



SWANSEA: The Hub of the East Coast

Unpack once and explore the East Coast



A Leisurely Day in Swansea

Locals love coming home to Swansea – we crest the hill near Kelvedon Beach and can feel the tension start to leave us. We want you to do the same – enjoy the slower pace, allowing yourself the time to relax and recharge!



If you're an early riser, this might mean catching a beautiful sunrise whilst walking along one of our many beaches all of which look out across Great Oyster Bay toward the Hazards at Coles Bay; soak up the peace and quiet and stop to take in the beauty.

Swansea was settled in the 1820's as Waterloo Point, and is one of Tasmania's oldest towns. In fact many families living in Swansea today are descended of these original settlers. Pop into the Visitor Information Centre and get a copy of the Heritage Walk booklet and you'll be able to take a self-directed walk around town to learn about historical businesses, homes and iconic landmarks. You might even come across one of our older locals who's willing to have a chat. You could also visit the East Coast Heritage Museum; there's always a great display and passionate staff to share their knowledge.

Stroll along Franklin Street (the main street) to find your perfect breakfast spot: - **Barkmill Bakery, Artifakt Café & Gallery, Saltshaker.**

After breakfast, why not take a gentle walk right in the heart of Swansea; a walk that offers stunning coastal scenery. Named after the local band of Aboriginal people, the *Loon.tite.ter.mair.re.le.hoin.er* track the walk takes you from Jubilee Beach (main street in town Centre) around Waterloo Point to Schouten Beach. The track passes through a shearwater (mutton-bird) breeding area. These remarkable migratory birds use burrows in which to breed. The birds can be seen at dusk in the summer months when they return to their burrows after feeding at sea.

The views across Great Oyster Bay to the Freycinet Peninsula are beautiful even on a dreary day. Both Jubilee and Schouten beaches are safe for swimming.

To the south from Schouten beach, another walk takes you down to Kennedia and Coswell Beaches where native birds including fairy penguins have protected rookeries. Following the coastline south, to get to Coswell beach, it does involve a bit of clambering through the bush.

Things to do

Golf Course - You may like to enjoy a casual game of golf at the scenic 9-hole golf course. Wednesday and Friday afternoons is the local Chicken Run Competition and visitors are very welcome.

Tennis Courts - located behind the school and available for hire; the key is available from Swansea Corner Store.

Swansea Bowls Club - Social bowls Thursday afternoon during the season.

Local Duck Park – swings for the children and exercise equipment for all plus BBQ facilities (access off The Esplanade)

Swansea Jubilee Beach – swings & BBQ facilities.

Numerous local beaches for swimming, fishing and walking

Swansea Bike Tours – Guided tours or bike hire.

Swansea Aquatic Adventure – Boat trip around beautiful Great Oyster Bay.

Where to eat

Artifakt Gallery & Café

A delightful space with an all-day breakfast menu, and lunch on offer. There is a gallery with incredible Tasmanian art, and lots of 'artifakts' to wander round and look at.

26 Franklin Street, Swansea

03 6257 9095

Bark Mill Bakery & Tavern

The bakery is ideal for breakfast and a light snack.

Have a drink, lunch or dinner in the tavern and walk on floors that date back to the 1800's, a true country dining experience.

Check out the Bark Mill Museum while here; a fascinating step back in time (entry from the bakery).

96 Tasman Hwy, Swansea

03 6257 8094

Saltshaker

Saltshaker restaurant is situated on the shores of Great Oyster Bay with panoramic views over to Freycinet and beyond. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner along with morning and afternoon tea in the restaurant or check out their takeaway menu including pizza (open to 9pm in peak season). Ice creams also available.

11 Franklin Street, Swansea

03 6257 8488

Swansea RSL

You don't need to be a member to enjoy the hospitality of our local RSL. Open from 4pm Monday-Friday for drinks with evening meals most Friday and Saturday nights and more frequently in the peak season.

2 Noyes St (next to the Visitor Information Centre), Swansea

03 62578188

Homestead Restaurant at Piermont Retreat.

The Homestead Restaurant invites guests to taste authentic dishes crafted with the freshest local produce, in a casually elegant setting beside the bay.

The Homestead Restaurant's award-winning chef collaborates with neighbouring organic farmers and winemakers to curate a constantly evolving, seasonally inspired menu that celebrates the region's diverse flavours.

Open for lunch (in peak season) and dinner.

3km South of Swansea, Tasman Hwy.

03 6257 8131



Kate's Berry Farm

Kate's hugely popular Just Desserts Café has a mouth-watering menu overlooking rows of berries and breathtaking views across Great Oyster Bay to the world-renowned Freycinet National Park.

12 Addison St, Swansea

03 6257 8428

Melshell Oyster Shack Dolphin Sands

Enjoy a fantastic view of the Swan River as you slurp down a dozen. You can see the farm activity as Ian and the boys work in the background. You are also very welcome to take a local wine to enjoy with your oysters.

Behind the Scenes Oyster Farm Tours 11am Monday-Friday, see website for details.

Selling the freshest oysters direct to public 10am – 4pm everyday

Yellow Sandbanks Road, Dolphin Sands

03 6257 0269

Oyster Bay Seafood

Offering lunch and dinner; seafood, fish and chips. There is seating both inside and out, as well as take away.

