the town's quaint shops like Atherton Antiques & Australiana and enjoy a picnic at Halloran's Hill with a view of the Seven Sisters volcanic cones. Hasties Swamp (Nyleta Wetlands) is a seasonal wetland with an annual wet and dry cycle. The two-storey bird hide provides wheelchair access on the lower section.

Take time to get to know the inhabitants at The Tolga Bat Hospital on the road to Herberton. Here, you can see flying foxes and microbats at the visitor centre. This internationally renowned facility is operated by a not-for-profit group dedicated to the conservation of bats and their habitat.

THE CRYSTAL CAVES

In the main street, you will find one of the most novel attractions in the whole of Australia, Crystal Caves. The spectacular private mineral collection features more than 600 specimens, including rare crystals, gemstones and fossils.

These treasures have been brought together by one visionary who found love at first sight more than 40 years ago after cracking his first geode along the banks of Agate Creek in North Queensland.

Rene Boissevain and his wife Nelleke have made it their life's work to build one of the largest mineral collections in Australia. Don't miss the Empress of Uruguay, the world's largest amethyst geode.

CHINATOWN

Gold attracted Chinese settlers to North Queensland in the late 1800s and when the gold ran out, many turned to timber cutting and market gardening. The remains of Atherton's Chinatown are now an archaeological site featuring the community's fully restored place of worship, the Hou Wang Temple. The Temple was the social and religious heart of Atherton's Chinese community.

HASTIES SWAMP NATIONAL PARK

Hasties Swamp National Park is a 'must-do' for birdwatchers with a two-storey bird hide providing a comfortable vantage point across the seasonal wetland.

More than 220 species have been recorded at Hasties Swamp, 4km south of Atherton on the road to Herberton.

The swamp is surrounded by open Eucalypt forest and it is not surprising that many of the migratory and resident birds are aquatic and woodland species.



TRANSPORT

Atherton has always featured as a service centre and a stopover point for travellers. Today, the Trans North transport service provides linkages between Atherton, Kuranda and Cairns all the way to Karumba via Undara.

HISTORY

Atherton's history is rooted in timber and tin. In the days of the pioneers, Atherton was a key stop along the Mulligan Highway connecting the seaside town of Port Douglas to the newly worked tin deposits at Herberton.

The highway passed through the present Main Street of Atherton, which was then known as Prior's Pocket. Bullock teams hauled supplies up to Herberton and ore back to Port Douglas. The route also opened up the area to logging of magnificent rainforest timbers. The Cobb & Co ran a coach service up and over the Great Dividing Range.





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Nature's Playground **LAKE TINAROO**

Lake Tinaroo is a mecca for waterskiers, barramundi fishers and sailing enthusiasts for the people of the Atherton Tablelands and beyond. Each year thousands of visitors are drawn to this man-made oasis with its crenulated shoreline, abundant wildlife and rainforest backdrop. This massive lake, which is 86,500 acres in size, even has the bragging rights as the best barra fishing spot in Australia.

At the very heart of the Atherton Tablelands is Lake Tinaroo. With over 200km of shoreline, it offers fishing, sailing and water sports enthusiasts plenty of room to spread out. Each year more than 500,000 people visit the lake, which was built on the Barron River in the 1950s.

Lush green scenery and deep, clear water affords the perfect backdrop for sailing, boating, canoeing, water skiing and more.

Drive along the shores, stopping at Platypus Rock Lookout for a view over the lake and Atherton Tablelands.

WHERE TO STAY

Tinaroo Lake Resort is a stylish home-away-from home with all fully self-contained apartment balconies providing views of the lake. The resort has an outdoor pool, barbecue area and library, so there are plenty of places to relax and unwind after a day out on the lake. Guests can also hire peddle carts, kayaks, canoes and boats.

ACTIVITIES

Lake Tinaroo is a mecca for water sports including sailing, water skiing, outriggering, rowing, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. It is a popular swimming spot or spots, with more than 200 to choose from. Surrounded on many sides by national park, rainforest and pine plantations, the Lake Tinaroo area is a boon for hikers. There are also plenty of cycle trails in the area as well as picnic spots for those who just want to relax and enjoy the water views.

FISHING

Fishing is a big drawcard to Lake Tinaroo, which lives up to its claim as the best barramundi fishing in Australia. With no natural predators, the Barra grow fat, fast. There is also ample opportunity to catch sooty grunter, sleepy cod, mouth almighty, archer fish, spangled perch and many species of crayfish, including the red-claw and yabby. Fishing permits are required here.

