

What you might find



Azure Kingfisher



King Parrot



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo



Honeyeater



Wedge-tailed Eagle



Superb Lyrebird

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Birdwatching in high country



1 Washpool and Gibraltar Range National Parks

These national parks provide two areas of wilderness where many bird species not normally seen further west can be found. Picnic and camping facilities are available in both parks.

Travel east towards Grafton on the Gwydir Highway. The turn off to Gibraltar Range is on the right 69km from town and the Washpool turn off is a further 5km on the left.

2 Mann River Nature Reserve

A scenic reserve with rugged terrain contrasting with peaceful river flats. Camping and picnic facilities are provided and there is good swimming in the river.

Travel east on the Gwydir Highway towards Grafton from Glen Innes. 36km out turn right onto the Old Grafton Road. Mann River is 10km further on down the hill.

3 Beardy Dam and Woodlands

The Beardy Waters Dam is one of the best bird watching areas in the district. The site supports a great diversity of waterfowl and there is always a chance of something unusual stopping over. To view the entire dam go to both the Shannon Vale bridge and the Beardy Woodlands Reserve.

Shannon Vale Bridge - head east on the Gwydir Highway towards Grafton then at the top of the hill turn right into the Shannon Vale Road. The bridge is 2km further on.

Beardy Woodlands - go east on the Gwydir Highway towards Grafton again and proceed 5km. The woodlands are signposted on the right. You can walk upstream on the eastern side of the bridge towards the weir, where you will have to cross a fence, view the dam from the side of the weir with the knoll to the left.



4 Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve

A highland wetland nature reserve attracting a variety of waterfowl and waders. Turn off left onto Tubbamurra Road 42km south of Glen Innes on the New England Highway.



5 Sinclair Lookout

A woodland consisting mainly of eucalypt with abundant mistletoe and acacia forming a lower storey. Fine views can be had from the top looking west over the Matheson Valley.

Head west on the Gwydir Highway towards Inverell, the lookout is 13km out on the left hand side. You can drive all the way to the lookout or park your car at the bottom just off the highway and walk exploring both sides of the dirt road and the gully.

6 Kings Plains National Park

An area of eucalypt woodland populated with casuarina, wattle and some heath surrounding pools and falls on the Kings Plains creek. Bush camping is permitted and a fireplace is provided at a scenic picnic area on the banks of the creek.

Located 50km north west from Glen Innes, via the Strathbogie Kings Plains Road. The road is unsealed for about 25km. Follow the signs from Glen Innes off the Gwydir Highway heading towards Inverell.

7 Severn River

A small area of casuarina lines the Severn River surrounded by open woodland. The casuarinas provide ample shade making this a fine picnic area with a fireplace provided.

Head north from Glen Innes on the New England Highway for 12.5km turn left onto the sealed road towards Rangers Valley. Travel 12km to the bridge over the Severn River. Park near the fireplace on the right before the bridge. Explore the area on both sides of the river and on both sides of the bridge. Do not cross any fences as the surrounding area is private land.

8 Pyes Creek Road

A road through farmland and woodland that at times passes next to a shallow creek. The variety of habitat provides for many species of birds.

Travel north from Glen Innes on New England Highway through Deepwater turn left towards Stannum just north of Deepwater. Inspect the pools on your left soon after this turn as they often hold a variety of waterfowl. Follow the road through Stannum onto the Red Hill Road then turn left 10km from Stannum onto Pyes Creek Road. Drive for 7kms then turn around and return to the New England Highway.