40 Franklin Street, Swansea

03 6257 8998

Tellers

A small café/wine bar and photographic gallery.

Cnr Maria Street and Franklin Street, Swansea

The Horny Cray

Take aways, open Thursday to Sunday 8am-6pm.

Franklin Street, Swansea.

Local Galleries and Shops include

Right in the heart of Swansea you'll find Barebones Art Space, Artifakt Café & Gallery, and Tellers, or a short drive away in Dolphin Sands is Kings Fine Art Gallery.

Coastal Boutique for men, women & children's clothing, Applecart Kids for children's clothing, and two hair dressing salons (Entice & Rach's Hair Design).

We even have a great little op shop run by one of the local churches and if your timing is right, they host a mini market as well as offering tea, coffee and scones on the last Friday of each month

Other businesses include

Morris' General Store - has lots of hidden gems plus fishing supplies and licenses, groceries, camping supplies, basic haberdashery, clothes, stationary, kitchenware.

DJ's Launderette - to catch up on your washing

Swansea Corner Store - for groceries, fishing supplies and takeaway snacks

Swansea Hardware – for all your usual gardening and hardware needs along with some appliances and clothing

Swansea Service Centre - for your car repairs, fuel & Swap 'n' Go Gas.

Bennett's Caltex fuel - fishing supplies, Swap 'n' Go gas, and fuel

Swansea Bendigo Bank – for all your banking needs, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday ATM 24/7.

Swansea Newsagency and Post Office – post office and agencies, clothes, basic stationary, Centrelink, Medicare.

Swansea Pharmacy – open 6 days per week (7 in peak season) for all your pharmaceutical requirements, first aid, sun and insect protection, skincare etc.

May Shaw Health Centre – situated in Wellington Street, for all your medical needs, including an Accident and Emergency Room available 24/7. For emergencies call 000.

Enjoy your day of leisure in Swansea the Hub of the East Coast.

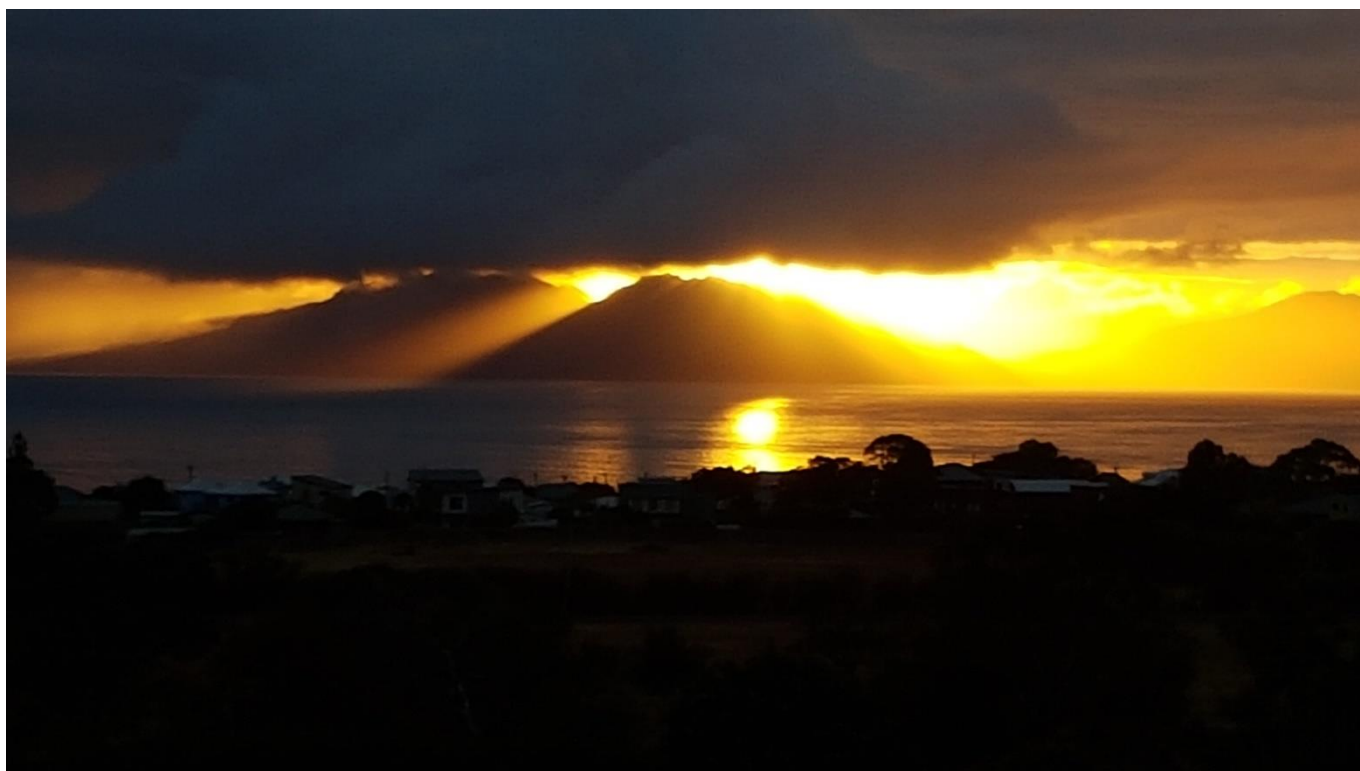


Photo courtesy David Tucker

Day Trippers' Delights



River and Ocean Activities

Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures – East Coast Fishing Charter

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Wineglass Bay Cruises

Wineglass Bay, nestled underneath the Hazards Mountain range, is a location of spectacular peace and beauty. Experience the tranquillity from a truly unique perspective with award winning Wineglass Bay Cruises.

