

Tuross Lake (flatwater)

Up to 25km circumnavigation

Tuross Lake estuary covers a large area with many islands [mostly National Park] where Tuross River joins the ocean. It offers a superb opportunity for kayakers to enjoy the Broadwater, the Fourways, the river, tranquil island channels, island picnic areas and/or coffee and meals beside the water at our boatshed cafes. Tree-lined shores and birdlife contribute to the visual experience, with mountain ranges providing the backdrop.

There are plenty of paddling options, especially for novice paddlers, on this generous lake with its protected places scattered with estuaries and islands. You are likely to see a wide variety of birdlife, kangaroos and even emus.

An 18km round trip could take you north from the boat ramp, around Horse Island, then west up the estuary to and around Borang Lake, returning on the southern side of Horse Island. From the launch spot. Comerang is approx 25km up the river.

A pleasant two hour paddle takes you around the south side of Horse Island then along the eastern channel of Cambathin Island, up to Deuaumba Island past the old bridge along its northern channel, returning to the launch point via the main channel that hugs the Tuross Head foreshore.

Waterside cafés and restaurants await with a landing spot by the Marine Rescue shed near the Tuross boatsheds. There are toilets just above the boatsheds.

Launch Point

This easy access point is off Trafalgar Road / Nelson Parade at Lavender Bay, between Tuross Head boat ramp, the toilet block and boatsheds. Ample, shady parking is available alongside the shallow, sandy edge.

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Flora

Casuarina forest predominates around shorelines with varied East coast littoral types providing variety and wildlife. Burrawang palms amid eucalypts and a variety of other native trees surround the water. Stag & elk horns can be seen in the canopy. Delicate native orchids sometimes reveal themselves to observant kayakers.

Fauna

Pelicans, cormorants, falcons, sea eagles, ducks, kingfishers, herons, black swans, little terns, occasional emus, kangaroos [sometimes swimming], appear above the waterline. In the shallows stingray, flathead, bream, whiting and other estuary fish can be seen. Dolphins, seals and other larger marine species are regular visitors.

Coila Lake (flatwater)

Up to 18.5km circumnavigation

Paddle any distance, or up to 18.5km to circumnavigate the lake and under the highway bridge into Coila Creek at the northern end. Stay near the sheltered shores on windy days as it can get quite choppy. An easy shallow launch opposite the Tuross Sport & Recreation Centre off Hector McWilliam Drive, where you will find parking and a BBQ/picnic area with playground and toilets. Another launch area is at the end of Foam Street.

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Tuross Head Kayaking Guide



Map & Guide to Tuross & Coila Lakes

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Tuross info

TUROSS HEAD KAYAKING AND CANOEING MAP

0 1KM 2KM
Each dash & each gap is 100m