HISTORY

Lake Tinaroo was created in 1958 as a dam for irrigation on the Atherton Tablelands. Taking water originally from the Barron River it is now topped up each year by the annual wet season. The Tinaroo Falls Dam itself is worth a visit with its hydro and irrigation channels structure and information on the huge project and what now lies beneath that mass of water.

Magnificent **MALANDA**

The pretty town of Malanda is great for bird watching, bushwalking and taking a cooling dip at the falls. As well as being the centre of a highly successful dairy industry, the village has many resident artists. Their work can be viewed on an art trail showcasing a series of colourful mosaics depicting the town's history.

ATTRACTIONS

Take a break at the historic Malanda Hotel and step inside for a cool ale. Just along the street, The Malanda Collective offers a relaxed stop for organic coffee, light meals and a mix of plants, gifts and homewares, with plenty of options including gluten free and vegan.

ACCOMMODATION

Visitors have a range of accommodation options, including The Canopy Treehouses and Wildlife Sanctuary and Sharlynn by the River B&B.. These are situated in the stunning surrounding rainforest, offering plenty of opportunities to encounter native wildlife. The Malanda Lodge also offers comfortable accommodation, close to all the attractions.



ACTIVITIES

The Malanda Falls Visitor Centre is a great place to start. Allow time to browse the fascinating displays and learn about this unique tropical region, its natural history and its people. The area's traditional owners are the Ngadgon-ji people.

In the rainforest surrounding Malanda there have been more recorded daytime sightings of the elusive Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo than anywhere else. It is common to see platypus, turtles and lizards as well.

Two self-guided walking trails, the Tulip Oak Walk and the Rainforest Walk weave through the forest or along the banks of the North Johnstone River, each taking approximately 30 minutes to enjoy, and start right near the visitor information centre.

The beautiful Malanda Falls is a must-see stopover and offers year round swimming and picnicking.

Gallo Dairyland is located half way between Atherton and Malanda. Here you will find a fully operational dairy farm, gourmet cheese factory, cafe and world class chocolate.

Driving through the countryside, you will also notice tea grown in this area, which is home to Australia's Nerada Tea Plantation.



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From rare 100-year old John Deere tractors to fashion, pharmaceuticals, antique cars, coaches and much-loved toys – experience Australia as it was in the late 1880s at the Historic Village Herberton, an immaculate outdoor pioneer museum on the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland's Far North.

Voted by TripAdvisor users as one of the Top 10 museums in the country, the Historic Village lets you walk down the main street of an 1880s town, exploring Australia's fascinating and exciting past with every step. More than 60 heritage buildings have been lovingly restored, refurbished or rebuilt to make the Historic Village a wonderful day out.

Hear and feel as well as see the past through the working displays, including the Village blacksmith, newspaper printer and working sawmill. There are 16 acres of village to explore and self-guided tours are available in five languages.



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Historic HERBERTON



Herberton is the Atherton Tablelands' museum town, where the region's pioneering past still shapes the streetscape and visitor experience. From its preserved main street and heritage buildings to museums, walking trails and the Historic Village Herberton, the town offers one of the clearest links to the Atherton Tablelands' tin mining, timber and railway history, making it a natural place to step into the stories that helped build the region.

The oldest town on the Atherton Tablelands has its entire precinct listed on the National Heritage Register, and is best discovered via its intriguing photo posts and self-guided heritage walk.

See the earliest building, the 1881 School of Arts, in the main street and wander down to the Jack & Newell Store c.1882, which houses the fascinating Spy & Camera Museum.

Open seven days, this museum is one-of-a-kind and will transport visitors from downtown Herberton to the cold, dark streets of the former USSR and the world of espionage. Learn the history of photography, starting with the birth of today's modern camera and finish with owner Michael Peterson's favourite – the spy camera.

THE HERBERTON MINING MUSEUM AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Occupying the site of the first big tin discovery at the Great Northern Mine, the museum has themed areas telling the fascinating story of Herberton's mining history and the town's development. There are mineral collections on show, plus a small theatre for multi-media displays.



The Railway Museum

Also worth a visit is the Railway Museum, located at the end of John Street. Open on weekends and public holidays, the museum is operated by The Atherton-Herberton Historic Railway Inc. volunteer organisation. Having restored the old train line, it now operates train rides from Herberton Station to the Historic Village Herberton on a regular timetable. Please check the website for more information.

Historic Village Herberton

The Historic Village Herberton provides a rare glimpse spanning two centuries into Australia's pioneering past and cultural history. Exhibits range from dwellings, antiques and vehicles through to Aboriginal artifacts and World War II memorabilia. It is a living museum experience, with demonstrations of vintage machinery and trades, including blacksmithing and printing.

