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Angourie



The coastal village of Angourie is 5 kilometres south of Yamba, although this distance is shrinking as Yamba grows and spreads south.

The lakeside village of Wooloweyah is just 2 kilometres west of Angourie. There is a public hall surrounded by sporting fields & picnic area as you enter Wooloweyah village. The tennis courts may be hired.

Spectacular views of the ocean and coastline combined with a very relaxed lifestyle and superb climate, place Angourie amongst the most exclusive addresses in regional Australia.

During the 1960's Angourie became famous amongst the surfboard set for one of the best point-breaks in eastern Australia. Many of the world's top surfers have visited and continue to visit the village on a regular basis.

The Angourie Lookout overlooks the point-break and surfing enthusiasts or casual visitors can enjoy viewing the contest between surfer and ocean from daylight to dusk. To acknowledge the importance of the interaction between this beautiful environment and surfing culture, a National Surfing Reserve was created at Angourie. The Dedication took place on the 12 January 2007.

Angourie is also renowned for its Blue Pool. This is a fresh water pool of substantial depth just a few metres from the ocean. While not exactly known it is believed to be approximately 15-20 metres deep. It's a very popular area for photography and picnics.

The northern boundary of Yuraygir National Park skirts around the edge of the village. There is a wonderful walking track which leads to a variety of beaches, headlands, caves etc.

History

Prior to 1880 there was an Aboriginal campsite at Green Point. There are Aboriginal middens in the area and significant rock formations such as the Stone Canoe. A crescent-shaped fish trap made from boulders is at the northern end of Angourie Back Point.

Just before the turn of the century approximately 200 people lived in the Angourie area, working on the quarries. Rock was blasted from two diggings and then transported to Yamba by light rail to construct the "Middle Wall" and other river training walls.

Steam driven cranes hauled the rocks up out of the quarries which became very deep.

When the quarries were closed in 1899 and the sump pumps were subsequently removed the rain and groundwater eventually filled them in. The two quarries have now become known as the Blue Pool and the Green Pool.

The late 1930's saw mineral sand mining take place at Angourie Back Beach with a rail line built in 1937 from the beaches back to a treatment plant. Mechanized sand mining occurred behind Back Beach, north of Mara Creek, about 1968 - 1971.

The Angourie Croc

In November 1939 a locomotive driver on the sand mining rail line stopped his engine to check out a "log" near the line. As he went to inspect it, the "log" rose from the ground it was a large crocodile, which headed into the adjacent swamp.

Search parties endeavoured to find the crocodile. Crocodile footprints and bones were found in the area. The roar of a crocodile was heard at night; but a live croc has never been photographed or captured in the area. It was suggested that the crocodile had escaped from a touring circus or pranksters had dumped one in the area.

There are many stories about 'Jock the Croc' but the truth is contained in the Clarence River Historical Society book "The Angourie Crocodile".

The Blue Pool

There is a walking track to the Blue Pool from the car parking area at the eastern end of The Crescent.

The rock shelf separating the pools from the ocean is an interesting area to explore.

It is a very picturesque place and families often picnic around the pools.



These fresh water pools are a sensitive environment. Dogs should not be allowed to swim and all people should help maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the area.

Yuraygir National Park

The northern section of this park contains the headlands of Angourie Point, Shelley, Plumbago and Red Cliff which are linked by large irregular sand dunes and beautiful beaches.

There are walking tracks from the Angourie Lookout down to Angourie Point and Back Beach. A gravel road links the Lakes Boulevard road to the car park at Mara Creek.

An excellent walking track has been constructed all the way from Mara Creek to Red Cliff headland. This is one of the most spectacular coastal walks in Australia and the details are contained in the brochure "Yuraygir National Park" available from local visitor centres or NPWS offices.

A new **Yuraygir Coast Walk** has been developed by NPWS and Clarence Valley Council. This multi-day walk starts at the Mara Creek Picnic Area and ends in Red Rock. A detailed brochure is available from www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

There are a number of lookouts; wooden steps to beaches; and a vast variety of vegetation, birds, animals and reptiles.

The beaches are beautiful and uncrowded; there are caves to explore at Shelley Head; the swimming is great and the fishing is excellent. Be careful to abide by the rules of the park.

Most walkers take an hour or so to walk to Shelley and then return to the carpark. The walk to Red Cliff is around 3 hours and may require walkers to be met at that end and transported back to Angourie.

