

Accessible Holiday Destination Guide

Gladstone



Spinnaker Park

The Gladstone Region is located in Central Queensland, about 450 kilometres north of Brisbane. The Gladstone Region is a major industrial and agricultural centre. The Gladstone Region is also a popular tourist destination. The region is home to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The region also has a number of other natural attractions, including beaches, rainforests, and national parks.

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GETTING THERE

By Air

Gladstone Airport is located in the suburb of Clinton, about 10 kilometres from the town's centre, off Aerodrome Road. The airport is served by three airlines: QantasLink, Virgin Australia, and Bonza. Disabled toilets are available in the Check-in area and the Departure Lounge, across from boarding Gate 3. The airport provides accessibility features such as Braille notices and floor textures, ramps for easy mobility, and audio calls for boarding announcements, which are also transmitted via a hearing loop.

By Car

The distance between Gladstone and Brisbane is 530 kilometres. The driving time is approximately 6 hours via the Bruce Highway.



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By Train

The train journey takes approximately 5 hours and 30 minutes. Three trains service Gladstone from Brisbane, Spirit of Queensland, Spirit of the Outback and the Tilt Train. The train services are accessible with accessible facilities on board. Note however, the Spirit of the Outback has a wheelchair width limitation of 750 millimetres.

PLACES TO GO

1770

1770 is a coastal town, located on the coast of Bustard Bay, about 120 kilometres north of Bundaberg. The town is a popular tourist destination and is a popular spot for fishing, swimming, and boating. The town has a number of beaches, including Seventeen Seventy Beach, Middle Creek Beach, and Bustard Head Beach. It is one of only two places on the east coast of Australia where you can watch the sunset over water.



1770 Larc Tours

The 1770 LARC Tours offer three unique experiences that everyone can enjoy.

Afternoon Cruise – This one-hour scenic tour is a great way to see the beauty of Bustard Bay. The LARC acts like a moving grandstand, providing guests with a great vantage point for wildlife spotting and sightseeing. Guests can remain on board for the duration of the tour.

LARC + Lunch Tour – This two-hour tour is a relaxed picnic cruise. It includes one stop on a secluded beach in Bustard Bay for a picnic lunch. Guests can go for a swim, a beach walk, or relax in the picnic chairs during the beach stop. Guests use the steps to board and disembark twice during this tour.

Paradise Tour – This full-day tour is the most popular and signature tour offered by 1770 LARC Tours. There are four stops on and off the vessel throughout the day which includes a stop at Bustard Headland, where guests can visit the historical Bustard Head Light station. The lighthouse tower has 58 spiralling steps to the balcony, and there is also a cemetery and a light-keepers cottage museum.

The LARC is normally boarded in front of the tour office. For full time wheelchair users the LARC is launched and parked at the marina jetty and loaded on the opposite side of the vessel. Inside the vessel, there is room at the front to accommodate a wheelchair. The best option for wheelchair users is the afternoon one hour cruise. LARC Tours has a comprehensive Accessibility Guide on their web website.



1770 Reef Great Barrier Reef Eco Tours

1770 Reef Great Barrier Reef Eco Tours is a locally owned and operated tour operator. They offer a variety of tours to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, including day trips to Lady Musgrave Island. During the school holidays, they also offer trips to secluded beaches. The day trip to Lady Musgrave Island is a popular tour that takes guests to the uninhabited Lady Musgrave Island, located in the Southern Great Barrier Reef. The island is home to a variety of marine life, including turtles, manta rays, and fish. Passengers need to negotiate six steps from the dock onto the main deck of the vessel. The main deck has a level floor throughout. The vessel also has a large toilet with side and rear handrails.

Liquid Adventures

1770 Liquid Adventures is a well-established kayak business that has been operating since 2011. The sunset kayak tour is a unique way to experience the beauty of the Southern Great Barrier Reef. The tour goes to the headland of 1770, where you can paddle out to sea and watch the sun sink below the horizon. The tour



Liquid Adventures

is operated by a knowledgeable and experienced guide and is 2.5 hours long and starts in the late afternoon depending on the time of the year and tide conditions. Other tours are available during the day.