The Village occupies 16 acres at Herberton and has been laid out to resemble a tin mining town with a garage, newspaper office, butcher's

shop, chemist, grocery store, frock salon, toy shop, coach house, John Deere tractor shed, radio store, sewing machine shop and tool shed. Each are stocked with period wares and items.

Elderslie House, built for John Newell, 'the father of Herberton', sits grandly among more than 60 restored buildings. These include the Herberton State School, circa 1883, and the 'haunted' Bakerville Tearooms, where food is served daily. Allow a full day for your visit. The Village is open seven days and dogs on leads are welcome.

Highlands to **HOT SPRINGS**

Surrounded by natural wonders like Lake Koombooloomba and Millstream Falls the locals here live a lifestyle to be envied, and celebrate it every year during the annual Torimba Festival and Festival of the Forest in October.

**HERBERTON
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RAVENSHOE

Queensland's highest town, Ravenshoe is 920m above sea level and is home to Windy Hill wind farm, which generates enough electricity to supply approximately 3500 homes. Created on the extinct Windy Hill volcano in 2000, its 20 wind turbines take advantage of the consistent winds.

The Ravenshoe Visitor Centre at 24 Moore Street has excellent displays on the rainforest, timber-milling, dairy farming and the WWII military presence in the area. It also has a section on bats as well as a noctarium, which simulates night spotting of local native animals. The centre is home to the Nganyaji Interpretive Centre showcasing the culture and lifestyle of the region's Jirrbal people whose spoken language is the world's oldest.

Ravenshoe is the highest point in the Misty Mountains walking tracks network, and is a great location for wildlife watching, particularly for platypus. There are also 12 species of possums, 340 bird species and of course, the Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo, one of 14 species of kangaroo to be found in the area. Though notoriously difficult to spot, koalas also inhabit the forests surrounding Ravenshoe.

AUSTRALIA'S WIDEST FALLS

Tumbling over the edge of an old basalt lava flow, Millstream Falls is said to be the widest single drop waterfall in Australia.

Easily accessible by road just out of Ravenshoe on the Kennedy Highway it sits within Millstream Falls National Park. Stretch your legs and take a walk down to the lookout, offering a great view of the water crashing over the basalt rock. The larger waterfall is officially known as Big Millstream Falls with sidekick Little Millstream Falls accessible through a separate entrance to the park. There are several walking tracks at Millstream Falls National Park, two start from the Big Millstream Falls carpark and one at Little Millstream. There is also a great deal of World War II history with plenty of evidence of some of the 100,000 Australia troops that came to the area for training.

INNOT HOT SPRINGS

In an often quoted local export story, the hot water bubbling out of Nettle Creek at up to 75 degrees celsius was bottled and shipped to Europe as a health treatment more than 100 years ago. Today, visitors take to the waters at the Innot Hot Springs Leisure & Health Park, which has six public pools. Innot Hot Springs is also a great base for gem fossicking, fishing and bird watching.

MOUNT GARNET

During its heyday, large deposits of copper, silver, tin and lead were extracted from Mount Garnet, the town named for a large garnet lode discovered during copper mining. If you would like to experience real Australian bush style hospitality, turn up on the first weekend of May for the town's annual races and rodeo.