Step aboard ‘Schouten Passage II’ for an unforgettable 4-hour cruise. Let the experienced and friendly crew guide you through the sights and history of the Freycinet Peninsula taking you from the gentle shores of Coles Bay to one of the world’s most beautiful beaches. You will stop for lunch at Wineglass Bay.

The scenery is stunning, the wildlife abundant, and you will experience a rare, intimate outlook on one of Tasmania’s most extraordinary places.

<https://www.wineglassbaycruises.com/>

Freycinet Charters

Freycinet Charters operates out of Coles Bay and offers **exclusive, highly personalised charters for families, special interest and social groups** in and around Freycinet National Park, Wineglass Bay and Great Oyster Bay.

Explore Freycinet's rugged red granite mountains - *The Hazards*. Experience the park's soaring ocean cliffs, pristine coastline, secluded bays and islands, pure white quartzite beaches, and turquoise waters. Meet some of Tasmania's unique fauna & flora as you experience some of the most stunning daytime scenery, dawns, sunsets and night skies that you'll ever see.

Take a big breath... and then let it all soak in.....while your Skipper shows you some of the visual delights of the area by sea.

<https://www.freycinetcharters.com/>

Freycinet Aqua Taxi

Freycinet Aqua Taxi runs water transportation services in Freycinet National Park, departing from Coles Bay. The fastest way to Wineglass Bay!

Scheduled sailings depart daily and are a popular way to experience Freycinet's walking tracks. Whether you're after a short walk, a long hike, or simply to spend the day on a secluded beach these guys have a trip for you. Access Wineglass bay by being dropped off at Hazards Beach and walking across the short flat Isthmus track without having to hike over the Hazard ranges. The fastest way to Wineglass Bay!

<http://www.freycinetadventures.com.au/aqua-taxi/>

Freycinet Adventures Kayak Adventures

These wonderful sea kayak tours depart year-round and are run by their team of expert guides. They provide all the gear, including stable double kayaks, and warm jackets. Don't worry if you haven't kayaked before, they'll show you how to use all the gear and make sure you are comfortable out on the water. Tours are family friendly and suitable for beginners. Day tours are offered for those with limited time in Freycinet, or expedition tours for those wanting to explore further.

<http://www.freycinetadventures.com.au/>

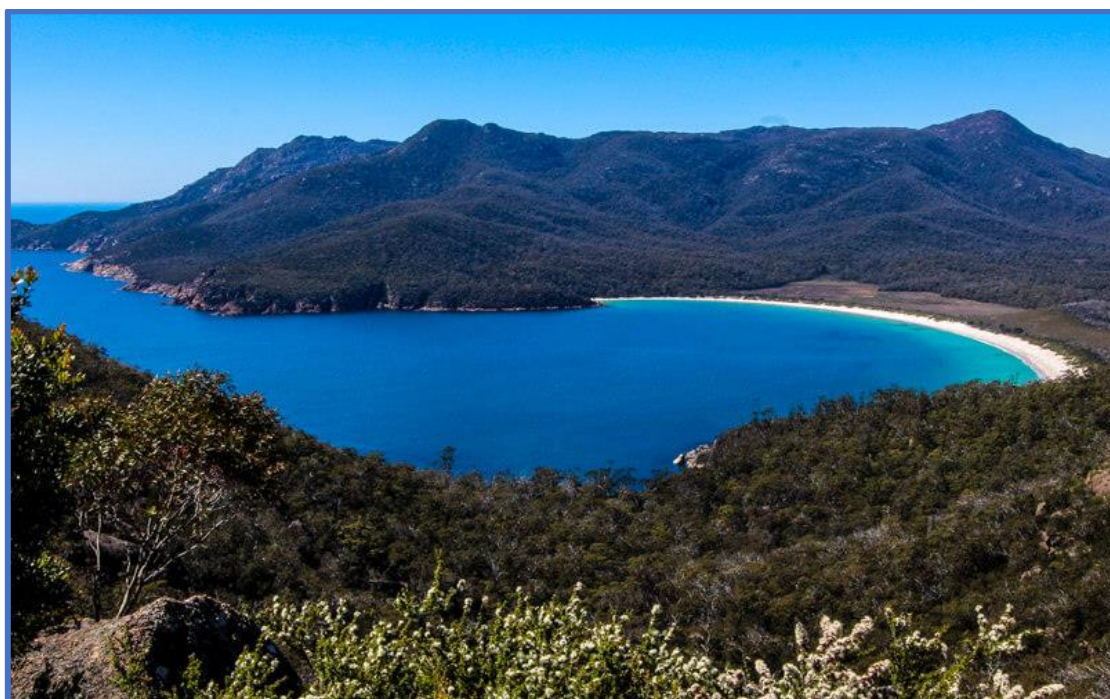
A day on a bicycle

Swansea Cycle Tours

The East Coast of Tasmania has the most amazing vineyards, farms, beaches, coastline and some of the friendliest people you will meet.

