

Fraser Coast Fishing Trail



Catching the 'big one' off Urangan Pier, Hervey Bay Image: Jan Rolston

The Fraser Coast is Australia's best destination for unforgettable fishing experiences—but don't just take our word for it. Grab your fishing gear, follow this guide and find out for yourself. A word of warning though—you'll be hooked!

Take the protection of world heritage listed Fraser Island from prevailing winds. Add one of Australia's largest seagrass beds which acts as a nursery and feeding ground for prawns and fish.

The result—some of the world's most ideal fishing conditions and a species of fish to suit almost every angler.

The choice of fishing is just as impressive, with some of the best sport and game fishing, sheltered beach fishing and the most magnificent deep sea fishing in Australia.



Fishing facts

Make sure you know the rules before you go fishing!

Marine national park zones—or green zones—are “look but don't touch areas”.

Be aware of bag and size limits.

Follow safety guidelines.

Maps and information, including details of zone restrictions and bag limits, are available from Maritime Safety, DPI Fisheries www.dpi.qld.gov.au and local tackle stores.

For general information about fishing on the Fraser Coast go to www.sunfish.com.au



Top fishing spots...

FRASER ISLAND

Recreational fishers describe the ocean side of Fraser Island as the “holy grail” of beach fishing with catches of whiting, dart, tailor, flathead and jewfish. Fly fishers come from all over the world to cast on the flat, sandy shallows near the island for milk fish and the chance to snag the highly sought golden trevally.

THE GREAT SANDY STRAIT

The Strait is a maze of sandy channels and deep snag-ridden holes that house almost every fish that anglers dream of. The Great Sandy Marine Park has a few green zones as well as some go-slow areas for the protection of turtles and dugong, both of which are plentiful in the area. Maps are available.

MAAROOM, BOONOROO/TUAN, POONA AND TINNANBAR

The townships of the Great Sandy Strait are made for fishing—either on shore or explore the mangrove lined creeks or the sheltered waters with a small motorboat or kayak. A great variety of fish including coral trout,

bream, whiting, flathead, mackerel, tailor and mangrove jack inhabit the waters, along with sand and mud crabs.

HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay's 800m long Urangan Pier gives shore-based anglers the opportunity to fish deeper waters for whiting, bream, flathead, reef fish and pelagics including giant trevally, tuna and mackerel.

Fish off the rock wall at the Urangan Harbour, and the groynes and other piers at Hervey Bay, as well as just off the beach.

BIG WOODY ISLAND AND THE ROY RUFUS ARTIFICIAL REEF

The inshore reefs around Big Woody Island and the Roy Rufus Artificial Reef—one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere—are easily accessible from Urangan Harbour. It is here you will find a large variety of reef fish and pelagics.

THE MARY RIVER

From Beaver Rock to the mouth of the Mary at River Heads, you can pick up bream, king salmon, flathead, summer whiting and cod.

TIARO

Tiaro's Petrie Park is the best place to access the Mary River. Launch a boat off the ramp or fish off the bank for bass, barramundi and catfish.

TINANA CREEK

Try kayak fishing or fish from the bank at Tinana Creek for bass, either upstream or downstream of Teddington Weir, 10km out of Maryborough.

TOOGOOM

Toogoom and the surrounding waters are a haven for many species including flathead, bream, snapper, tailor, summer and winter whiting, mangrove jacks and queen fish. Go up Beelbi Creek for crabbing.



BURRUM HEADS

The calm blue waters of this popular seaside village provide an excellent place to fish from the beach, a boat or from the foreshore. Catch mackerel out from the mouth of the Burrum River.

BURRUM RIVER

The river's extensive sand flats, channels and mangrove-lined banks offer the angler great fishing, crabbing and prawning. It is one of Queensland's best kept barramundi secrets. Along with hard-hitting mangrove jacks, barra can be located around the rock bars littering the lower tidal reaches.

RIVER HEADS

River Heads, located at the head of the Mary River, has rocky outcrops and ledges which are home to many bream, particularly in winter. Other commonly caught fish include flathead, javelin fish, mulloway, threadfin salmon and barramundi.

SUSAN RIVER

The Susan is a labyrinth of mangrove creeks, sandbanks, rock bars and deep holes. This river system is almost completely unmarked by navigation beacons and care should be taken when boating. Bread-and-butter species such as flathead, whiting and bream are all likely to be encountered.

LAKE LENTHALL

Regarded as one of the most consistent bass fisheries in the country, the lake also has good catches of yellow belly (golden perch) and barramundi along with silver perch, spangled perch and eel-tailed catfish. A fishing permit is required.

BOAT RAMPS

The following boat ramps are managed by Fraser Coast Regional Council:

HERVEY BAY

- River Heads: Barge Ramp, North Ramp, South Ramp
- Point Vernon: Gatakers Bay, The Gables
- Scarness: Esplanade
- Torquay: Esplanade
- Toogoom: Moreton Street
- Burrum Heads: Caravan Park, Burrum Heads Road, Ross Street
- Howard: Beelbi Creek, Burrum Barge, Wal's Camp

MARYBOROUGH

- Granville: Raglan Street
- Lamington Bridge Aquatic Area: South Street
- Beaver Rock: Approx 17km from Maryborough along Beaver Rock Road
- Public jetty, Mary River Parklands: Near the end of March Street

COASTAL AREAS

- Tuan: Big Tuan Creek
- Maaroom: Maaroom Creek
- Boonooroo: Adjacent to Bates Street
- Poona: Owen Cox Street adjacent to the caravan park
- Tinnanbar: Boat Ramp Drive

TIARO

- Petrie Park: Vandoorn Road

WOOCOON

- Yengarie: Pleasant View Road

For more information, contact a Fraser Coast Visitor Information Centre or go to www.ourfrasercoast.com.au



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Don Adams Drive
ph (07) 4197 4730
OPEN Mon–Fri 8am–4pm
Sat & Sun 8am–3pm

Maryborough

City Hall, Kent Street
ph 1800 214 789
OPEN Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
Sat & Sun 9am–3pm

Hervey Bay

227 Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road
ph 1800 811 728
OPEN daily 9am–5pm

Tiaro

Mayne Street
ph (07) 4129 2599
OPEN daily 9am–4.30pm