Liquid Adventures has no assistive equipment and there can be a long distance across the sand to the water's edge depending on the tide. The guides do have experience in guiding people with low vision.

1770 Marina

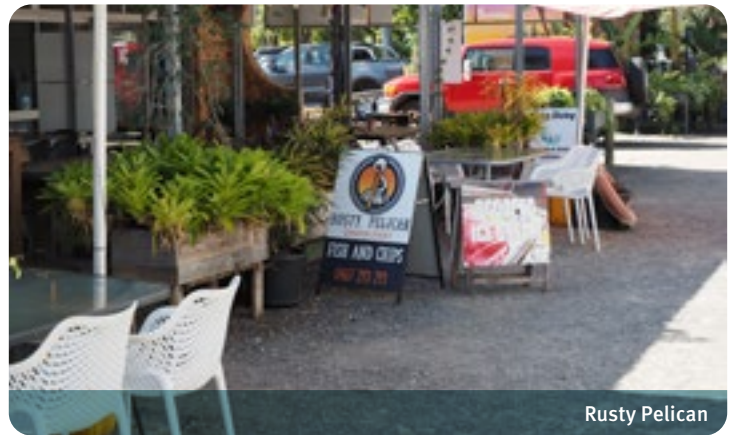
The marina precinct is in the heart of the town. There is a central square with tables and chairs that overlook the inlet. The precinct has several cafés including 1770 Marina Café around its perimeter. The surface is a combination of gravel and artificial grass over a sand base. There is limited street parking. Parking is available opposite the precinct next to the boat ramp parking.



1770 Marina

Rusty Pelican

The Rusty Pelican is known for its seafood dishes, casual atmosphere, and stunning views of the marina. The restaurant has a large outdoor deck with plenty of seating, so you can enjoy your meal while taking in the views. The menu features a variety of seafood dishes, as well as burgers, steaks, and salads. They also have a wide selection of drinks. The deck has a concrete floor with level access and moveable furniture.



Rusty Pelican

Katrina's Bar

The bar has a large outdoor deck with plenty of seating, so you can enjoy your drink while taking in the views of the marina. It serves casual meals including pizza and grazing platters featuring local cheeses.