Swansea Cycle Tours can create a unique bespoke cycling experience for you to enjoy areas not normally accessible to the public by bike where you can meet wonderful people farming the land, growing grapes, farming oysters, and loving life on the east coast of Tasmania.

<https://swanseacycletours.com.au/>



Swansea: The Hub of the East Coast

Unpack once and enjoy the wonders of the East Coast.

If you want to be adventurous in our area....

Coles Bay 58 kms 45 mins

Coles Bay is known as being the gateway to Freycinet National Park, Wineglass Bay and Cape Tourville. A quiet little town that explodes with visitors in the peak season as everyone wants to be a part of the experiences that are on offer. Enjoy a chat with the locals at Iluka Tavern or an ice-cream from the specialty shop; all in all the experience will leave you amazed.

Coles Bay and Freycinet offer interesting outdoor experiences—sea kayaking, take a cruise to Wineglass Bay, join a luxury sailing and walking experience, jump on board a fishing charter, take a scenic flight over the Peninsula or try a four-wheel drive or quad bike experience.

<https://www.wineglassbay.com/activities/>

<https://eastcoasttasmania.com/discover/town/coles-bay-freycinet/>

<https://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=3363>

Bicheno 50 kms 40 mins

Bicheno is the place for those who wish to explore their wild side. Begin at East Coast Natureworld to see our famous Tassie Devils, wombats or feed the kangaroos for the up close and personal experience which will leave you gratified and wanting more. For those wanting the marine experience snorkeling at Waub's Bay will have you witnessing abundant marine life or, for experienced scuba divers, explore the Governor Island Marine Reserve. To experience the underwater environment without the wet stuff you can enjoy the comfort of The Glass Bottom Boat tour. For those nature lovers who love a bushwalk head to the breathtaking Douglas Apsley National Park for another unforgettable experience. The Blowhole and Motorcycle Museum and Restoration are other popular attractions. At the end of the day book a guided penguin tour to see the penguins come home for the night to their nests before heading back to Swansea to the comfort of your own nest for the evening.

<http://bicheno.org.au/things-to-do/around-town/>

<https://eastcoasttasmania.com/discover/town/bicheno/>

Triabunna 51 kms 40 mins

The gateway to Maria Island National Park and is basically in Swansea's back yard. From Triabunna's marina, you can join a cruise to Maria Island, board a fishing or sightseeing charter in the Mercury Passage or go sailing or boating in Spring Bay. But don't forget to have a feed of fish and chips as this is the town that catches daily.

NB: A National Parks Pass is required to visit Maria Island (passes are available from information centres)

<https://eastcoasttasmania.com/discover/town/triabunna/>

<https://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=3495>

Or jump in the car and head to.....

Lake Leake

36 kms

50 mins

The trip to this lake is only a short one but wow what an adventure it can be. Go and have a look at the lake and the shacks dotted along the shoreline, throw a line in or just sit and talk with the folk of the area at the Chalet. Enjoy a lovely homestyle meal and a drink whilst sitting in a warm, friendly atmosphere. On the way back go to Meetus Falls or Lost Falls and have a look at the huge man ferns, flora and fauna of the forest area whilst walking through nature to get to the falls itself. A day that is not hard walking but well worth a look.

Campbell Town/Ross

80 kms

1 hour

Cut across on the B34 from Swansea to Campbell Town and the Heritage Highway.

Have a wander along Campbell Town's main street and see the names of convicts who worked on the highway. Grab some lunch and follow up with ice cream or bag of lollies then meander through the shops before heading 10 minutes south to Ross. A visit to the Tasmanian Wool Centre and a walk around this beautiful historic town (including one of the oldest sandstone bridges in Australia) is a must. A vanilla slice from the famous Ross Bakery whether on the way, the way back or bring back to enjoy for supper will round off a lovely day.

www.visitross.com.au

If you are wanting to head up the Coast on the Great Eastern Drive, then buckle up for St Helens and beyond.

St Helens

123 kms

1hr45mins

Head up the coast through Bicheno and Scamander and you arrive in the lovely town of St Helens. With a bigger variety of shops, this town offers a bit more hustle and bustle than the other towns on the Great Eastern Drive. Stop and have a quick snack and break before heading out to the Bay Of Fires and the Gardens.

<https://tasmania.com/points-of-interest/st-helens/>

Bay Of Fires

27 kms from St Helens 40 mins from St Helens

The Bay of Fires and The Gardens offers some of the most spectacular photo opportunities. The crystal-clear water with white sand and rust coloured rocks are indeed a vision and have been the focus of some beautiful photography/paintings by well-known artists. Worth the trip to dip your feet in before heading back to Swansea

Pyengana**149 kms****2hrs.**

Heading North from St Helens you will be amazed by the beautiful forests either side of the road before heading to Pyengana Cheese and Pub in the Paddock. Watch or join the local “pig” identity have a frothy whilst sampling treats before heading to St Columbus Falls. A magnificent sight to behold are these falls; enjoy a leisurely stroll through the huge man ferns and adjacent creeks, truly breathtaking at the right time of year!