Fishing

Angourie Point, Shelley Beach, Shelley Headland and One Man Rock are great fishing spots within the national park. Very big jewfish are frequently caught at these places along with tailor and snapper.

Between Angourie and Yamba there is good fishing with Flat Rock highly regarded by locals for tailor and jew.

Lake Wooloweyah (often simply called "The Lake") is a nursery area for many marine species. There is a boat-launching ramp off Lakes Boulevard at the northern tip of Wooloweyah village. Bream, flathead, school jew, mud crabs and blue swimmer crabs are regularly caught in the lake.

There are nice sandy beaches, islands and areas of bushland around the lake for walks and picnics.

Walks & Picnics

See information overleaf on the walk through Yuraygir National Park.

Angourie Heritage Walk

The Angourie Heritage Walk follows the route of the old train-line cutting at Green Point and through Spooky Gully via the Nature Walk to the site of the old stone quarry. Here the walk visits the famous Angourie Pools then heads west to the camping grounds of the 60s and 70s at the Pools car-park picnic area. This was also the location of Angourie's first guest house which burnt down during construction in the late thirties.

A Route Map is available from:

www.myclarencevalley.com.au

Yuraygir Walking Experiences

Walks in the most undeveloped parts of coastal NSW can now be safely enjoyed with just a day pack. The Yuraygir Coastal Walk runs through forests and along beaches, traverses rivers, rock platforms and headlands. Enjoy magnificent views across a wide range of landscapes and ecosystem types. Encounter wonderful wild flowers and fauna, including migrating whales.

The highly knowledgeable locals behind Yuraygir Walking Experiences offer 1, 2 and 4 day walks, from all-inclusive, superbly guided, catered and accommodated walks, through to more DIY options with levels of support to suit.

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You can enjoy a healthy walk of around 5km to Yamba via beaches and headlands and return via the roadway, which passes through significant wetlands.

There are too many great picnic spots to list them all. Some of the areas which have special facilities are indicated on the map below.

Beaches & Surfing

While the famous Angourie point-break sweeps onto rocks and can be dangerous for inexperienced board riders, there are many kilometres of open beaches surrounding Angourie.

Spooky Beach is a very popular family beach; ideal for paddling, easy swimming and body boarding.

In the summer season there are patrolled swimming beaches in Yamba (Main, Turners and Pippi).

Angourie Back Beach extends into the national park but visitors should be warned that it is often used as an unofficial nude beach. Never underestimate the value of gaining local information on surf tips and conditions.

Art & Craft

Silk & Sand Boutique Gallery

Silk & Sand, at 11/13 The Crescent, stock a wide assortment of products including giftware, Jewellery & popular fashion labels. Inspiring ranges of original oil paintings by accomplished artist Lyn Ford are also on display. Open 9am to 4.30pm Mon-Fri and 9am to 2pm Sat & Sun.

(02) 6646 9870

www.silkandsand.com.au

Eating Out

Barbaresco Kitchen & Gallery

15 The Crescent

Open for dinner Wed. to Sun (7 days during holidays).

(02) 6646 3745

Conjevoi Restaurant & Verandah Cafe

166 Angourie Road (Angourie Rainforest resort) Open 7 days for lunch and dinner.

(02) 6646 8600

www.angourieresort.com.au

Silk & Sand Boutique Gallery & Cafe

Open 9am to 4.30pm Mon-Fri and 9am to 2pm Sat & Sun. Coffee & cake available.

(02) 6646 9870

www.silkandsand.com.au

Yum Yum Angourie Store

17 The Crescent, Angourie Store

Eat in or takeaway. Open Wed. to Sun 7am - 3pm. Cafe, groceries and holiday supplies.

(02) 6646 2467

Accommodation

The closest motels, hotels and caravan parks are located in Yamba but Angourie has some of the nicest holiday units on the North Coast. Real Estate Agents in Yamba manage many of these units. A list of agents is available from the local Information Centres (phone (02) 6643 0800).

Angourie Rainforest Resort

A multi award winning 4½ star eco-tourism resort located amongst 600ha of picturesque rainforest between Yamba and Angourie. The thirty four spacious villas and thirty two luxurious suites nestled within rainforest habitat.

(02) 6646 8600

www.angourieresort.com.au

There are no camping areas at Angourie, but there are walk-in camping areas at Shelley and Plumbago Headlands within the Yuraygir NP.

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