Fossicking around Glen Innes

Fossicking for Beginners

Fossicker Caravan Park - Fossicking Park in the heart of Glen Innes town 750m south of the Visitor Centre on the New England Highway. Open 7 days - 7am until 6.30pm. Passing through or staying in Glen Innes, come & try your luck to find Sapphires or Gemstones. Great fun for everyone, the kids will love it. Good dirty fun. Ph (02) 67 32 4246 for further information and prices.

Glen Rest Tourist Park - Fossicking Park 3.5km south of the Visitor Centre on the New England Highway. Open 7 days – Fossicking Park is only open between 9.30am to 11.30am. Visitors are able to purchase a small bag of sapphire wash and be given a beginners lesson in sieving techniques. This is fun for the whole family and a great way to learn the ropes of fossicking before heading out on your own. For more information and prices please Ph (02) 67 32 2413.

Torrington Fossicking in designated parts of Torrington State Recreation Area. 32km northwest of Deepwater. An information board is located in the town of Torrington. Fossicking at the Ugly Corner Falls or Blatherarm Campground and Picnic Area. Fossicking for beryl, fluorite, aquamarine, emerald, citrine, bismuth, topaz, wolframite, cassiterite and arsenopyrite. Pit toilets. (Unsealed Road from Torrington Village to the Ugly Corner Falls or Blatherarm Campground and Picnic Area) Please visit the Emmaville Mining Museum for other fossicking area locations at Torrington.

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Guide Lessons

Bullock Mountain Homestead from Glen Innes proceed towards Inverell along the Gwydir Highway cross the railway line then turn right into the Emmaville Road, proceed 4 km then turn right into Bullock Mountain Road for 9km to the first grid. Entrance is 250m past the grid on the left. Fossick for sapphires and zircon in Reddestone Creek. (Please note the last 9km is unsealed Road) Please contact Patrick on (02) 67 32 4863 before venturing out and costs.

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Emmaville Emerald Mine – 1066 Gulf Road - From the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre proceed north for 230m and turn left at the Traffic Lights, onto Ferguson St (Gwydir Hwy) and proceed a further 1.4km, then turn right onto Coronation Ave (Emmaville Rd) travel a further 42km to Emmaville Village – Emmaville Mining Museum. From the Emmaville Mining Museum continue on the Gulf Road for a further 12km, then turn right onto Summerville Road, proceed for a further 1km, driveway will be on the left, proceed 250m to Homestead.

Please phone Steve on (02) 6734 7394 for bookings and inquiries, before venturing out and costs.

Emmaville Visit the Emmaville Mining Museum, 35km northwest of Glen Innes to see extensive mineral collections, replica mine, blacksmiths shop, bottle collections and rare photographs. Open Friday to Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm. Other times by appointment. Phone 6734 7210. Talk to the staff at the museum for local knowledge and fossicking mud maps of the Emmaville and other areas of Torrington area.

Three Waters High Country Holidays From Glen Innes proceed towards Inverell along the Gwydir Highway cross the railway line then turn right into the Emmaville Road, proceed 4 km then turn right into Bullock Mountain Road for 9km to the first grid. Entrance is 250m past the grid on the left. Fossick for sapphires and zircon in Reddestone Creek. (Please note the last 9km is unsealed Road)

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**Yarrow Creek Bridge - Pinkett** From the Visitor Information Centre proceed South on the New England Hwy for 1km to the southern roundabout, turn left into Oliver St (Red Range Road) and proceed a further 6km, then turn right onto the Pinkett Rd, travel a further 17km to Yarrow Creek Bridge. Parking is limited. There are no Toilet Facilities. Fossicking for Topaz, Garnet, Zircon and Sapphires. (Sealed Road to Yarrow Creek Bridge)

**Sara River Bridge - Kookabookra** From the Visitor Information Centre proceed South on the New England Hwy for 1km to the southern roundabout, turn left into Oliver St (Red Range Road) and proceed a further 6km, then turn right onto the Pinkett Rd, travel a further 39km then turn right 120m before Sara River Bridge. Parking is limited. There are no Toilet Facilities. Fossicking for topaz, quartz, crystals and sapphires. There is 500m of fossicking west of the Bridge. Do not enter through gate or fence. (There is 19km of unsealed road from Yarrow Creek Bridge to Sara River Bridge)

**Timbarra River Bridge** From the Visitor Information Centre proceed to northern roundabout, turn Right from the South or turn left from the North, travel 35km east on the Gwydir Hwy to Timbarra River Bridge. A further 70m east of the bridge, you will see on your left a 40m bush track leading to the river, fossicking only on the northern side of the bridge. There are no Toilet Facilities. Fossicking for zircon and sapphires. (Sealed Road to Timbarra River Bridge)

**Wellingrove Bridge** From the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre proceed north for 230m and turn left at the Traffic Lights, onto Ferguson St (Gwydir Hwy) and proceed a further 1.4km, then turn right onto Coronation Ave (Emmaville Road) for 1km, then turn left at Bonshaw sign, travel a further 23km to Wellingrove Creek Bridge, 130m before the bridge, on the left, drive through the gate to the fossicking area on the Creek. (Please shut gate when entering and leaving the site). There are no Toilet Facilities. Fossicking for Sapphires, Zircon. (Sealed Road to Wellingrove Bridge)

**Glencoe** From the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre, Travel 20km south on the New England Hwy to Glencoe Village, proceed a further 600m past the Glencoe Red Lion Tavern, you will see the 100km sign. 140m past the 100km sign, turn left across a yellow ramp and follow the dirt road to fenced off fossicking reserve on the creek, access is through the gate. (Please shut gate when entering and leaving the site). There are no Toilet Facilities. Fossicking for sapphires and zircons. (Unsealed Road from Yellow Ramp)

**Mann River Bridge** From the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre Proceed south 20km on the New England Highway to Glencoe Village. Turn left into Camp Street, about 900m, Camp street will turn into Mt Mitchell Road, proceed a further 7km, then turn left onto Glen Leagh Road, Travel a further 5km to Mann River Bridge, proceed across the bridge. Fossicking on the West side of the Bridge. Fossicking for sapphires and zircons. (Sealed Road to Glencoe and from Camp Street to Glen Leagh Road turnoff)