<https://tasmania.com/points-of-interest/Pyengana>

Little Blue Lake**194 kms****2hrs45min**

This lake is truly worth a visit. The water colour, due to mining some years ago, creates smoky blue sometimes to a turquoise green to the brightest of blues depending on the day....as tempting as it is, no swimming is allowed but some great photography to be had. Pack a picnic and sit on the rocks and just enjoy the peace and quiet that the area has to offer.

Combine Pyengana, St Columbus Falls and Little Blue Lake to make a magical and unforgettable day.



Photo Courtesy David Tucker

Douglas-Apsley National Park



Photo courtesy of Simon Sturzaker

Douglas-Apsley contains one of the few uncleared dry forests in the state, with a long history of use by farmers, miners and animal trappers before it was declared a protected area.

From its deep river gorges and waterfalls to its dolerite capped plateau; from dry eucalypt forest and colourful heathlands to pockets of rainforest, Douglas-Apsley National Park is a place of surprising contrasts.

This park is one of the few that conserve the diverse wealth of dry sclerophyll forest plants found on the east coast of Tasmania. The crystal-clear waters that run through the park are a welcome sight on a hot summer's day.

The park is full of wonderful walking trails that vary from flat, easy walks to challenging overnight hikes. Some highlighted trails are the Apsley River Watering hole; an easy walk that takes you to a very cold and very famous swimming spot. The Apsley Gorge Walk takes about three hours over five kilometres up to a ridge before descending into the gorge where you can find tranquil pools perfect for a picnic. And the Apsley Myrtle Forest walk takes you on a 45-minute loop through the last remaining dry forest in Tasmania. Hiking in the more remote north end of the park is worthwhile but there are no facilities and a detailed map is a must.

Swimming is a popular pastime in the park. The Douglas-Apsley National Park is split by the Douglas and Apsley Rivers. These waterways carve out riverbeds and gorges through the park that are ripe for exploring. When the air is hot, the water is cold; really cold, and it's perfect for a cool-off.

The park is 56km from Swansea. Depending on which walk you may choose to do, this could be a half day trip (taking in some lunch at one of the East Coast Wineries on the way home) or a full day trip, buying supplies for a picnic at either IGA in Swansea.

NB: A National Parks Pass is required to visit (passes are available from information centres)

Fishing for the day



Whether you like sea, river or lake fishing you'll find them all easily accessed from Swansea.

Sand Flathead, Silver Trevally, Squid (Calamari) and even Salmon during some months of the year, can be caught from our local beaches. Soft plastics and bait are used for flathead & trevally with squid jiggs for calamari and lures for salmon, all these items can be purchased from our local IGA Supermarkets.

Easily accessible areas to fish from include Kelvedon Beach, Nine Mile Beach (Dolphin Sands), Pier Jetty (Jubilee Beach), Gordon Street boat ramp (Schouten Beach).

If you like a beer and visit the local tavern or RSL Club, you may even find a local that is happy to take you out in their boat in the Bay or tell you where the fish are biting.

Bream fishing is another popular hobby enjoyed by locals. The Swan River provides a great breeding ground for these fish. The Swan River, which is north of Swansea, can be accessed from several locations with the easiest being off the Dolphin Sands Rd (8km from township) or Yellow Sand Banks Rd (13km from township). Little Swanport River is another favourite spot to drop the line in and this is 30km south of Swansea

Bait, soft plastics or hard lures are used, again these items can be purchased locally.

If you prefer the guided option why not try our local fishing charter.

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For the trout fishing enthusiasts Lake Leake is 36.5km from Swansea where fly and artificial lure fishing is allowed. The season usually runs from August to end of April; an Inland Angling License is required and can be purchased from Morris’ General Store right in the middle of town. Lake Leake Tavern is a great place to drop in for a meal or beer at the end of the day.

For those with boats we have two boat ramps in Swansea (Jubilee & Schouten Beaches) and another at Cottons Drive, Saltworks (25km south of Swansea). Tuna, Trumpeter can be caught in the deeper water especially around Schouten Island area and rock lobsters (crayfish) are also in supply during the specified season and if licensed.

For diving enthusiasts there are abalone, scallops and crayfish all available in Great Oyster Bay; of course these are seasonal, and you must be licensed.

If you come home empty-handed fish and chips are available from several eating establishments around Swansea.

NB: Please ensure you have the correct fishing licenses (check dpiwre.tas.gov.au)

Happy Fishing!

Galleries

Galleries are a great option regardless of the weather and here on the coast we're spoiled for choice; let our talented people inspire you or help you find a unique and beautiful memento or gift to take home.



Swansea

Artifakt Café & Gallery

Not only a great café, but also a space to enjoy beautiful art. Check out the interesting pieces within the café but don't forget to explore the back gallery (accessed off the café space).

Bare Bones Art Space

A family operated Art Space and Emporium. Soak up the artwork, view and hospitality while enjoying a beautiful cup of tea and cake.

Tellers

A small cafe/wine-bar and photographic gallery. A place to sit, to weave stories and look at art. It's about simple food and beverages sourced locally where possible.

