Lake Macquarie Guides

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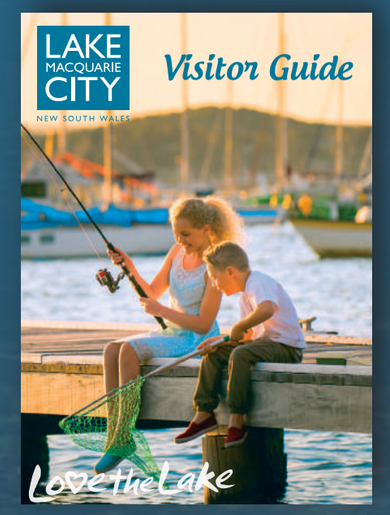

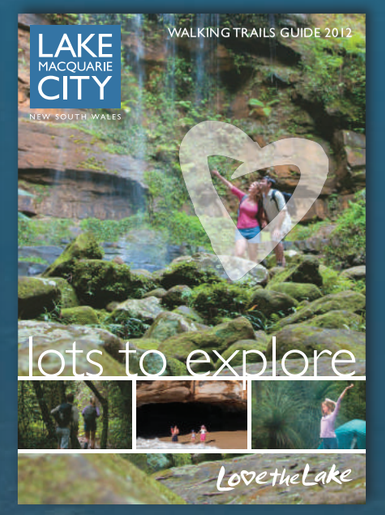

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Top 20 highlights of Lake Macquarie

The beauty of Lake Macquarie is days spent exploring and discovering your favourite places around the Lake. There's so much to love about our beaches, Lake and mountains, so why not start here, with the top 20 popular destination highlights?

1 Catherine Hill Bay

A historic mining village and picturesque beach, great for swimming, surfing and snorkelling.

2 Wallarah National Park

A superb pocket of coastal bushland, hike to scenic lookouts and admire stunning ocean views.

3 Murrays Beach

Soak up the natural ambience of this eco-friendly community at the local cafe, or simply relax down by the Lake.

4 Caves Beach

Explore the sea caves and rock pools on a low tide at this popular family beach.

5 Blacksmiths Beach

Top swimming beach for families, protected by a breakwall that offers excellent fishing in Swansea Channel.

6 Pelican Foreshore Reserve

One of the area's most beloved picnic spots, features shady grassed expanses, BBQ's, a playground and jetty for fishing.

7 Fernleigh Track

Cycle or walk this restored heritage railway corridor and take in numerous different landscapes along the way.

8 Belmont Bay Foreshore

The place to watch the sunset. Have a meal and a drink at one of the waterfront sailing clubs or picnic in the park.

9 Green Point Foreshore Reserve

Beautiful bushland reserve. Enjoy extensive lake views from the easy walking trails.

10 Redhead Beach

Known for its photogenic red rocky headland and iconic shark-lookout tower, Redhead Beach is great for families and surfing.

11 Charlestown Square

The largest shopping centre in the Hunter Region, complete with plenty of dining and entertainment options.

12 Warners Bay

A lively lakeside town with boutique shopping, a huge range of eateries and foreshore area popular for picnics and post-meal strolls. Don't miss the nearby Redbluff Boardwalk, an elevated path built out over the lake.

13 Speers Point Park

The city's flagship park, boasting the 'Best Play Space in Australia', the Lake Macquarie Variety Playground.

14 Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

Set on extensive leafy grounds, browse the gallery's impressive collection of travelling and static exhibitions.

15 Toronto Foreshore

Dine out with the Lake as a backdrop and admire the boats at the local marina.

16 Rathmines Park

Formerly home to the largest seaplane base in the southern hemisphere during WWII, nowadays a serene spot to relax.

17 Wangi Wangi

A peaceful lakeside village home to Dobell House, the former residence and studio of renowned Australian artist Sir William Dobell.

18 Watagan Mountains National Park

One of the best natural escapes in Lake Macquarie. Walking trails, picnic areas, lookouts, campgrounds and more.

19 Dora Creek

A tranquil waterway perfect for kayaking, or have a picnic and feed the ducks from the riverbanks.

20 Pulbah Island

Hire a boat, pack some lunch and make a day of exploring the Lake's largest island.

Welcome to Lake Macquarie. A unique city built around one of the largest coastal saltwater lakes in Australia, desirably set between 30km of pristine coastline and the beautiful forests of the Watagan Mountains.

On a lake twice the size of Sydney Harbour, there's a lot to fall in love with. Tranquil cruising, bountiful fishing opportunities, and plenty of room for everyone to enjoy their water sports.

