

**minerama**

**fossicking gem & jewellery show**

**Save the date for Minerama, the 2nd weekend in March every year at the Glen Innes Showground.**

One of the largest fossicking gem and jewellery shows in NSW, Minerama is the fossicker's dream. Experience daily fossicking field trips with the opportunity to discover buried treasure in some of Glen Innes Highlands' most private sites. Learn a new craft at one of the jewellery workshops or browse the vast array of trade stalls showcasing gemstones, minerals, fine jewellery, crystals and more. For more on Minerama head to [minerama.com.au](http://minerama.com.au)



**Fossicking**  
*in sapphire country*

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# Experienced Fossickers



## 1 Torrington

Fossicking is permitted 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.

Some parts of Torrington are State Forest. Fossicking is allowed with a permit in many NSW State forests.

To obtain a permit contact [fpos.fcns.w.com.au](mailto:fpos.fcns.w.com.au) or 1300 655 687 or 02 9872 0111

## 2 Aroona Glen

1505 Morven Rd Glen Elgin. Head east on the Gwydir Highway for 27km and turn left into Yahna Road. Travel 5km then sharp turn right into Morven Road and continue for 6km. There are toilets but no other facilities. **IMPORTANT:** please note visitors must bring their own water. Camping \$15 per adult per night \$10 per child per night. Fossicking \$10 per adult \$5 per child.

Bookings essential either through Facebook: Aroona Glen Fossicking or phone Rob on 02 6734 4274 before heading out.



## 10 Fossicker Caravan Park

See fossicking for beginners overleaf.

## 9 Bullock Mountain Homestead

See fossicking for beginners overleaf.



## 8 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)

Please contact Patrick on 02 6732 4863 before venturing out. Fees apply. [threewatersholidays.com.au](http://threewatersholidays.com.au)



## 3 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)

## 4 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)



## 7 Wellingrove Bridge

From the 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 and zircon. (Sealed Road to Wellingrove Bridge)



## 6 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)



## 5 Mann River Bridge

From the 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 Leigh 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 Leigh Road turnoff)



# Fossicking for Beginners



## Guide to Finding World Famous Gems

Glen Innes Highlands is internationally famous for the deep rich, royal blue sapphire, it's part of the most prolific sapphire region in New South Wales and has the world's richest mineral diversity belt.

Fossicking for sapphires and an array of other gems and minerals, from zircons to garnet and smoky quartz is easy, cheap, and it's something that the whole family can enjoy.

Several sites are by streams in attractive bushland settings abounding with wildlife, each has camping and picnic facilities. So get a little dirt on your hands and maybe strike it rich!

A detailed Guide to Fossicking in NSW can be found at [resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au](http://resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au)

## Emmaville Mining Museum

Emmaville village is 43km from Glen Innes and was an 1880s tin mining boom town, with silver, copper, bismuth and arsenic also mined.

The museum showcases extensive mineral collections, mining artefacts, replica mine, blacksmith's shop, bottle collections and rare photographs.

Open every day except Thursday 10am to 4pm  
other times by appointment  
\$2 entry fee

P: 02 6734 7025

E: [info@emmavilleminingmuseum.com.au](mailto:info@emmavilleminingmuseum.com.au)

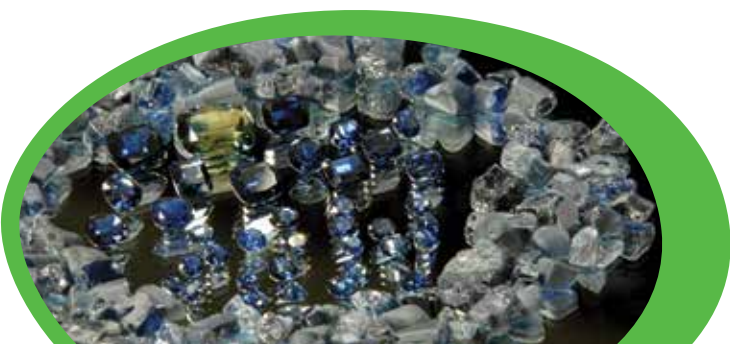
## Fossicker Caravan Park

A fossicking park situated in Glen Innes town, great for beginners and families to search for gems and get their hands dirty. From the Visitor Centre proceed 750m south on the New England Highway. Bags of wash and equipment are available. Fees apply. The Fossicking Park is open 7 days from 8am to 4pm, closed Christmas Day.

P: 02 6732 4246

[fossickercaravanpark.com.au](http://fossickercaravanpark.com.au)

94-96 Church St, New England Hwy



## Bullock Mountain Homestead

Bullock Mountain Homestead offers guided lessons. Heading 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 9kms to the first grid, then travel a further 2kms to the homestead.

Fossick for sapphires and zircon in Reddestone Creek. (Please note the last 9km + 2km is unsealed Road)  
Please contact Malcolm on 0457 357 909 before venturing out.

[bullockmountainhomestead.com](http://bullockmountainhomestead.com)