Kings Fine Art Gallery & Tea Room

Kings Fine Art Gallery features art works of the east coast of Tasmania by resident artist Laurence King plus the best of local visual & woodwork artists. Enjoy freshly baked Devonshire Tea by Laurie's wife Cherie or if preferred coffee with assorted cakes. Set in a beautiful bush garden with the sound of Nine Mile Beach just a short walk away.

Triabunna

Spring Bay Studio & Gallery

The Spring Bay Studio and Gallery is a Community Visual Arts Organisation on the marina in Triabunna. The organisation has been developed to cater to the need of local artists wishing to be involved in an active and engaged group. The Artists usually focus on a large project reflecting the stories of Spring Bay and the surrounding area. The work culminates in an exhibition during the month of January each year, with additional involvement in other events, when they fall.

The Village

The Village is a community based organisation under the auspices of the East coast Regional Development Organisation Inc (ERDO), established to develop a range of enterprise, educational, arts and environmental projects that will lead to a self-sustaining model, connecting young people to the broader community and impacting on many areas of community life. Current Projects include Community Market, Paper Making Studio, Art Gallery, Art, craft & music workshops as well as a performance venue for music and drama events.

Gallery Art Spaces

As well as great food and coffee Gallery Art Spaces specialises in Tasmanian art and craft. They display and sell art that includes limited edition prints as well as original works. Discover their clothing, jewellery, hand crafted leather goods, home ware and Tasmanian timber products and books.

Bicheno

Earth Land Sea Gallery

This coastal gallery features Tasmanian Artists' works as well as Binny's own silk paintings, silk scarves, cards and natural jewellery. From the Gallery she also sells her Earth Land & Sea natural skin products.

St Marys

Purple Possum whole foods, Café & Gallery

A quirky award-winning cafe with great coffee, lunches, snacks and wholefoods; enjoy their famous rhubarb cake, date scones, wraps, veggie burgers, great coffee or tea in a pot. Recommended in Lonely Planet Tasmania 6th edition, 2011.

Gone Rustic Studio & Gallery

Rita Summers is a designer, artist and passionate up cycler, her underlying philosophy is to create products and source materials as ethically as she can. She finds and reinvents vintage and preloved clothing, fabrics and other materials with natural dyes and deconstruction techniques, allowing them to inspire her work. Materials for eco dyeing are given to her from the gardens of friends, or foraged from their own property where she can manage the trees and plants respectfully. This is a space where she displays and sells her work, hosts exhibitions, and runs workshops.

Beaumaris

Wave Song Art Studio

Wave song Art Studio is a working studio situated in Beaumaris. They specialise in unique one-off garments using only the finest of Australian and Tasmanian wool and endeavour to promote the logo “made in Tasmania”! They also make the famous truly Tassie Devil hats which have gone global including the members of the Royal Danish Family.

Their concern for the plight of this magnificent little Tasmanian icon, the devil, has inspired them to donate a percentage of all profits to the foundation for saving this incredible marsupial.

Visitors to the studio have the unique experience of seeing articles being hand made.

Opening hours flexible by pre-arrangement.

St Helens

K Mueller Design – Studio Jewellers

K. Mueller Design, Studio Jewellers, is situated in the heart of St Helens. It is a shopping experience like no other, offering the visitor an authentic look into the contemporary jeweller's craft; you can watch fine handcrafted jewellery being made from Silver, Gold, Palladium and Platinum, with some pieces featuring exquisite local Tasmanian Gems.

Life's a Beach on the East Coast



Image courtesy of Simon Sturzaker

Life's a beach in Tasmania's pristine East Coast -220 kms to walk and explore

Swansea is surrounded by spectacular beaches all within minutes of walking or driving.

Nine Mile Beach (Dolphin Sands) is accessed off the Tasman Highway just north of Swansea (via Swan River Road). The great span of beach has a gentle gradient, making it a great family friendly beach; dolphins, seals and seasonally whales are sighted from the beach. This gorgeous beach also faces the magnificent Freycinet National Park and is a spectacular place to see the ever changing Hazards at sunrise or sunset. There is beach access and parking along Dolphin Sands Road at the 5 mile and Bagot Point or off Cambria Drive. There are no facilities along this beach.

Town beach known as **Jubilee Beach** offers convenient car parking and sits just in front of the main street.. You can pack a picnic, use the BBQ or enjoy lunch from a café only metres away. The playground and toilets located immediately behind the southern end of the beach next to the jetty makes it a great spot for young families.

Waterloo Beach is located between the southern side of Swansea jetty and Waterloo Point. It is a 300 m long, low energy north-facing beach. The beach is well protected by the point and is narrow, often calm with seagrass commonly covering the beach. Sand and some rock flats widen into the southern corner, with higher waves breaking along the edge of the flats to provide a right-hand surf break. A second break runs along the edge of the rocky point. The jetty car park backs the northern end, with a low grassy reserve behind the beach, which is backed by sloping bluffs and the main street of Swansea, while Swansea golf course occupies the point.