With over 90 towns and villages to explore, patrolled ocean beaches, fantastic surf breaks and first-rate walking trails, it's not hard to see why more and more people are discovering the natural beauty that is Lake Macquarie.

How to get to Lake Macquarie

by road

If arriving from the south, travel along the Sydney-Newcastle Freeway. For eastern Lake Macquarie, take the Doyalson, Swansea exit. For western Lake Macquarie, take the Morisset, Toronto or Cardiff exits. If arriving from the north, follow the **Pacific Highway into Belmont.**

by air

The closest airport is Newcastle Airport, located at Williamtown, one hour north of Lake Macquarie. From here, hire a car or catch a shuttle bus to Lake Macquarie. Contact 02 4928 9800 or visit www.newcastleairport.com.au.

by rail

Lake Macquarie is regularly serviced by Sydney Trains on the Newcastle and Central Coast line. Major stations in Lake Macquarie include Wyee, Morisset, Fassifern and Cardiff. Contact 131 500 or visit www.transportnsw.info. NSW Train Link trains stop at Fassifern station. Contact 13 22 32 or visit www.nswtrainlink.info.

by water

Access Lake Macquarie by boat via the Swansea Channel. Phone in advance to request Swansea Bridge access. Contact 02 4971 3723.

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Free Map

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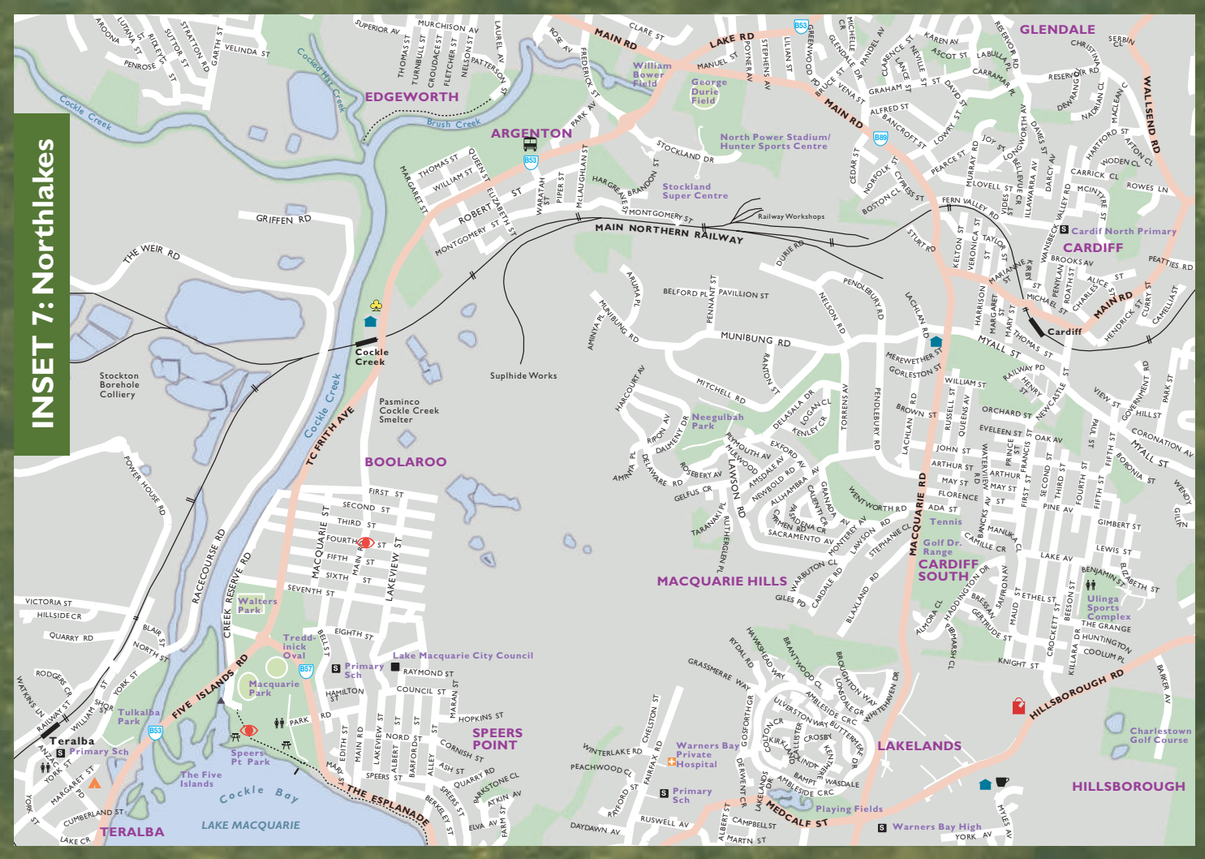
INSET 6: Wallarah Peninsula