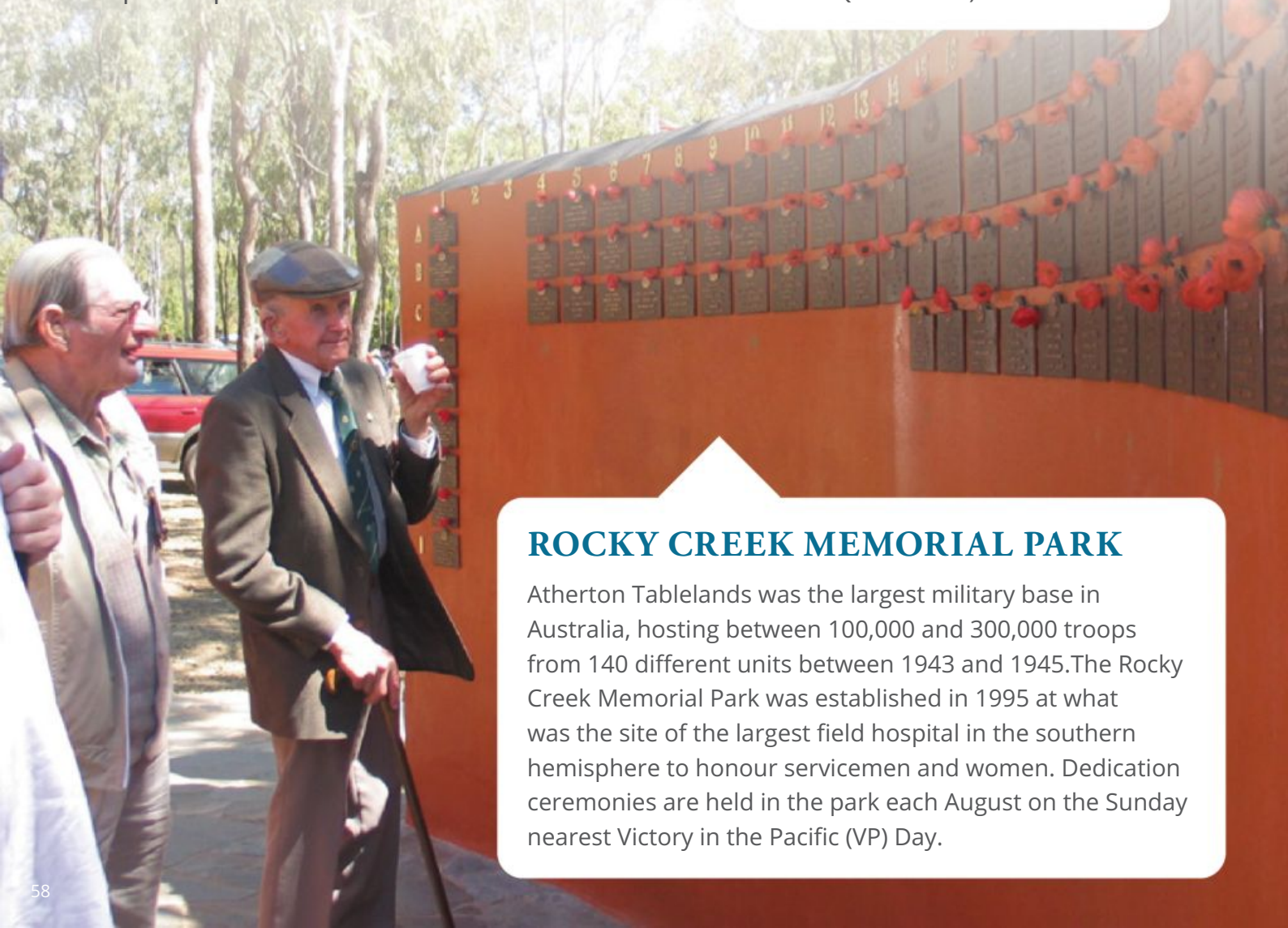
Walkamin and **ROCKY CREEK MEMORIAL PARK**

Walkamin was built during the construction of Tinaroo Dam in the 1950s. Described as food bowl country, the site for the town was chosen due to its perfectly balanced weather patterns with the ideal climate for a wide variety of crops.

Visit the Cellar Door nearby at Mt Uncle Distillery and sample the excellent liqueurs and spirits. The tasting room is open daily from 10am-4pm. Select from the tasting menu and then settle in and relax as stories behind each drop are explained.

MT EMERALD WIND FARM

Look up and you can't miss the huge wind turbines dotted along Mt Emerald. This wind farm development is home to 53 turbines, generating enough electricity to power the average use of 75,000 - 90,000 homes (one third of homes in Tropical North Queensland).



ROCKY CREEK MEMORIAL PARK

Atherton Tablelands was the largest military base in Australia, hosting between 100,000 and 300,000 troops from 140 different units between 1943 and 1945. The Rocky Creek Memorial Park was established in 1995 at what was the site of the largest field hospital in the southern hemisphere to honour servicemen and women. Dedication ceremonies are held in the park each August on the Sunday nearest Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day.

TOLGA *Tastes*

The Tolga racecourse is the venue for the markets, with a wide range of local produce and crafts on display 7am-12noon on the first Sunday of every month.

A thriving community today, Tolga began life as a simple staging post on the track linking the Herberton tinfields with Port Douglas. During World War II, the region became a training centre and base for Allied forces.

Discover the past at the Tablelands Heritage Centre and at the Tolga Museum, which houses memorabilia of World War II and the local timber and agricultural industries, and at the Tablelands Heritage Centre.