About five kilometres south of Swansea, off the Tasman Highway, you'll find **Cressy Beach**. As you travel along the Great Eastern Drive, look for the signs to Cressy Beach and pull off the highway into the little circular car park and picnic area. A short stroll along the sandy walking trail leads to the 500-metre-long beach, which is part of a small coastal reserve. Cressy Beach has a long stretch of sugary sand to stroll along, fantastic views of the Freycinet coast. The beach receives waves averaging 1 m and more, maintaining a well-developed low tide terrace, which usually has one to two rips flowing across the bar. In addition, rock outcrops along the southern end of the beach, which is bordered by rocky slopes and cleared 10 m high bluffs.

Spiky Beach (also off the Tasman Highway about 6 km south of Swansea) is a 100 m long east-facing moderately protected reflective beach, bordered by dark dolerite slopes, with rocks also outcropping in the centre and extending off the southern end of the beach. It has a low narrow grassy foredune, and a moderate gradient beach face, which usually slopes into deeper water. A short walking track leads from the car park to the beach.

Another small beach is located immediately to the south and is a 70 m long sand beach bordered by rocky points, with a cluster of rocks in the centre of the beach. Lafarelle Gully, when it flows, crosses the centre of the small beach. The beach is slightly more exposed and a more hazardous beach with rocks dominating the surf. Joining this beach is yet another small 200 m long southeast-facing, moderately exposed beach bordered by 10-20 m high rocky coast to the north and sloping 50 wide Dwarf Point to the south. It is backed by 20 m high sloping bluffs, and then cleared farmland. Waves average over 1 m and break across a 50 m wide surf zone, with rocks outcropping in the centre of the beach, and a rip usually running out against the southern Dwarf Point.

Kelvedon Beach 10 kms south of Swansea and off the Tasman Highway, extends southwest from Dwarf Point for 2 km, curving to the south in lee of the southern Shelly Point. Two smaller streams and Kelvedon Creek back the beach, the latter forming a small, usually blocked lagoon. The beach faces southeast into the dominant swell with waves averaging over 1 m maintaining a continuous bar usually cut by up to 10 rips, with wave height decreasing in lee of Shelly Point where rips are usually absent. Numerous pebbles and cobbles dominate the sandy beach and form the crests of usually well-developed cusps the length of the beach. The beach is backed by a low 100 m wide grassy foredune, which narrows to the south, then the highway. There is a beachside car park on the southern side of the creek, providing direct access to the beach.

Mayfield Beach 15kms south of Swansea (and again off the Tasman Highway). The year-round campground does not accept reservations and is first-come first-served. Campers can stay for up to four weeks. Dogs are allowed on leashes. The campground is free, but donations are accepted to maintain and improve the facilities. Just a thin row of vegetation separates the campground from a long sandy beach, so enjoy the sound of waves washing up on shore as you fall asleep at night. A short path next to the toilet leads from the campground down to the beach where you can stroll a long distance on soft sand. The beach runs along Great Oyster Bay, a long bay with a large population of Australian black swans. The blue-green mountains on Freycinet Peninsula create a lovely backdrop across the bay from the campground.

Searching for Waterfalls



The waterfalls of the east coast are located inland from the coast, many within a short drive of each other. Take a full day to explore and visit several falls, or factor in your favourite as a side trip on your way along the Great Eastern Drive.

1. Hardings Falls

Going north on the Great Eastern Drive (Tasman Hwy A3) from Swansea, take the C301 road (Old Coach Rd) from Cranbrook until you reach the turn off to the Hardings Falls Forest Reserve. A short walk from the picnic area leads through eucalypt forest to the lookout at the top of the falls. The 20-minute walk down to the river is steep, so walking shoes are essential, but you'll be rewarded with a great view of the falls and space to enjoy a picnic lunch on the rock platforms that line the river.

2. Meetus Falls

Going north on the Great Eastern Drive (Tasman Hwy A3) from Swansea, turn left at the B34 (Lake Leake) Road and then take the turn off to Meetus Falls. The Falls are located along McKay's Road, 10 km from the Lake Leake information booth. Take the 15-minute return walk to the lookout or walk to the Cygnet River Lookout from the Falls Lookout track. Have lunch at the picnic shelter or light a fire in the open fireplace (check fire permit periods).

3. Lost Falls

Lost Falls are located south of Lake Leake. From B34 (Lake Leake Rd) head south along the 'M' road until you see the signposted turnoff to Lost Falls. There are basic picnic facilities at the reserve but no toilets. If you want to picnic, we suggest you visit Meetus Falls Forest Reserve. There are two easy walks at Lost Falls, suitable for all ages and all levels of fitness. A short walk (10 minutes return) winds through the dry open forest onto a rocky outcrop. From the outcrop there are extensive views of the Freycinet Peninsula and surrounding coastline. The other walk takes you to the Lost Falls Lookout. Perched high above the forested gorge, the lookout provides breath-taking views of steep valley, Lost Falls Creek and the waterfall.

For further information:

<https://eastcoasttasmania.com/to-do/adventure/itinerary/waterfalls/>

Discover the Great Eastern Wine Drive!



The East Coast's fresh, locally grown produce is coveted the world over, as are its acclaimed cool climate wines. There are many exceptional wine producers in Tasmania, and the Great Eastern Wine Drive will take you directly to the cellar doors of some of the state's best.

