



The Waterfall Way

Running between Coffs Harbour on the New South Wales coast and the elevated, inland city of Armidale, the Waterfall Way is a 200 kilometre drive along one of the most scenic routes in NSW. Passing through the picturesque **Bellinger Valley** up onto the **Dorrigo Plateau** and the **New England Tablelands**, the drive is a perfect deviation to make on a road trip between Sydney and Brisbane, allowing half the journey to be made on the coast road and half on the New England highway inland.

Waterfall Way passes through, or very close to, a number of stunning North NSW National Parks – **World Heritage Dorrigo National Park**, **New England National Park**, **Cathedral Rocks National Park** and **Oxley Wild Rivers National Park**. These are home to many rare and endangered plants and animals that live in an incredible variety of habitats, not to mention some of the most spectacular waterfalls in the country, which give the route its name.

Distances and approximate driving times

FROM	TO	APPROX. DISTANCE	APPROX. TIME
URUNGA	PACIFIC HWY JUNCTION	5 KM	5 MIN
PACIFIC HWY JUNCTION	BELLINGEN	11 KM	10 MIN
BELLINGEN	NEWELL FALLS	20 KM	25 MIN
NEWELL FALLS	SHERRARD FALLS	1 KM	1 MIN
SHERRARD FALLS	DORRIGO	9 KM	15 MIN
WATERFALL WAY	GRIFFITHS LOOKOUT	3.8 KM	5 MIN
WATERFALL WAY	DORRIGO RAINFOREST CENTRE	1.5 KM	2 MIN
DORRIGO	DANGAR FALLS	2.4 KM	4 MIN
DORRIGO	EBOR	37 KM	30 MIN
EBOR	WOLLOMOMBI FALLS TURNOFF	37 KM	30 MIN
WATERFALL WAY	WOLLOMOMBI FALLS	2.5 KM	5 MIN
WOLLOMOMBI FALLS TURNOFF	ARMIDALE	38 KM	35 MIN
WOLLOMOMBI FALLS TURNOFF	BAKERS CREEK FALLS TURNOFF	21 KM	20 MIN
BAKERS CREEK FALLS TURNOFF	ARMIDALE	17 KM	15 MIN
ARMIDALE	DANGARS FALLS	22 KM	30 MIN
ARMIDALE	GARA GORGE	16 KM	20 MIN

More to explore...

Pick up one of our other **Guides** to help you explore our beautiful area further: **Birds** – Bellinger Dorrigo & surrounds, **Walking** – Bellinger & surrounds, **Arts Trail** – Urunga Bellinger Dorrigo, **Scenic Drives** – Driving the Bellinger Valley.



HOW TO GET HERE

Waterfall Way connects the ocean beaches and the rainforest of Coffs Coast with the Great Dividing Range, Armidale and the New England Tableland. Find yourself in Australia's best semi-tropical climate, midway between Sydney and Brisbane on the sun soaked Coffs Coast.

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Drive the coastal route (Pacific Highway) from Brisbane or Sydney or travel the New England Highway to Armidale and explore the chain of superb national parks bordering Waterfall Way en route. Combine an inland and coastal circuit from Sydney or Brisbane to enjoy this dramatic landscape and altitude change.

AIR

Fly direct to Coffs Coast Airport (20 mins from Waterfall Way) from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne.

TRAIN

Countrylink trains daily – stop at Urunga by appointment.

BUS

Sydney-Brisbane buses stop at Urunga. BYBUS runs buses along Waterfall Way on Mon, Wed and Fri. Go to www.bybus.com.au

Visitor Information Centres

Bellingen Shire
Pacific Highway, Urunga
Phone: 02 6655 5711

Coffs Coast
Cnr Pacific Hwy & McLean St
Phone: 02 6648 4990

Waterfall Way Centre
Hyde Street, Bellingen
Phone: 02 6655 1522

Dorrigo Rainforest Centre
Dome Road, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2309

Dorrigo
Hickory Street, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2486



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Gara Gorge – Oxley Wild Rivers National Park

Gara Gorge is locally referred to as the Blue Hole and is located 16kms from Armidale along the Castledoyle Road (south off Waterfall Way). Gara Gorge is a popular picnic and barbecue spot, which is well known for its scenic bush strolls and beautiful swimming holes. It is also the site of Australia's first commercial Hydro-electric Scheme. The remains of this historic scheme can be viewed today, via the Threlfall Historic Walk. No camping is permitted at Gara Gorge. Directions from Armidale: Take the Waterfall Way east out of Armidale and turn right into Castledoyle Road, following the signs to Gara Gorge. Continue straight ahead at the intersection into Blue Hole Road for a further 2.5 km. There is a short stretch of gravel into the gorge. Please call in at the Armidale Visitor Information Centre for further information on this attraction.

