

eurobodalla
Land of many waters

kayaking & canoeing



Snapper Island



Tuross River

bring out your better nature

eurobodalla, kayaking heaven



Eurobodalla, land of many waters, is kayaking heaven with four major river systems, 20 lakes, 83 beaches and many islands along 130 kilometres of Batemans Marine Park coastline. Renowned for its rich sea, bird and wildlife, It has a diverse landscape of national parks, forests and nature reserves, villages and towns, plus a strong rural heritage.

Flatwater or sea, paddle away from it all to discover some of the quietest and least touched places in Australia, or glide in for lunch at a waterside café or restaurant. Paddle rivers, estuaries, creeks, inlets, lakes and the ocean in some of the cleanest water in the world.

The mild winters make it easy to enjoy paddling all year round. Each season brings its own palette of colours to the sea and landscape.

Book a guided tour, bring your own kayak or canoe, or hire one when you get here. For details on guided kayaking tours, kayak hire, kayaking routes and maps, visit:

www.eurobodalla.com.au

a quieter, simpler corner of australia



Tomago River Mossy Point

Perhaps Eurobodalla's finest attribute is how the peaceful sense of place gently insinuates itself into your feelings rather than boldly walking in.

Eurobodalla is neither old world nor old fashioned, it's not off the beaten track nor is it backward. Like the mountains, rivers, lakes and ocean that come together here, socialising with each other in a gently beautiful fashion, Eurobodalla has a timeless feeling about it, both in how it greets the eye and in the way people live here.

That's why a visit to Eurobodalla is not so much an escape from somewhere you don't want to be, but a return to how we all prefer to be. Simple, honest, unspoiled and relaxed.

*Come and say hello
and let us bring out
your better nature.*

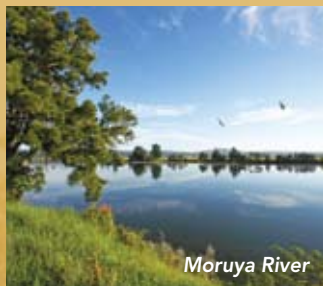
Guided Kayaking Tours

The exceptional kayaking in Eurobodalla has attracted world class kayaking guides and instructors. Treat yourself to a memorable water experience and paddle with a guide. It's a great way to see and learn something new and to keep paddling when you can't travel with your own kayak. Tours are suitable for the novice to the very experienced adventure seeker, and overnight, weekend and week-long sea adventures are also available.



Currowan Creek

The range of guided tours is endless and offered across the region for your convenience. Paddle the rivers at sunrise, sunset, or glide through still lakes at twilight on a discovery trail. Indulge in a hearty breakfast or gourmet dinner while you rest en route, taste oysters in the Clyde River or enjoy afternoon tea on the riverbank. Be guided through the marine park coastline alongside rocky outcrops, headlands, coves and secret beaches nestled in the national park. Or hit the waves for an adrenalin rush surf kayak!



Moruya River



Kayak and Canoe Hire

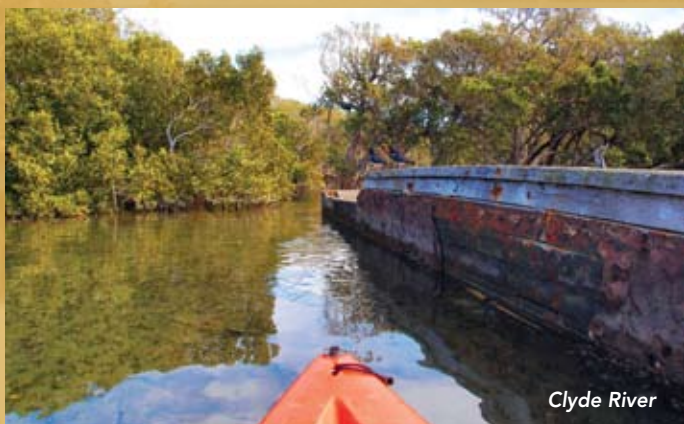


Batemans Bay



Durras Lake

There are plenty of places to hire kayaks in Eurobodalla and a variety of crafts are on offer – sea kayaks, singles, doubles, canoes, glass bottom kayaks, child friendly kayaks, sit on tops, and pedal kayaks. All kayaks hired come with safety vests and some hirers provide maps and suggested routes.