Tolga is central, pretty and the ideal holiday base with a choice of budget accommodation. As you drive south towards Atherton, the road passes through the Tolga Scrub, a delightful, short rainforested strip with a leafy canopy. It is one of the last remaining areas of Mabi rainforest on the Atherton Tablelands. It is the most drought resistant type of rainforest in Australia. The strip is 2km long and 100 metres wide.

Getting HERE

Tropical North Queensland has rightfully earned its reputation as one of the most beautiful and diverse localities to visit in the world and finding your way around has never been easier, with some fantastic tried and tested drive routes that all lead to the Atherton Tablelands and beyond. Whether it's a self-drive adventure that lets you discover the region at your own pace, or a tour that lets someone else take the wheel, the landscape is a joy to explore.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF DRIVE

This drive takes in 140km of spectacular scenery, hugging the rugged coastline from Ellis Beach to Port Douglas, passing through Mossman and over the Daintree River before meandering through the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest on the way to Cape Tribulation. Enjoy the brief ferry ride across the crocodile-filled Daintree River and prepare for the wild and untamed beauty that awaits.

CHILLAGOE & THE WHEELBARROW WAY

The Wheelbarrow Way encompasses some of the richest and most important history of our national heritage between Mareeba and Chillagoe. Drive through ancient landscapes with spectacular escarpment formations and be sure not to miss the beautiful limestone caves at Chillagoe. Also spend some time in Chillagoe touring the historic copper mines of the Old State Smelters.

COOKTOWN AND CAPE YORK

The push to the tip of Australia is a must for the intrepid road warrior. Visit amazing Aboriginal rock art and pioneer relics, marvel at nature in the national parks or try your luck sport fishing. The Palmer River Gold Fields, Lakeland Downs, the Annan Gorge, the mysterious Black Mountain and historic Cooktown all warrant further exploration. It is also a gateway to Cape York, where sealed roads give way to true four-wheel-drive country for those keen to venture further north.

A 4x4 vehicle is driving on a winding road that curves into the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the landscape. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation. The vehicle has a roof rack loaded with gear.

THE CASSOWARY COAST

The southern access to the Atherton Tablelands provides a scenic drive along the 55km Palmerston Highway from the coast, through Wooroonooran National Park, to the township of Millaa Millaa at the top of the range. After turning off the Bruce Highway 5km north of Innisfail, the vista opens out on to cattle and cane farm land with breathtaking views of mountain fringed valleys and the southern aspect of Mt Bartle Frere.

At 1622m, this is Queensland's highest mountain. Continue past the Nucifora tea plantation and into the World Heritage rainforest.

There are numerous camping areas and places to swim in the cool, fresh water of the North Johnstone River as you drive through Wooroonooran National Park. Sections of the Palmerston Highway are quite steep so observe the speed limits.

SAVANNAH WAY

The Savannah Way is a road journey from the heart of two wilderness wonders – the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforest through the extraordinary Atherton Tablelands to the Northern Territory's Top End and ultimately the historic coastal pearl that is Broome.

It's called Australia's adventure drive and the Atherton Tablelands is at its exciting start or finish. Not all of it is sealed so you will need a decent vehicle. It goes through some very remote country so have a good map, plenty of water, important supplies such as prescription medication and be aware of dangers, such as crocodiles.

Respect local culture, check road conditions before you set out and make use of the Savannah Guides along the way.

MAREEBA

Located 417m above sea level, Mareeba is a region of vast landscapes, huge granite gorges, savannah grasslands, blue skies, agricultural pastures and clear nights, perfect for stargazing.

NORTHERN *TABLELANDS*

A multi-cultural district rich in wildlife, museums, coffee and wine, Mareeba has a history going back to the gold mining days and a strong sense of community spirit, which sees support for traditional outback sports such as the famous annual Mareeba Rodeo.

Considered the heart of Australia's thriving tropical fruits and coffee industries, you will find large mango and pawpaw/papaya orchards and coffee and macadamia nut plantations alongside farms growing sugar cane, pineapples, cashews, bananas and a whole cornucopia of other crops.

Over 70 percent of Australia's coffee crop is grown around Mareeba, and you can taste, buy and explore at a number of local roasters and plantations, including Skybury, Australia's oldest coffee plantation.

Fruit wines are another specialty of the Mareeba region. Golden Drop's wines will introduce you to the delights of mango. Its wide range of products include sparkling wine, port and liqueurs.