Embarking on a tasting tour of Tasmania's East Coast is a pleasure that really should be on every traveller's list. One of the best places to sample wine is right where it is produced, and the Great Eastern Wine Drive includes diverse cellar doors, each featuring sophisticated local wines in environments ranging from rustic colonial homesteads to sleek, contemporary tasting rooms.

Anyone who's sampled a fine East Coast vintage will tell you that the region's global reputation for producing outstanding wine is well deserved. You'll find internationally-renowned wines here, including Pinot Noir, sparkling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Gris, Rose and Shiraz.

The Great Eastern Wine Drive is a true journey of discovery that will lead you to the best-loved places and experiences of Tasmania's east coast region. Here, every turn unveils a new view to take your breath away, and a new invitation to stop and explore.

Come with an appetite, as you can expect to be offered everything from tasting plates of tempting morsels, platters, cheeseboards, pizza, seafood and in the peak season pop-up restaurants among the vines.

Take a weekend, a few days or longer to explore, feast and wander.

Milton Vineyard

Milton Vineyard was first farmed in 1826 initially for fine Tasmanian wool but is now producing fine cool climate wines. The vineyard is located at 42 Degrees South on the dry sunny Freycinet Coast of Tasmania.

This family owned vineyard's cellar door sits overlooking the vineyard and gorgeous dam. In the peak season, enjoy a beautiful lunch in their restaurant while enjoying one of their lovely wines, or just stay for a tasting and take a bottle (or two) for later.

Alm Restaurant within Milton cellar door is operating all summer with delicious small and large tasting plates incorporating fresh Tasmanian produce.

www.miltonvineyard.com.au

14635 Tasman Highway, Cranbrook 7190

Spring Vale

At Spring Vale, the grapes are grown with an in-depth knowledge of our local terroir. Intimate attention to quality and flavour allows Spring Vale to produce premium, award-winning wines at their on-site winery. Taste their wines in their beautiful old cellar door (the original old stables of the property). Check social media and website for food offerings.

www.springvalewines.com

130 Spring Vale Road, Cranbrook 7190

Craigie Knowe Vineyard

When visiting the rustic cellar door, within the oldest vineyard in the area, you will experience the passion behind their quality handcrafted wines with a family hosted tasting.

Linger in the relaxed surroundings just metres from the vines and enjoy a platter of exceptional produce. Finish your experience with a decadent handcrafted chocolate and wine matching.

Go beyond the cellar door for a vineyard tour (includes tasting, wine, and taste plate/lunch); bookings essential, see website for details.

www.craigieknowe.com.au

80 Glen Gala Road, Cranbrook 7190

Gala Estate

Gala Estate Vineyard sits at the crossroads of history and innovation, presenting Tasmanian wines that are infused with a sense of place and time.

Now run by the seventh generation of the Amos family, it is a multi-faceted business that produces not only award-winning wines, but also operates as a fully functioning sheep farm.

The Family have been living and loving this land for 200 years. Breathing the world's cleanest air, surrounded by four wild rivers and five private forest reserves. This pristine environment and their connection to the land allows them to consistently make some of Tasmania's finest Pinot Noir.

www.galaestate.com.au

14891 Tasman Highway, Cranbrook 7190

Devil's Corner Cellar Door & Lookout

The Hazards Vineyard is located at the Devil's Corner Cellar Door with sweeping views down to Moulting Lagoon with the Hazards range of mountains in the background. The onsite lookout provides arguably the best view in Tasmania.

The maritime location moderates the climate and provides frost protection. The mountains to the west attract most of the rain ensuring excellent grape growing conditions.

Devil's Corner wines are very much a product of the stunning vineyard. Stay for just a tasting or enjoy a lunch of pizza or seafood from one of the two local food vendors. Coffee and cake also available.

www.devilscorner.com.au

Corner Tasman Highway and Sherbourne Road, Apslawn 7190

Freycinet Vineyard

Inspired by the tremendous opportunities of the East Coast of Tasmania, Geoff and Susan Bull cleared the site in 1978, planted the first vines in 1979 and established the first commercial winery on the East Coast. They were early pioneers in a new region which years later revealed exciting quality potential in wines.

The Freycinet Vineyard and Winery is family owned with daughter Lindy Bull and her partner Claudio Radenti taking over the family tradition of gently handcrafting the wines.

www.freycinetvineyard.com.au

15919 Tasman Highway, Apslawn 7215

Iron House Vineyard

Iron House Tasting Room at White Sands Estate offers a range of wines, brews and spirits. Tastings are available every day or relax and enjoy a glass on the deck. The 30 hectares of vines located on rolling hills overlooking the Tasman Sea produce fabulous sparkling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and pinot noir. The onsite restaurant and childrens' indoor play area makes this a great spot to stop.

www.ironhouse.com.au

21554 Tasman Highway, Four Mile Creek 7215

Priory Ridge Wines

A unique experience awaits you at the **Priory Ridge** Cellar door. As you savour the depths of flavours of the handcrafted cool climate **wines** you can take in the ambience of the adapted 1900's shearing shed.

Priory Ridge is a boutique vineyard on 20 hectares with ideal north facing slopes which maximise sunlight. The soil is Devonian granite rich in mineral content, transferring a unique "terroir" to the wine.

www.prioryridgewines.com

280 Ansons Bay Road, St Helens 7216