Clyde River

Staff at the Eurobodalla Visitor Centres can assist with finding a guided tour to suit you (we all love kayaking) or provide contact details of current licensed operators if you would like to chat with a guide.

**Phone Eurobodalla Visitors Centre on 1800 802 528
for info or visit www.eurobodalla.com.au**

Kayak and Canoe Safety Tips



Here are some important safety tips to remember when you undertake any of the routes in this guide:



Be Seen-Be Safe.

Wear bright coloured clothing. Keep out of mooring areas (where other boats hide your presence).



Water safety.

Be aware of water safety rules and procedures with information from boating, marine or water sports organisations.



Skills.

Take a lesson if you need to. Instruction is available in Eurobodalla for all levels of kayaking skills.



Safety Vests.

Always wear a life vest or life jacket.



Helmets.

Recommended for surf and white-water kayaking and when paddling near rough water and rocks.



Paddle with someone.

If possible and tell someone where you will be going and when you expect to return.



Maps.

Take a map with you if you are not familiar with the route.



Be aware of local conditions.

Including currents, tides, water levels, shoreline variations and special hazards.



Check the weather.

Plus know about likely changes, such as offshore winds that may occur.



Wind.

Will slow down paddling and the extra effort required will tire you more quickly than normal. Also think about offshore winds – don't get blown away from shore.



Waves.

Can be larger than expected and can change in size depending on water depth.



Tides.

Can be strong and having to paddle against the tide can make you tire quickly. Tidal flow against the wind direction will make waves steeper and water more choppy – plan your paddle according to tides.



Surf.

Check the conditions and stay away from swimmers.



Emergency Contact.

Phone 000 Emergency Services.



Kayak routes in eurobodalla



Wagonga Inlet

These are some of our favourite flatwater and sea kayaking routes. We recommend you take a more detailed map if you're paddling somewhere new and without a guide.

1. Durras Lake (up to 15km)
2. South Durras to Batemans Bay in the Batemans Marine Park (17km)
3. Cullendulla Creek and Snapper Island (up to 14km)
4. Lower Clyde River – Batemans Bay and Nelligen (up to 30km)
5. Upper Clyde River at Shallow Crossing (25–40km)
6. Batehaven to Mossy Point (up to 20km)
7. Tomaga River from Mossy Point (up to 22km)
8. Moruya River east of Moruya (up to 14km)
9. Moruya River west of Moruya and the Deua River (up to 24km)
10. Coila Lake at Tuross (up to 18.5km)
11. Tuross Lake (up to 25km)
12. Lower Tuross River and Borang Lake (up to 17km)
13. Upper Tuross River and Bumbo Lake (11–22.8km)
14. Wagonga Inlet at Narooma (various lengths)
15. Corunna Lake, Tilba region (up to 12km)
16. Mystery Bay to Narooma (various lengths)
17. Wallaga Lake, south of the Tilba region (up to 20km)



Deua River

1 Durras Lake (flatwater) Up to 15km circumnavigation.

Surrounded by Murramarang National Park, Durras Lake is excellent for safe exploring with many tributaries, small exposed areas and shallow bays. As you paddle up the lake you leave the villages behind and become immersed in the wilderness of the spotted gum forest. Launch at the end of Lakeside Drive, South Durras or at the end of North Durras Road, North Durras – continue down to the lake to an informal boat ramp. A circumnavigation could be up to 15km. No toilet facilities at either launch point.