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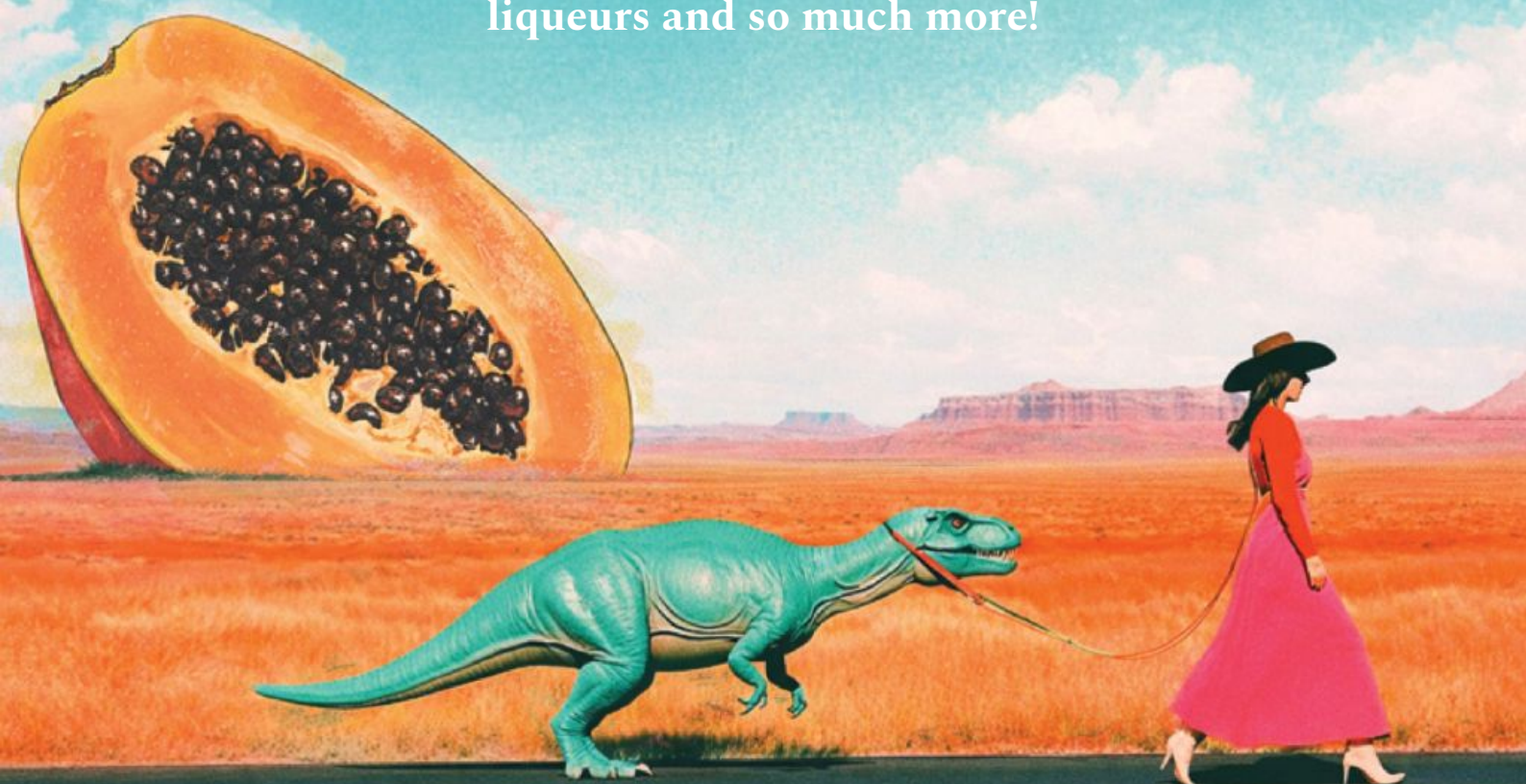
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Kuranda

THE VILLAGE IN THE RAINFOREST

Market Mecca

Over the years Kuranda has become a great place to shop. There are bargains to be had, as well as exquisite artisan pieces. Spend time browsing the unique stores that can be found along Kuranda's main central Coondoo and Therwine streets.

Be charmed by the local artists and personalities that make the Kuranda Original Markets a must experience.

Many of the current marketeers have been involved in the markets during the course of the last 25 - 30 years. Fresh, hot food, live music, culture and arts are what make this market so special.

The delightful Kuranda Heritage Markets which have also been a feature of the Village for 25 years also offers a great range of fashion, jewellery and gift ideas.



COLOURFUL & QUIRKY

Kuranda is the place to find art, tropical handicrafts and jewellery made by local artisans. The Village in the Rainforest is one of the gateways to the Atherton Tablelands, where you can be entertained by buskers, dine at an array of cafes, enjoy walking trails or a river cruise and experience the region's iconic nature-based attractions.

