

## *South of One Tree Pt to boatsheds via Nelson Parade & Lavender Bay* - approx. 1hr return

**First explore One Tree Point** (details over) and then make your way across the One Tree carpark to meet the cycleway that runs along the rear of the dunes of Main Beach.

**7. Caravan Park Beach**— this caravan park is protected from heavy seas by a substantial rock wall. If conditions allow you can gain access to this beach via a right of way through the park that takes you as far as the first cabin on the sea side. From here a path leads to the beach to explore.

Return to the car park at the rear of the Main Beach to continue south along Clive Court to meet the Nelson Parade cycle path. Please do not cycle through the Caravan Park.

**8. Next is Wolfe Reserve off Nelson Parade.** The Tuross River story starts high in the Kybeyan, near Cooma and finishes with the River's journey at Tuross Head on the coast.

Mostly open to the sea the Tuross River is well known for it's mighty floods and for closing from time to time in drought. It is a very dangerous bar and has claimed several lives. Wolfe Reserve has plaques placed under a Norfolk Pine for those lost on the bar. You can access Wolfe Reserve from Nelson Parade on foot following the path along the cliff top that sweeps towards the sea. Please don't trespass on adjacent private property.

**9. Eva Mylott Monument**—Eva Mylott was born at old Tuross House in September 16, 1875. She was one of Australia's most famous contralto opera singers and was also the paternal grandmother of the actor and film director Mel Gibson. Eva became a protégé of Dame Nellie Melba and in 1902 went to Europe with her to pursue an opera career, eventually living in the US and marrying tycoon Hutton Gibson.

**10. Lavender Bay and Boatramp.** For generations families have been coming to Tuross Head for their holidays. Annual holidays based around the richness of freedom to explore, to fish, to share a meal and watch a sky filled with stars by a camp fire.

Up until the 1960's this was Lavender Bay, an annual mecca for families from central NSW who would bring their old canvas tents, their cooking pots, camp stretchers, fishing gear, dogs and children and arrive in their old cars to set up camp for the summer along the shore of Lavender Bay spreading up and over each of the adjacent points.

Gone are the days of free camping however those same families still return to holiday houses and now new generations are learning of the same freedoms and old world charms that Tuross has always offered.

Lavender Bay is a great place to launch a kayak or to just park and watch the world go by. More and more it is now being used by passing mobile homes as a perfect day rest area enjoying the view and many friendly pelicans.

**11. The Tuross boatsheds.** The Tuross boatsheds have a long and interesting history.

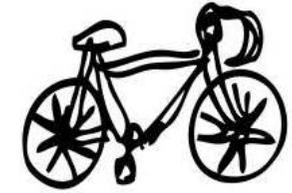
Starting back in the days of early Sydney Tuross Lake was frequented by coastal luggers that would sail in through a then deeper river mouth and make their way up as far as Turlinjah where they would take on dairy and farm products grown on the extensive Bodalla Farm owned by T.S. Mort. The farm is now the township of Bodalla.

Luggers were being built on the Tuross Lake from local timber to assist in the supply of produce to Sydney.

Tuross Head played its part of being a perfect location to grow potatoes and the little cottage above the boatsheds was the home of the "Potato Overseer". That cottage was originally the Araluen Police Station and was moved to Tuross in the late 1800's.

The boatsheds have had many lives and witnessed many floods. The boatsheds have evolved from storing fishing gear to now providing excellent waterfront meals.

## *Tuross Head Cycling*



## *Map & Guide*

One of our great treasures is our cycleway that hugs the shore of Coila Lake, tracing along the stunning Tuross coastline and then finishing at the Tuross Boatramp on the shores of Tuross Lake - a 5.5km path that allows you to explore from one end of the village to the other.



Scan for more Tuross info

# *North of One Tree Pt along coast and then around Coila Lake*

- approx time 1.5 hr return

**1. One Tree Point** has become an icon of Tuross Head. The village founder, Hector McWilliam grew all the Norfolk pines in Tuross Head from the seeds of just one tree. This "mother" tree can be found at Tuross House in Coral Crescent. The tree is listed under NSW state heritage.

The Norfolk pine on One Tree Point is a recent planting replacing an original tree planted by Hector McWilliam in the 1930's that was senselessly killed by delinquents. The new tree was planted in July 1994.

The One Tree Point is a popular visiting spot for locals and visitors to sit and reflect as they watch passing whales, pods of dolphins, the occasional seal and the endless rolling in of the surf.

Be sure to visit the information board at the carpark end of the path to One Tree Point as it tells the story of the Aboriginal heritage of the area.

You will find the start of the northern cycleway at the start of Tuross Boulevard as you make your way towards Plantation Point.