2 South Durras to Batemans Bay in the Batemans Marine Park (sea) 17km of coastline.

An enjoyable 17km sea paddle along a quiet coastline of small beaches and rugged headlands in Murramarang National Park. As you come past Wasp Island you will pick up the open sea conditions. The geology here is fantastic – you're at the south end of the Sydney Sandstone Basin dating back to between 200 and 300 million years. That's 200 million years younger than the Wagonga formation which you will see emerging as you pass Dark Beach. As you round the headland north of Richmond Beach take a minute to appreciate the magnificent upward arching fold in the cliff face. Most beaches face south east and have powerful dumping surfs if a southerly swell is up. Safer landings can be found once you enter Batemans Bay. Richmond Beach is the easiest beach for landing on route. Launch at the boat ramp at Cookies Beach off Banyandah Street, South Durras or the boat ramp at Old Punt Road on the north-western side of Batemans Bay Bridge. Or for a shorter option, finish at Maloneys Beach. BBQ/picnic area and toilets at Cookies Beach.

3 Cullendulla Creek and Snapper Island (flatwater and sea) Up to 14km return.

Launch from the protected beach at Surfside and paddle around the point to Cullendulla Creek. Exploration of this creek is recommended on higher or between tides. Land and take a short walk on the Cullendulla Nature Reserve boardwalk with interpretive signage about the Aboriginal history. The remains of the historic timber railway near the upper end of the creek are worth seeing. Paddle to Square Head and around Snapper Island, note that the island is a nature reserve and landings are not permitted. Distance is dependent on which route but a return trip may be approximately 14kms. Parking at Surfside beach.

4 Lower Clyde River – Batemans Bay and Nelligen (flatwater)

Up to 15km one-way, 30km return.

An expansive river famous for its oysters and surrounding national park. Launch into shallow water near the boat ramps north and south of the west side of Batemans Bay Bridge. For a 15km one-way paddle head up to Nelligen. You will pass the Clyde River National Park's Big and Little Island, with landing spots on both their southern shores, to land at the little beach downstream of the western boat ramp at Nelligen. Buckenbowra River is worth a side trip if time allows. Check the tides and watch for strong tidal flows. The river bar downstream of the Batemans Bay Bridge should be avoided. Picnic tables and toilets at the southern boat ramp in Batemans Bay and at Nelligen.

5 Upper Clyde River at Shallow Crossing (flatwater)

25-40km.

From Nelligen the Clyde River snakes 25km to the tidal limit at Shallow Crossing. Explore the tributaries and be prepared to cross shallow water spots and pebble races. Launch spots either side of the causeway at the privately owned campground at Shallow Crossing. Paddle another 10 to 15km up this lush, freshwater section depending on water level, flows and accessibility. Expect to experience shallow water, small rapids and trees across the river. If the water levels are high, drive up River Road to Brooman and launch from there for a worthwhile one-way trip down the river to Shallow Crossing.

6 Batehaven to Mossy Point (sea)

Up to 20km of coastline.

A 20km sea paddle with options for shorter trips. Launch at Corrigans Beach and follow the coastline south east keeping a safe distance from the rocky cliffs. Follow headlands and sheltered bays to Mosquito Bay with a landing option at the protected boat ramp. From here conditions are subject to weather and the next stage should only be attempted by experienced groups in kind weather. The paddling becomes more spectacular as you round Pretty Point and Jimmies Island and there is a sheltered landing point at Guerilla Bay. The next stage is committing and should only be attempted with the right conditions, group and craft. Burrewarra Point, protected by a lighthouse and high cliffs, has secluded beaches, reefs and islets. Rounding the protruding point is the climax of this journey. As you head west, the mountains and beaches offer protection from northerly weather patterns. Explore Barlings Island then head to Camel Rock and the entrance of the Tomaga River. The river bar is only navigable in small swell. A trip of this kind is not to be attempted in rough weather or wind. Boat ramps, parking and toilets at Corrigans Beach, Mosquito Bay and Mossy Point, and parking and launch point at Guerilla Bay.

7 Tomaga River from Mossy Point (flatwater)

Up to 11km one-way, 22km return.