Air Rescue Park

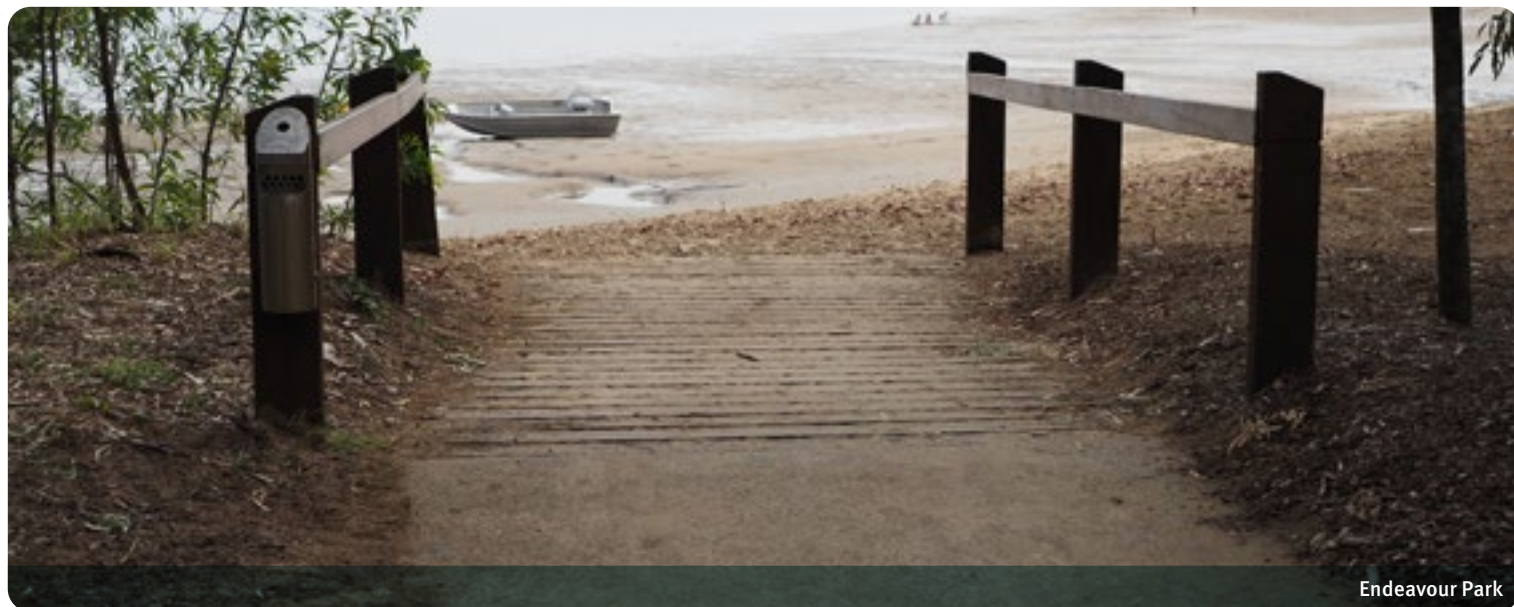
Air Rescue Park

Air Rescue Park is a small park located on the Esplanade in 1770. It is dedicated to the memory of the men and women who have served in the Australian Air Force Rescue Service.

The park has designated disabled parking in the street and a wooden ramped board down into the park. The boardwalk continues around the perimeter of the park along the foreshore. There is seating provided. Access onto the beach is by stairs only. There are shelters, picnic tables and BBQs available.

Endeavour Park

Further up Captain Cook Drive is Endeavour Park. It has designated disabled parking, an accessible toilet, picnic tables and BBQs. There is a concrete ramp that leads onto the soft sand at the top of the beach.



Endeavour Park

Lt James Cook Monument Cairn

The Lt James Cook Monument Cairn is a heritage-listed cairn in James Cook Drive, just up the hill from Endeavour Park. The cairn is made of sandstone and is about 2 metres high. Limited parking is available at the cairn and a concrete path leads to the monument.

trail is also asphalt but can be steeper and narrow in places. The lookout has a series of single 100mm steps as it winds around the headland. The steps have a light coloured band to aid visitors with low vision.



Joseph Banks Regional Park



Agnes Water Main Beach

Joseph Banks Regional Park

Joseph Banks Regional Park is a protected area located in the town of 1770.

The car park is at the end of Captain Cook Drive and has two designated disabled parking bays at the end of the car park. From the car park, there are two walks, Bustard Bay Lookout and the Wave Lookout. The Wave Lookout walk is a short 100 metre walk each way. It is an asphalt service with no steps. It has a moderate gradient down to a viewing platform. The Bustard Bay

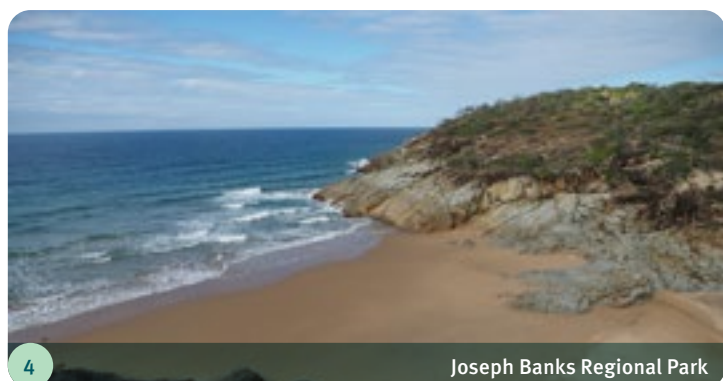
Agnes Water

Agnes Water is located on the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef. It is a popular tourist destination, known for its beautiful beaches, clear waters, and relaxed atmosphere. The town is adjacent to 1770. The town has a small shopping centre to service visitors and locals. Disabled parking is available. The town is level and all shops are wheelchair accessible. There is a wide footpath between the car park and the shops.