One of Kuranda's most treasured landmarks is the Barron River and its spectacular gorge, home of the mighty Barron Falls. The Kuranda Riverboat's wildlife spotting cruise operates from beside the train and Skyrail arrival stations. During a 45-minute calm water cruise, look for freshwater crocodiles, turtles, snakes, water dragons, fish and many gorgeous tropical birds.

The Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, the largest butterfly flight aviary and exhibit in Australia, is a beautiful garden containing more than 1500 colourful butterflies. Birdworld Kuranda has one of the best single collections of free-flying birds in Australia with more than 300 species from around the world. BatReach is a rescue and rehabilitation centre operated by volunteers and open by appointment.. It is located off Coondoo Street and admission is by donation.

Kuranda's Koala Gardens is ideal for visitors with limited time who want to see Australia's best known wildlife like koalas, wallabies, wombats, crocodiles and reptiles. Rainforestation on the fringe of Kuranda is a nature park, cultural centre and wild ride all rolled into one. Share the culture of the Pamagirri people and take an exciting ride in an amphibious Army Duck. Also a short drive from Kuranda, is Kur-Cow, offering horseriding, ATVs, farm animals to feed, trailer hay rides and more.



Outback **ADVENTURE**

JULATTEN, MT MOLLOY & MT CARBINE

Off the Beaten Track

MOUNT MOLLOY

Further along the Mulligan Highway, just 30 minutes from Mareeba, is the historic mining and timber town of Mount Molloy. At its height Mount Molloy was a copper mine in the 1890s, named after Patrick Molloy who found the copper outcrop while searching for stray bullocks.

Today, this small town with a population of around 300, is much more humble with a bakery, general store and petrol station. Its main industry is cattle grazing, however tourism is steadily growing as visitors discover the beauty, wildlife and history of this area and its surrounding towns of Julatten, Maryfarms and Mt Carbine.

HISTORIC SITES

Located at the south-east corner of the Mount Molloy cemetery near the mature grevillea tree is the resting place of James (Venture) Mulligan. A condensed but beautiful biography of his life can be read on his tombstone. Visitors can also visit the old steam engine that was used to supply the power to the local sawmill, which is located at the southern entrance to Mount Molloy.

LABYRINTH

Mount Molloy is home to one of the largest mown labyrinths in the Southern hemisphere. It is the inspiration of Rupert Russell who announced, quite unexpectedly, at a community meeting in 2015 that "Mount Molloy needed a labyrinth", putting to good use the unused sporting fields.

JULATTEN

Tucked away in the rainforest just to the west of the popular coastal town of Port Douglas, this small village attracts thousands of birders each year on the lookout for species that include Spectacled Monarch, Blue-Faced Parrot Finch, Lesser Sooty Owl, Red-Necked Crake, Pied Monarch, Yellow-Breasted Boatbill and Orange-Footed Scrubfowl. In summer, the spectacular Buff-Breasted Paradise Kingfisher is another highlight.

NATURAL SITES

Not far from these towns is the imposing pyramid-shaped Black Mountain within the Mowbray National Park. This national park is popular among birdwatchers, with cassowaries known to inhabit the rainforest in this area. The park is also popular among bushwalkers, bikers and horse riders.

Nearby the Mount Lewis Forest Reserve can also be found and is home to some of the most accessible and scenic upland rainforest in the area. It is known as a good spot for birdwatching, where Golden Bowerbirds, Noisy Pittas, Blue-Faced Parrot Finches and Chowchillas can be seen.

MT CARBINE

On the way to Mt Carbine as you travel north, you pass through a small town that was once known as Maryfarms. Further along you will reach Mt Carbine, another historic town dating back to the 1890s when Wolframite was discovered on Carbine Hill.

Outback **COUNTRY**

CHILLAGOE, DIMBULAH & PETFORD

Outback landscapes, history,
caves and character



DIMBULAH

One of the main points of interest is Dimbulah, founded on the back of the Hodgkinson Goldfield, which was settled in 1876. Once mining faded, cropping became the focus and today sugar cane, mango and lychee plantations can be seen. Dimbulah has a restored rail station for the Savannahlander line between Cairns and Forsayth. There are interpretive panels here on the town's history.

There is also a well-serviced caravan park set in gardens, a supermarket, cafes and a butcher plus petrol stations and mechanical repair services.

The towns of Almaden, Petford and Emuford are also linked by the Etheridge railway line, which welcomes the Savannahlander train on its weekly run from Cairns via Almaden and Mt Surprise to Forsayth.