A clean, clear river with options for short paddles or a 22km return trip from Mossy Point to the end of Mogo Creek at Mogo Zoo. Take the eastern tributary at the junction of Jeramadra and Mogo Creeks for this route. The junction is 7km from Mossy Point. Parts of the river are shallow above oyster leases and there is a strong tide near the mouth, so stay in the shallows when paddling against the tide. Launch into shallow water near the boat ramp at Annettes Parade but note that this is directly into the river's tidal current. Novices could use the boat ramp at Kingston Place, Tomakin to avoid strong tides near the river mouth. Toilets near the boat ramp at Mossy Point and Tomakin.

8 Moruya River east of Moruya (flatwater)

Up to 7km one-way, 14km return.

The region's rural heritage and unique granite is evident along the banks of this river which winds past the historic town of Moruya. For a 14km return trip launch into shallow water at North Head campground near the airport, or at the Moruya town boat ramp in Riverside Park, east of Moruya Bridge. Look out for mangrove forests along the way. A short side trip at high tide up Ryan's Creek, on the southern side of the river 2kms east of Moruya Bridge, is worthwhile to see the mangroves and granite boulders in the water. Take the left fork at the junction. Toilets at North Head campground and picnic tables and toilets near the Moruya town boat ramp.

9 Moruya River west of Moruya & the Deua River (flatwater)

12km or up to 24km return.

Paddle 12kms west of Moruya up to the bridge on Araluen Road by launching from the Moruya town boat ramp on the east side of Moruya Bridge. The river winds through farming land and forest. Above the Araluen Road the course may become shallow. A short side trip up Womban Creek at high tide is interesting. Further up, the main river changes its name to the Deua River and winds through the Deua River Valley. Access to the upper reaches of the river is dependent on water level and there may be obstructions, so checking maps and conditions is recommended.

10 Coila Lake at Tuross Head (flatwater)

Up to 18.5km circumnavigation.

Paddle any distance, or up to 18.5km to circumnavigate the lake and under the highway bridge into Coila Creek at the northern end. Stay near the sheltered shores on windy days as it can get quite choppy. An easy shallow launch opposite the Tuross Sport and Recreation Centre off Hector McWilliam Drive, Tuross Head, where you will find parking and a BBQ/picnic area with playground and toilets.

11 Tuross Lake (flatwater)

Up to 25km circumnavigation.

Plenty of paddling options, especially for beginner/novice paddlers, on this generous lake with its protected places scattered with estuaries and islands. You are likely to see a wide variety of birdlife, kangaroos and even emus. Take a map with you for longer routes or exploring. Launch into shallow water near the boat ramp on Nelson Parade, or hire kayaks and canoes from O'Brien's Boatshed on Nelson Parade and launch from there. An 18km round trip could take you north from the boat ramp, around Horse Island, then west up the estuary to and around Borang Lake, returning on the southern side of Horse Island. From the same launch spot up the river to Comerang is approximately 25km. A pleasant two hour paddle takes you around the south side of Horse Island then the east and west side of Cambathin Island, across to Deuaumba Island past the old bridge, returning to the launch point via the main channel. Waterside cafés and restaurants with landing spots near O'Brien's Boatshed, picnic tables, playground and toilets nearby.

12 Lower Tuross River and Borang Lake (flatwater)

Up to 17km circumnavigation.

Launch into shallow water at Snake Flat Reserve on Bumbo Road on the west side of the Princes Highway bridge, 3km north of Bodalla. Paddle down to Borang Lake for a return trip of up to 17km if you circumnavigate the lake. Take a map. No toilet facilities at Snake Flat Reserve.

13 Upper Tuross River and Bumbo Lake (flatwater)

11km to 22.8km circumnavigation.

For an 11.4km one-way trip, launch into shallow water at Snake Flat Reserve on Bumbo Road and paddle up river to Silo Farm Bridge, Comerang Road, landing on the western side of the bridge. Check conditions, water levels and a map past Comerang Road as the river continues on for many kilometres and may be accessible with some rapids. A shorter paddle from Snake Flat Reserve up the estuary and into Bumbo Lake is around 11km return if you circumnavigate the lake and explore Bumbo Creek. No toilet facilities at Snake Flat Reserve.

14 Wagonga Inlet at Narooma (flatwater)

Various lengths.