**2. Plantation Point and Memorial Gardens** are an excellent spot for whale watching. The Tuross Head Memorial Gardens were built and are maintained by the Tuross community. The Garden and commemorative walls are dedicated to the community, enabling those who wish to, to place a plaque on the wall in the memory of a loved one.

Located within a plantation of majestic Norfolk pines planted by the town's founding father, Hector McWilliam the gardens have an incredible peace against a backdrop of stunning coastline.

The Gardens host the annual Anzac Day dawn service

and this event is considered one of the best in Australia as the sun rises from the sea against a silhouette of riders sitting astride their horses in memory of the Light Horse.

From the Memorial Gardens make your way north along the coastline following the cycleway adjacent to the road.

**3. McWilliam Park Whale Burial site.** In November 1980 a whale was washed ashore at this location. The whale unfortunately did not survive and is buried under the grassy mound you see. Whale watching season runs from September to November annually. During their southern migration whales are moving slowly. They are often with calves and seem to travel closer to the coastline.

Scan the waters and you are likely to be rewarded with a sighting with whales, often venturing in so close you can hear their breath as they exhale.

**4. Coila Beach and Lake**—Coila Lake is a large but shallow waterway with an area catchment of just 48 km<sup>2</sup> and with depths not exceeding 3 m.

The Coila Beach leads to Bingie Point in the north. At the rear of the sand dunes the Bingie Dreaming Track takes walkers 16.5 km north to Moruya Head via Congo.

The Coila Lake is mostly closed and is opened when it reaches a level of 2m. Its water salinities are similar to the ocean and the lake is full of fish and prawns.

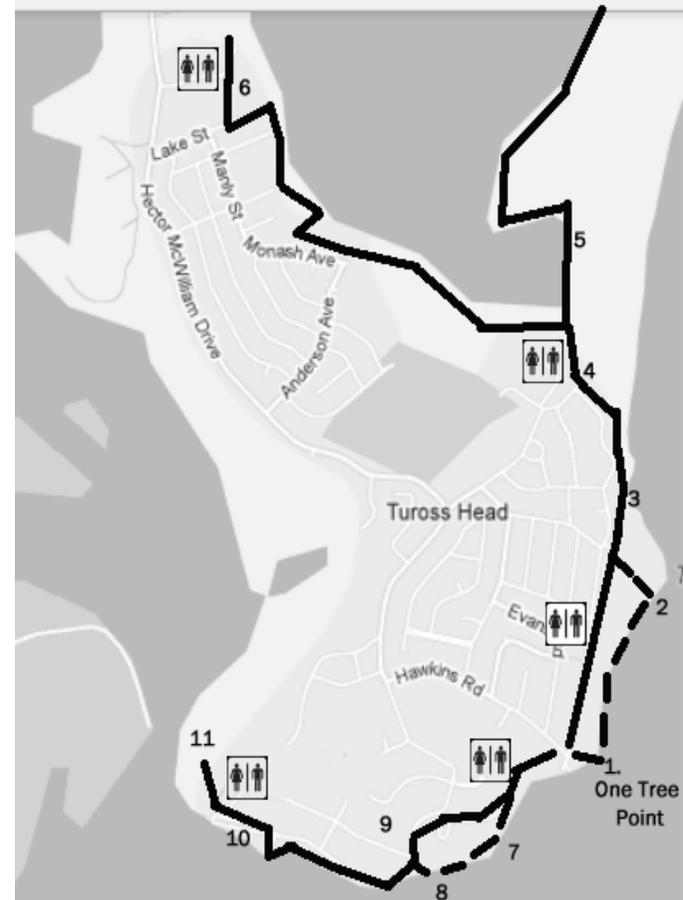
From Coila Beach the cycleway continues around the foreshore of Coila Lake - there is a tap available at the bottom of the Coila Bar steps to fill your water bottle.

**5. The Bingie Dreaming Track** starts at this point and proceeds for 16.5kms north to Moruya Head via Congo . A separate Bingie Dreaming Track brochure is available. It is possible to cycle this track however there are some areas where you will have to push through sand and vegetation.

**6. Coila Lake foreshore to Kyla Park**—The Tuross Head cycleway follows the Coila Lake foreshore crossing over a timber bridge to then become an all-weather gravel path for several hundred metres weaving its way through

coastal forest. The gravel path then meets the concrete path again making its way past homes and foreshore reserves to arrive eventually at Lake Street. Here you will have to cycle up Lake Street for 100m to then access the public pathway that will take you into Kyla Park where you will find the Kyla Hall, cricket oval, tennis courts and our Tuross Community Gardens.

The return cycle to your starting point is approx 20 minutes.



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