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Half day drive following the Oxley River (formerly known as the Tweed River Middle Arm) and the Rous River (North Arm) from Murwillumbah heading west to beyond Tyalgum \*\* Suggest drive in clock-wise direction (along Tyalgum Rd first) \*\* Note there are a few short 'double-backs' on this circuit \*\* All roads are sealed (except detour to Sth Pumpenbil) \*\* Road closures during flooding rain events \*\* Close views of the western and northern caldera escarpments as well as iconic views of Wollumbin Mt Warning \*\* Note that there are no significant designated walks (except along roadside verges, opportunistically) and no public access to either Limpinwood or Numinbah Nature Reserves \*\* Chillingham and especially Tyalgum villages cater for visitors throughout the week and weekends.



### Murwillumbah Visitors Centre and Caldera Art Gallery

Comprehensive visitor and events information, Tweed shield volcano interpretive videos, gift shop, Caldera Art Gallery, Green Cauldron Panorama \*\* Surrounding parklands have planted rainforest trees with identification chart.

#### Budd Park and Bridge

Budd Park, adjacent to the Visitors Centre, has riverside picnic facilities \*\* Views from the Murwillumbah Bridge of Mt Warning, Mt Wollumbin and Mt Nullum (with Tweed River in the foreground).

#### Treasures of the Tweed

Along Commercial Rd, a 700m long mural painted on the flood levee wall depicts the natural history, landscapes and biodiversity values of the Tweed region.

#### Old Lismore Rd

Views from roadside verges before Oxley River crossing \*\* No thru road \*\* Landforms visible from south to west: Mt Nullum (5th image), Hattons Bluff, Mt Uki, Mt Wollumbin, Mt Warning, Three Tops.

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Views from roadside verges 100m+ past McMahons Bridge \*\* Mt Wollumbin to the left (private property) \*\* Three Tops to the right of Mt Warning summit \*\* Banana plantations visible on steep slopes.

#### Tyalgum Ridge

Access from Swifts Rd just before Tyalgum village \*\* Roadside views down along Turpentine Place.

#### Sth Pumpenbil Rd

Although not included on this PhotoTrail touring route, a spectacular close up side view of The Pinnacle (and the western escarpment) is obtained at various vantage points along this unsealed (all weather) road. From Brays Creek Rd, turn into Pumpenbil Rd, then Sth Pumpenbil Rd

### Tyalgum Village

View of Mt Warning summit from main street, best light during late afternoon \*\* Charming historical timber-getting village

#### Eaglehawk Close

Superb roadside views in virtually all directions \*\* In the far south, the Nightcap Ranges break the horizon.

#### Tyalgum Creek Rd

Commanding roadside views, especially to the north (Oxley River head waters) and beyond to Limpinwood Nature Reserve \*\* Turn around at start of gravel road \*\* Interestingly, the Border Ranges National Park (NSW) and Lamington NP (Qld) meet virtually due west (up at the ridgeline).

#### Stoddards Rd

Roadside views, especially into the upper reaches of the Oxley River (Butlers Rd runs parallel) to the north and east, with the imposing spur of Limpinwood Nature Reserve to the right \*\* Views south to The Pinnacle and Bar Mountain beyond.

#### Boxsell Rd

Formerly the site of a rubbish tip, this location has been rehabilitated and will become an 'official' lookout \*\* Roadside views all the way up to the telecom tower \*\* Turn around just inside the cattle grid.

#### Limpinwood

Parking at the Limpinwood Valley Rd turnoff \*\* Views to Bald Mountain and the Limpinwood Valley beyond \*\* The ridgeline between Bald Mt and Little Baldy Mt (to the north-west) is the watershed between creeks flowing to the Oxley (esp. Hopping Dicks Creek along Limpinwood Valley) and creeks flowing to the Rous River (to the east).

#### Limpinwood Valley

Roadside views to the spectacular caldera escarpments, with Lamington National Park to the north and Limpinwood Nature Reserve to the west

### Chillingham

Two sections of the village are connected by the Bean Tree Walk overlooking the Rous River \*\* The Black Bean tree, and in season, their giant seed pods, can be seen along the boardwalk \*\* A giant public sculpture of a pod is in front of the community centre on the northern side of the village (Numinbah Rd).

#### Crystal Creek

The closest viewing point to the twin peaks of the Cougals, beyond which is the Tallebudgera Valley in Qld.

#### Booka Rd

With the imposing Springbrook Plateau to the north, this roadside vantage point offers views to the Numinbah Nature Reserve which protects the forests of the escarpment below the ridgeline \*\* The transmitter tower to the left indicates the general location of the 'Best Of All Lookout' accessible per the Springbrook PhotoTrail \*\* Designated turn around point 400m beyond the timber bridge.

#### Rous River Bend

The Rous River bends 180 degrees back on itself at this point \*\* An excellent location to see reflections of storm clouds above Wollumbin Mt Warning.

#### Brooks Rd

Foreground grassed area offers clear views of distant peaks \*\* Good vantage point for viewing approaching summer storms.

#### Tweed Regional Museum

Excellent regional museum with a significant range of displays and interpretation of the shire's past and present heritage values.

#### Bent St & Lions Lookout

From the museum, a rewarding short walk up the (steep) Bent St hill offers glimpses of views of Murwillumbah and Mt Warning and Mt Nullum \*\* Ever present power lines make photography a challenge \*\* A short drive up from the museum (along Bent St) leads to Lions Lookout, a once superb vantage point.