The azure coloured, crystal clear waters of Wagonga Inlet are a delight to paddle with plenty of changing landscapes of the town and old growth forest on the foreshores. Open kayaks and canoes should hug the shoreline as the wide expanse of water can be choppy on windy days. Forsters Bay provides more sheltered paddling with the added interest of the moored boats. Paddling to the top end of the inlet provides an opportunity to visit the historic cemetery and see the extensive oyster lease structures. Landing is possible next to the pontoon. Launch from Old Punt boat ramp next to the highway on the south side of Narooma Bridge or near the cafés, restaurants and foreshore park along Riverside Drive. BBQ/picnic area, toilets, playground and cafés located on Riverside Drive.

15 Corunna Lake, Tilba region (flatwater)

6km one-way, and up to 12km return.

An enjoyable paddle on a picturesque lake with an easy, sandy launch near the boat ramp at the northern end of the lake. From here you can fill a few hours exploring the little bays including passing under the highway bridge down to the ocean entrance of the lake. Or make a lunch of it and paddle across to Tilba Valley Winery for a meal and live music (phone to confirm) at the south end of the lake, up to 12km return trip. You can see the Tilba Winery from the water. Land in shallow water and walk along a dirt road, 600 metres up the hill to the winery. BBQ/picnic area and toilets at Corunna Lake. Turn west off the Princes Highway, 7km south of Narooma.

16 Mystery Bay to Narooma (sea)
Various lengths of coastline.

An exciting sea paddle for experienced ocean kayakers, with an easy launch and surf beach landing. The trip is exposed to prevailing onshore breezes. Launch from Mystery Bay at the end of Mystery Bay Road and head north past a series of small headlands and beaches to the mouth of Corunna Lake, then past Loaders and Fullers Beaches which face south east. These are both long beaches with large surf breaks. Head around rocky outcrops at Bogola Head (a fun place to play in gentle seas but worth avoiding in larger seas), then up to Burunga Point and Handkerchief Beach. As you round Glasshouse Rocks you see Narooma Beach and the main Narooma headland. Once around the headland stay a reasonable distance offshore as you pass the bar of Wagonga Inlet. The landing is north of the breakwater at Bar Beach, immediately north of Narooma bar. The bar is hazardous and should only be attempted with previous knowledge and low seas with an incoming tide. Primitive camping ground, toilets and BBQ/picnic area at Mystery Bay. BBQ/picnic area, toilets and playground nearby at Apex Park, North Narooma.

17 Wallaga Lake, south of the Tilba region (flatwater)
Up to 20km circumnavigation.

Paddle quietly across Wallaga Lake, homeland to the indigenous Yuin people and protected by Gulaga, the Mother mountain. Sense the indigenous heritage of the area and paddle where the ancestors fished from bark canoes. The landscape is spectacular with the mountain backdrop and forested foothills of Gulaga National Park falling to the lake and dairy farms. Wildlife abounds with waterbirds, black swans, sea eagles and forest birds commonly seen. Look out for sea eagle nests and koalas and picnic in a secluded bay. A circumnavigation of the main part of the lake could be a 20km route. Merriman Island in Wallaga Lake was the first site of significance to be declared an Aboriginal Place under the 1974 National Parks and Wildlife Act and was named to honour Umbarra, known to Europeans as 'King Merryman', and one of the last tribal leaders of his people. Please note landing on the island is prohibited. From Central Tilba drive 6kms south on the Princes Highway and turn left into Bermagui Road. Continue for 4 kms to Wallaga Lake Bridge. Park and launch from the small reserve with toilets on the west side of the bridge.

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**Nelligen, South Durras, Batemans Bay,
Mogo, Broulee, Moruya, Tuross Head,
Bodalla, Narooma, Montague Island,
Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba.**

Batemans Bay Visitor Centre
Princes Highway, Batemans Bay 2536
Phone: 02 4472 6900

Narooma Visitor Centre
Princes Highway, Narooma 2546
Phone 02 4476 2881

Information Service at Moruya Library
Vulcan Street, Moruya 2537
Phone: 02 4474 1333



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