Main Beach

Agnes Water Main Beach is a patrolled surf beach located in the town of Agnes Water. It is a popular spot for swimming, sunbathing, surfing, and fishing. The beach is 5.5 kilometres long.

The car park has designated disabled parking. Accessible toilet, showers and change facilities are available. A concrete path leads to the beach.



Joseph Banks Regional Park

Gladstone

Gladstone is the major city of the Gladstone Region, about 520 kilometres north of Brisbane, known for its beaches, fishing, and water sports.

Gladstone Visitor Centre

The Gladstone Visitor Information Centre is at 72 Bryan Jordan Drive in the Heron Island Ferry Terminal.

Designated disabled parking is available in the car park adjacent to the marina complex next to the Complete Angler store. The visitor centre is off the main forecourt of the marina building. Entry to the forecourt requires the negotiation of a 30mm lip at the entry doors. In the same terminal building, there is a café and the Complete Angler. Each of those venues also have lips from the surrounding footpaths into the building. There is a small ambulant toilet facility with grab bars. It may be suitable for small manual wheelchairs.



Gladstone Marina

Gladstone Marina and Nyarla Park

Along the front of the marina is a promenade which is wide and level. It gives a great view of the marina. The main jetty is also wide and level with level access off the promenade. Nyarla Park has a number of accessible picnic tables with fixed umbrellas and shaded pavilions. There is a fully accessible toilet next to the marina office and pilot quarters.



Curtis Ferry Services

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Curtis Ferry Services is a local gateway to the harbour destinations of Curtis and Facing Island, as well as the closest service to access the Capricorn/Bunker group of islands on the Great Barrier Reef. Curtis Ferry Services also offers boat transfers to the scenic tropical islands of Northwest, Masthead, and Lady Musgrave. Curtis Ferry Services offers three harbour cruises including the Port of Gladstone Harbour tour, Sundowner Cruise and Full Moon Cruise.

The cruises utilise the main car deck for passengers. Getting onto the boat requires the negotiation of the vehicle access ramp and the ferry's loading ramp. Caution is required for people with limited mobility and wheelchair users. Once on board, the deck is flat. The vessel is equipped with a toilet on board on the lower deck. The cubicle is long and narrow with no turning room for a wheelchair. There are no handrails in the room, but the side ribbing of the hull does provide some support. There is no lift access to the upper deck. An accessible toilet is available in the terminal building.



Spinnaker Park

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Spinnaker Park is a 20 hectare park in Callemondah, overlooking Gladstone Harbour. The park is home to the Big 6 Discovery Trail, a 1 kilometer interactive journey. It is designed to educate visitors about the six key marine animals that live in the area: shorebirds, turtles, cetaceans (whales and dolphins), fish, dugongs, and crustaceans.

The trail is made up of a series of signs and interactive exhibits that teach visitors about the different animals, their habitats, and their importance to the ecosystem. The signs are predominately text with a map of the key points of interest. The path is level and constructed of asphalt. Designated disabled parking is available at a variety of locations, including at the front of the Café Spinnaker Park. The café has level entry from the footpath. It has wide aisles and movable tables and chairs. There is an accessible toilet at the café. The park has accessible picnic tables and BBQs and a series of shelters. There is a safe swimming beach in the park with level access from the footpath to the sand. There is approximately 30 metres of soft sand to the water's edge.



