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ROUTES

THE GRAND NSW SOUTH COAST ESCAPE: SYDNEY TO THE BORDER

1,157 km
14+ days
NSW

Bundeena
Shellharbour
Berry
Kangaroo Valley
Jervis Bay National Park
Booderee National Park
Murramarang National Park
Eurobodalla National Park
Potato Point
Mystery Bay
Mimosa Rocks National Park
Bournda National Park
Pambula Beach
Eden
Beowa National Park



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Red Point, Jervis Bay National Park, NSW by G Moir



Wattamolla Falls, Royal National Park, NSW

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Bundeena → Green Cape Lighthouse, NSW ★ 1,157 km ★ 14+ days
★ All year round, summer for swims, May to November for whales

Whether you love nature, food, history, swims, waterfalls or hikes, the New South Wales South Coast has it all. From Bundeena, just south of Sydney, to Green Cape Lighthouse south of Eden, you are looking at about 500 km on paper - and a whole lot more once you start adding the side trips.

You'll span the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Sapphire coasts, each with attractions stacked on top of one another, so pick a timeframe to suit and slow down where you fall in love.

We did this trip across two weeks in February. It would have been easy to extend it and explore much more - or shave off a few stops if you only have a week.

The popular, gorgeous coastlines tend to draw the highest visitor numbers and the highest fees, but you can still find free and budget options if you know where to look. We have flagged them along the way.

What surprised us most was the wildlife. Kangaroos and wallabies live in so many of these campgrounds and caravan parks. We spotted a dozen wombats in one night at Bendeela, met seals at Narooma and Bermagui and even elusive lyrebirds at Depot Beach.

Bring binoculars for whale season, a snorkel, your walking shoes and your appetite.

Watch us talk about this route on our Blog: www.campsaustraliawide.com/done-for-you-the-perfect-south-coast-new-south-wales-road-trip

Highlights

- ✓ Swimming at waterfalls, beaches and ocean pools - even waterfalls on beaches!
- ✓ Camping with superlative ocean and wildlife views
- ✓ Lighthouses and lighthouse keeper cottages
- ✓ Grand National Parks and speccy hikes
- ✓ Foodie fun with cafes, pubs and breweries

Tips

Even in off-peak February, book ahead - national park sites sell out months in advance. If you are bringing the dog, plan for kennels or pet sitters because the South Coast is national park after national park. Some hinterland roads are not suitable for caravans - check before you tow.



Boyds Tower, Beowa National Park, NSW



Tuross Boat Shed Cafe, NSW

Your trip at a glance

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		DISTANCE	SUGGESTED OVERNIGHT STOP
01	Royal National Park	52 km In the full Route	Bonnie Vale
02	Bundeena to Shellharbour	90 km In the full Route	Killalea Campground
03	Shellharbour to Kangaroo Valley	67 - 148 km In this sample	Bendeela Recreation Area

14 more legs in the full Route





03 Shellharbour to Kangaroo Valley

67 - 148 km

Today you'll see blowholes, waterfalls and wombat country.

Firstly, choose where to climb the hinterland - it depends on your rig, confidence and experience:

Jamberoo Mountain Road (west of Kiama, 88 km) - only standard vehicles, no vans or trucks.

Macquarie Pass / Illawarra Highway (west of Shellharbour, 117 km) - suitable for standard cars, motorcycles, and small-to-medium motorhomes.

Kangaroo Valley Road (from Berry, 67 km) - standard cars and motorhomes.

If you want to avoid the really curly mountain roads and still camp with wombats, choose Picton Road from North Wollongong (148 km) or the Moss Vale Road from Nowra (79 km), or day trip from the coast or Berry.

Before you head inland, stop at Kiama for a lighthouse, another ocean pool and the blowhole. Explore the pretty town full of stone buildings, cafes and a working harbour.

Loop through Robertson - where Babe was filmed - then hit the first Fitzroy Falls, an easy sealed walk to the main lookout. Travel through Barrengarry Mountains into Bendeela and camp with wombats or at the village of Kangaroo Valley.

Must see and do

* Kiama Blowhole and Lighthouse (watch the low railway bridge)
* Pig Potato, Robertson ("Babe" filmed here)
* Picnic and hikes at Fitzroy Falls (81m, entry fee)
* Wombat watching at Bendeela Recreation Area

Side trips

* Jamberoo Village plus Minnamurra Falls and rainforest walk (4.2 km, Grade 4)
* Cascades, Macquarie Pass - don't miss the turn

Where to camp

Bendeela Recreation Area OUR PICK
free • no pets • booking fee • toilets • waterside

Kangaroo Valley caravan parks
$ • pets

Robertson Bowling Club
free • pets • SCV • toilets • caravans • motorhomes

Carrington Falls
$ • no pets • tents only

Moss Vale Showground
$ • pets • toilets • showers • power

Read more on our blog

Search Bendeela Recreation Area

Search Driving Kangaroo Valley

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There’s more where that came from

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What’s in the full Route

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+14	**14 more legs, each with camps, must-sees and blog links**	

* 10 essential tips every traveller should know
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