



EXPLORE THE CAMDEN HAVEN

Courtesy of Debby McGerty, OEH



APPROX. DRIVING TIME	1.5 hours
APPROX. DURATION	4 hours
DISTANCE	150km
EXPERIENCES	Beaches, Scenic Lookouts, Historic Sites
WALKING TRACK AREAS	Lake Cathie, Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills, North Haven, Laurieton, Dunbogan
ROAD CONDITIONS	Mostly sealed road, (Unsealed to Charles Hamey Lookout and Crowdy Bay National Park)

TRAVELLING SOUTH ALONG OCEAN DRIVE YOU PASS THROUGH THE COASTAL VILLAGES OF LAKE CATHIE, RAINBOW BEACH AND BONNY HILLS. AT BONNY HILLS TAKE IN THE SPECTACULAR COASTAL VIEWS FROM THE HEADLANDS LOOKING OVER SOME 14 KILOMETRES OF PRISTINE BEACHES.

Stop at the picturesque riverside park at North Haven, on the northern bank of the Camden Haven River, where you will find a number of cafés, or take a stroll along the breakwall. Nestled under the shadow of impressive North Brother Mountain is Laurieton. Don't miss the Laurieton Riverwalk Markets on the third Sunday of each month.

Meander along the southern bank of the Camden Haven River, crossing the bridge to Dunbogan. (Note Diamond Head Road to your right which will take you to Crowdy Bay National Park. All access is by unsealed roads and you would need several hours to explore this fascinating coastal park including Diamond Head. (4WD vehicle is recommended). Turn left onto The Boulevard, continue on to Camden Head and Kattang Nature Reserve which has 58 hectares of coastal bush bordered by the vertical cliffs of Perpendicular Point. Charles Hamey Lookout provides views in all directions. The lookout is one of several in Kattang Nature Reserve which is well known for its signed walks, birdlife, spring wildflowers and a great spot for whale and dolphin watching.

If you continue on Camden Head Road you arrive at Pilot Beach at the mouth

of the Camden Haven River. Pilot Beach offers sheltered swimming and is a popular beach for families.

Just over the Dunbogan Bridge stop at the local marina which is a port of call for yachts travelling up the coast and the Laurieton Fishing Co-op. Enjoy a picnic at Henry Kendall Reserve, located on the other side of Laurieton on the shores of Stingray Creek. Take a stroll along the Queens Lake walking track and visit the Church of St Peter the Fisherman with its magnificent reflective gardens.

Visit the majestic North Brother Mountain in Dooragan National Park. A sealed road will take you to the summit where viewing platforms provide extensive panoramas over the whole of the Camden Haven. There are three wheelchair accessible lookouts, a picnic area and three walks of varying length and difficulty within the park. The most popular being the Rainforest Loop, a 30 minute stroll through lush sub-tropical rainforest. Wind your way back to the base of the mountain and turn left to Kew to join the Pacific Highway for your return to Port Macquarie.

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