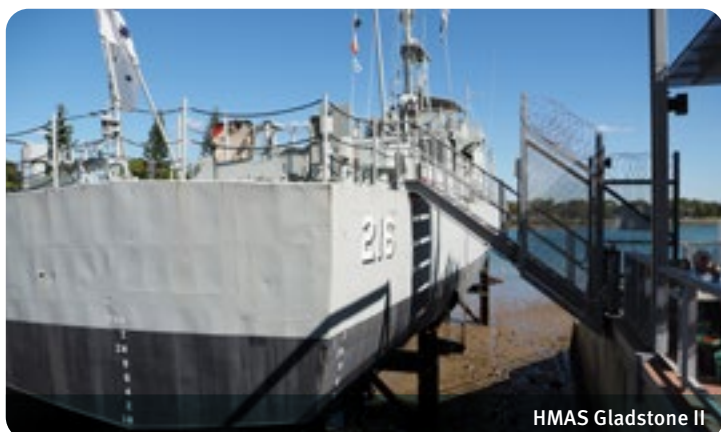
East Shores

East Shores Park is a waterfront park along Flinders Parade and includes a water play park, waterfront boardwalk incorporating a viewing platform, barbecues and an abundance of green, open space to play or relax. The water play park is a popular spot for kids, with its interactive water features and shaded areas. The boardwalk provides stunning views of the harbour and the city.

All boardwalks are wide and level and have a concrete surface. The viewing platforms are all level with the boardwalk and have seats. The waterplay area is zero depth making it suitable for people of all abilities. Next to the water play area is an accessible toilet and change room. The change room features an electric height adjustable change table. The playground features a number of accessible elements including cognitive panels and a basket swing. The surface of the play space is rubberized allowing wheelchair access.

HMAS Gladstone II

At the end of the park is a display commemorating the Battle of the Coral Seas. Part of that display is the HMAS Gladstone II (FCPB 216), a decommissioned patrol boat that is now a museum ship. Access to the ship is via a stepped gangway which is narrow and steep.



Auckland House

Also within the East Shores is Auckland House, a micro brewery/pub. There is both outdoor and indoor seating. Low top tables with movable chairs are available inside. There is an accessible toilet available at the venue. The brewing vats are at the rear of the building and can be easily viewed from the concrete path.



Gladstone Art Gallery and Museum

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum is a heritage-listed former town hall and municipal chambers located at 144 Goondoon Street. The art gallery and museum houses a collection of Australian art, including paintings, sculptures, decorative arts and historical artefacts related to the Gladstone region. The ground floor features a large public hall, which is now used for exhibitions and events. The upper floor houses the art gallery and museum collections.

There is a lift that services the two levels of the building. Parking is available in the street. A small ramp to the left of the main entry stairs provides access to the foyer of the building. Accessible toilets are available on both levels of the building.



Wards Brewery

Wards Brewery

Wards Brewery is a craft brewery. The brewery is located in the former Wards Cordial Factory. Michael Comley bought the building in 2022 and converted it into a brewery. He wanted to revive the Wards name and create a space for people to connect, enjoy a meal, and indulge in drinking beer.

The brewery has a taproom that seats up to 100 people. It also has a beer garden and a function space. There is a designated disabled parking space at the rear of the building adjacent to the back entrance. There is level access into the brewery. The brewery is large and open with casual seating and movable stools. The brewery has an accessible toilet to the latest standards with side and rear grab rails and a backrest.



The Oaks

The Oaks Gladstone

The Oaks Gladstone is a 4-star hotel with 144 rooms, including 10 wheelchair accessible rooms. Four accessible rooms are located on the ground floor with the remaining six rooms located on the first, second, third, and fourth floors. All have been designed to make it easy for guests with disabilities to get around including wide doorways, roll-in showers, and grab bars in the bathroom. The showers all have fold-down fixed shower chairs.

Other accessibility features at the Oaks Gladstone include: accessible parking spaces, ramps and elevators, braille signage in all public areas of the hotel, visual alarm systems, personal emergency response system (PERS), mobility scooter and wheelchair hire. Level two of the hotel links across to the Grand Hotel and Goondoon Street.