Munguna Caves **NATIONAL PARK**

Explore an exciting underground world of vast chambers, eerie narrow passages, dripping stalactites and stunning limestone cave 'decorations'. When you join a park ranger-guided cave tour, the natural beauty of the caves will leave you spellbound. Your caving experience will be enhanced by state-of-the-art LED lighting systems and elevated walkways that allow you to see intricate detail as well as sense the awesome 'big picture' of Chillagoe's limestone cave systems.

Learn how the caves and Chillagoe's distinctive landscape were formed over hundreds of millions of years. After your cave tour, discover the area's colourful mining heritage with a visit to the historic Chillagoe Smelters.

DID YOU KNOW?

About 400 million years ago Chillagoe was the site of a shallow sea with thriving coral reefs. Over time, the limestone formed by those ancient reefs has been folded, stretched, heated and weathered to form the jagged, glittering limestone bluffs and underground caves that characterise today's remarkable landscape.

Easily accessed by conventional vehicles, one of the best out west experiences is the road to Chillagoe, aka the Wheelbarrow Way, named after the gold miners of the late 1800s who transported all their belongings in a handcart on the 143km route.

CHILLAGOE

Chillagoe is a genuine outback town with fascinating attractions and abundant wildlife. On entering the region, a dramatic landscape created by massive limestone bluffs and rock formations greets travellers.

After the gold rush in the 1880s, Chillagoe's population grew to thousands in a new mining boom, however the much-anticipated mother lode of copper did not materialise and the State Government took control of the smelter until production ceased in 1943.

The ore smelter was never reused and it along with the tall brick chimney can now be viewed from a high vantage point that also features interpretive storyboards. This is Chillagoe's landmark that can be seen from a great distance.

SWIMMING

The Chillagoe Weir is a great swimming hole with plenty of shade and picnic tables. It is only a few minutes drive from the town centre (the turn off is on the road to the airport).

PETFORD

Petford, the junction of the road from Herberton, was originally called Wadetown and was a popular watering hole for miners back in the day.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the Little Free Library along the way - a book swap under a tree beside Eureka Creek and popular rest point for travellers. Further along, climb the range to the remains of the 100-year old Lappa Pub, another famed stopover of old.

REGULAR *Markets*

ARCHER CREEK

2nd Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Kennedy Hwy

ATHERTON

1st Saturday of the month
7am-12noon
Platypus Park,
Herberton Rd
2nd Sunday of the month
Atherton Show
Grounds Lions Park,
Louise St

HERBERTON

3rd Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Wondecla Sports
Ground

KURANDA

Every Day
Original Markets
9am-3pm
Heritage Markets
9am-3.30pm

KOAH

1st Saturday of the month
8am-1pm

KARUMBA

Every Sunday
(April until August)
7am-12noon

MALANDA

3rd Saturday of the month
7am-12noon
Malanda Showgrounds

TOLGA

1st Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Morrow Park
Racecourse

TUMOULIN

4th Sunday of the month
7am-12.30pm
Tumoulin Ravenshoe

YUNGABURRA

4th Saturday of the month
7.30am-12.30pm
Bruce Jones Park

Regional EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL



UNDARA OUTBACK ROCK & BLUES
HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
IRON & STEAM FAIR EVENT SERIES
HERBERTON TRASH,
TREASURE & COLLECTIBLES FAIR

MAY



HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
PIONEER WEEKEND
MOUNT GARNET RACES AND RODEO
GREAT WHEELBARROW RACE
CHILLAGOE TO MAREEBA

JUNE



MAREEBA RODEO FESTIVAL
COOKTOWN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL
HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
IRON & STEAM FAIR EVENT SERIES

JULY



CHRISTMAS IN JULY (MAREEBA)
HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
IRON & STEAM FAIR EVENT SERIES

AUGUST



HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
IRON & STEAM FAIR EVENT SERIES

SEPTEMBER



HERBERTON FLOWER SHOW
HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
IRON & STEAM FAIR EVENT SERIES
*FATHER'S DAY

OCTOBER



MALANDA BULLRIDE
TABLELANDS FOLK FESTIVAL
TORIMBA FESTIVAL
JACARANDA FESTIVAL
SAVANNAH IN THE ROUND

NOVEMBER



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ATHERTON
MALANDA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
HERBERTON CHRISTMAS MARKET
HISTORIC VILLAGE HERBERTON
VILLAGE MARKET FAIR

DECEMBER



HERBERTON NEW YEARS EVE
STREET PARTY
YUNGABURRA CHRISTMAS MARKET
ATHERTON CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



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