INSET 7: Northlakes



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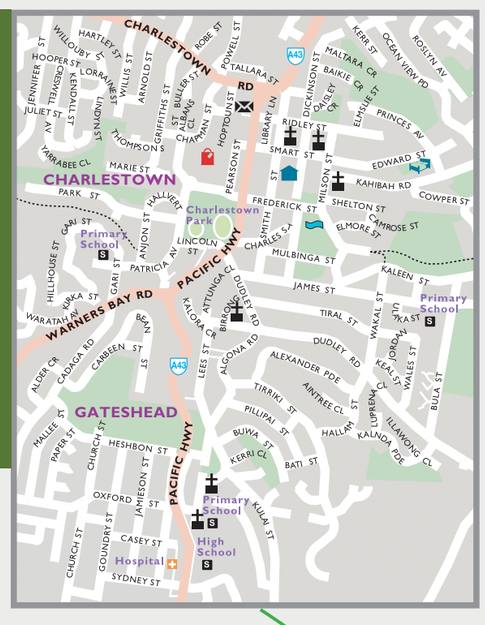
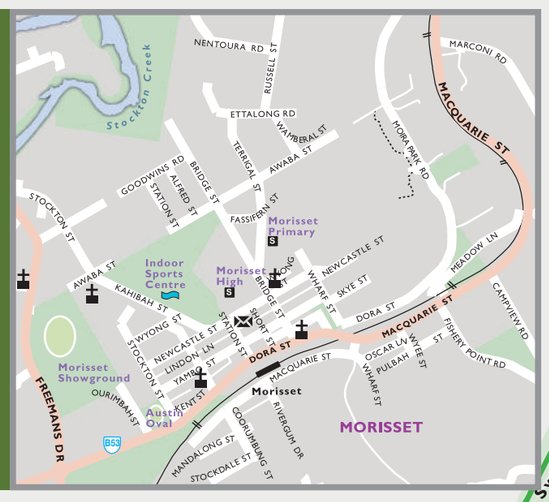


INSET 2: Toronto

INSET 3: Morisset



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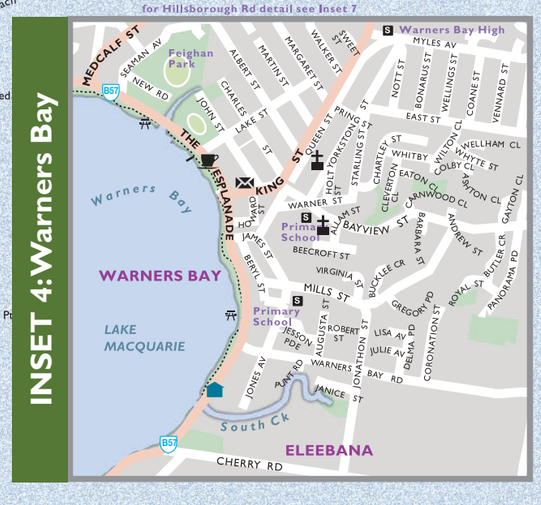
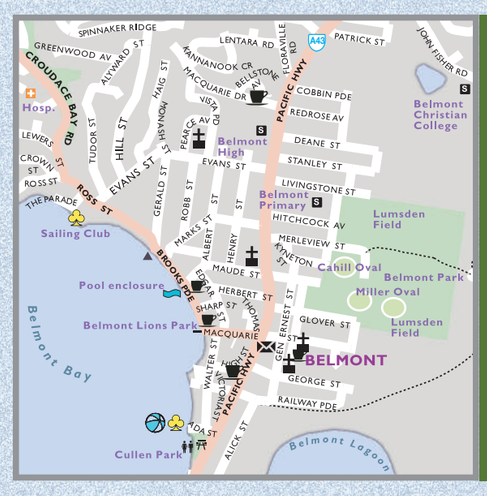


INSET 5: Belmont



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National Park / State Conservation Area / Nature Reserve
State forest
Highway
Major road
Minor road
Feature walking track
Other walking track
Visitor information
Hotel / motel / resort
Tourist park
B&B / guesthouse
Backpackers and pubstays
Cottages / houses / units
Restaurants & cafes
Attractions and activities
Boat ramp
Shopping
Transport hire
Water based activities
Gallery / museum
Patrolled beach
Swimming Pool
Club
Jetty
Park facilities: lookout / picnic / camping

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