Ebor Falls – Waterfall Way, Ebor

Ebor Falls are a spectacular two-tier falls where the Guy Fawkes River takes its first plunge off the tablelands. The falls continue to flow, even in dry periods. There are two parking areas, each with an easy access viewing platform and with a beautiful short walk between them. Facilities include picnic tables, information display, wood BBQs and pit toilets.



Dangars Falls – Dorrigo

Dangars Falls are on the Bielsdown River, which drains a large part of the Dorrigo Plateau and feeds north into the Nymboida River and ultimately the Clarence River at Grafton. Head north from the war memorial at the main intersection of Dorrigo along Hickory Street – 2km out of town is the car park, with a viewing platform a few metres away. Follow the path past the toilets and playground to a walking track to the base of the falls.



Skywalk, Tristania Falls & Crystal Shower Falls – Dorrigo National Park

The Skywalk is at the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. A 50m walk offers a bird's eye view of the rainforest canopy and panoramic view from the mountains to the ocean. Tristania and Crystal Shower Falls can be viewed from bridges on the 6.8km (2-3 hour) Wonga Walk loop, from the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. For a shorter walk to see just the Crystal Shower Falls, turn right at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre on Dome Road and drive 500m to The Glade Picnic Area, for a 3.5km (1 hour) return walk.



Griffiths Lookout – Dorrigo Mountain Top

As you get to the crest of Dorrigo Mountain, take the first left turn into Maynards Plains Road and left again into Mountain Top Road to get to Griffiths Lookout, which has beautiful views south over the Bellinger Valley and New England National Park ranges.

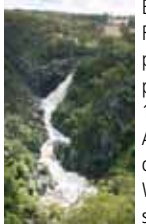
Casuarina Falls and Callicoma Falls – Dorrigo National Park

These falls can both be seen from the Blackbutt Track 6.4km (3 hours) one way, best walked by starting at the car park just inside the park boundary left of the Rainforest Centre and walking to the Never Never Picnic Area. Return by road is 4km.



Bakers Creek Falls – Waterfall Way

Bakers Creek Falls are located at the head of the Metz Gorge, between Wollomombi and Armidale. They are a truly beautiful waterfall and there is a picnic area nearby. Sit not far from Bakers Creek Falls. Another picnic area is provided here. 15km east of Armidale, just off Waterfall Way to the south.



Wollomombi Falls and Chandler Falls, Wollomombi Gorge – Waterfall Way, Wollomombi

A magnificent gorge which houses two spectacular waterfalls, the Wollomombi Falls, one of Australia's highest at 260m, and the Chandler Falls. Located 40km east of Armidale along the Waterfall Way. A great opportunity to enjoy spectacular scenery, a picnic, a stroll along one of the gorge rim trails or hike to the gorge riverbed. Facilities include drinking water, pit toilets, shelter shed & fireplace and bush camping available for overnight stays.



Point Lookout – New England National Park

At 1564m above sea level, Point Lookout is on the edge of the Great Dividing Range and provides spectacular views of the near vertical escarpment, with deep valleys clothed in forest below. A magnificent panorama stretching to the north, east and south is framed by the Pacific Ocean 70km away. Wheelchair access to the first of two viewing platforms is along a 100m sealed path from the carpark. Accessible toilets are nearby. Picnic areas are located at Beramgutta, just west of Point Lookout, and Banksia Point, 1km south.

Newell Falls & Sherrard Falls – Waterfall Way

At Newell Falls there is parking, a picnic shelter, tables and views of Newell Falls and out to the coast. Both Newell and Sherrard Falls are difficult to view whilst driving as they fall directly beside the road.



Coachwood Falls and Red Cedar Falls – Dorrigo National Park

View Coachwood Falls on the 5.5km (2 hour) circuit along Rosewood Creek Track, starting from the Never Never Picnic Area at the end of Dome Road, left at the Rainforest Centre. An additional 2.2km (2 hour) return track leads off to the Red Cedar Falls – worth the steep climb down and back, being the highest falls in the Park accessible by walking track.



Dangars Falls – Oxley Wild Rivers National Park

Dangars Gorge is home to the 120m Dangars Falls and to a range of different walks through the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. Dangars Gorge is not only a natural wonder but has Aboriginal and pioneering history. In 1860 it was even crossed on a tightrope by a daring Italian! Walking tracks take you around the edge of the gorge and onto lookout platforms that offer breathtaking views. Visitor facilities include a shelter shed with picnic tables, gas barbecues, drinking water, pit toilets, and information display and a camping area that suits caravans. Directions from Armidale: Take the Dangarsleigh Road out of Armidale then turn left into Dangars Falls Road. There is approximately 12 km of dirt road. Please call in at the Armidale Visitor Information Centre for further information on this attraction.