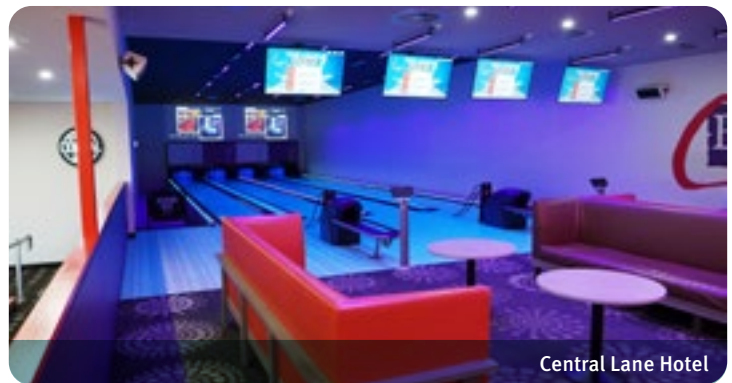
Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

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The Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre (GECC) is a multi-purpose venue located in Goondoon Street.

The GECC is located in a prime location in the heart of Gladstone. It is close to hotels, restaurants, and other attractions. The centre is also easily accessible by car and public transport. A ramp to the right hand side of the building leads from the street to the main foyer level. The forecourt has a café and outdoor seating. The main foyer is large and spacious and contains a bar and server as well as the box office. Entry to the theatre is via stairs. There is a stair lift fitted for those unable to use the stairs.

Accessible toilets are available off the main foyer. Designated disabled parking is available in the multi-level car park with direct access to the foyer.



Central Lane Hotel

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The Central Lane Hotel is a pub and entertainment venue with a public bar, bistro with indoor and large outdoor dining as well as a ten-pin bowling alley.

There are two entrances to the hotel, one off Yarroon Street, and one off Central Lane. Both car parks have designated disabled parking and direct, level access into the hotel. The hotel is on two levels with the bistro and bar located on the lower level while the lounge and bowling alley are on the upper level. The two levels are joined by stairs only. The Central Lane car park gives direct access to the upper level and the Yarroon Street car park gives direct access to the main lower level. The bowling alley has ramped access. The hotel has accessible toilets on both levels.



Calliope River Historical Village



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The Calliope River Historical Village is an open-air museum located in River Ranch. It is operated by the Port Curtis Historical Society and houses over 20 museums/collections, including the Calliope River Railway facility, the Raglan Dance Hall, the Calliope Schoolhouse, the Calliope Post Office, the Calliope Hospital, the Calliope Shire Hall, the Calliope Bakery, and the Calliope Hotel.

The village is open 7 days a week from 9am to 3pm.

In addition to the museums, the Calliope River Historical Village also has a miniature train, a country market, and Clyde Hotel. The country market is held on the first Sunday of every month and features over 100 stalls selling a variety of goods, including fresh produce, homewares, crafts, and clothing.

Most of the 20 buildings have ramped access and wide doorways. Several of the buildings have raised boardwalks between them. The village has fine gravel roadways throughout. The rest of the surface is grassed on a very hard and compacted earth base. The main pavilion has a concrete floor. All exhibits have wide aisles and there is a ramp between the two levels of the machinery shed. There is an accessible toilet on site. It has grab rails at the side and at the back with space beside the toilet for a wheelchair. The room is small.



Tondoon Botanic Gardens

Tondoon Botanic Gardens

The Tondoon Botanic Gardens are a 83-hectare botanical garden located in Glen Eden.

The gardens were established in 1988 and are home to over 3,000 plant varieties, 90% of which are native to the region. The gardens are subdivided into 37 unique zones based on specific plant type.

The paths through the gardens are all brick pavers. There are some sections of raised boardwalks. The paths are wide and well maintained presenting few obstacles for people with low vision or those using mobility devices. There are some paths with steps. There is always an alternative route which is clearly marked throughout the gardens with curb side markers. There is a main car park near the information centre with designated disabled parking. Accessible toilets are located in the picnic area.



Round Hill Lookout

Round Hill Lookout

Round Hill Lookout is a popular tourist destination located in West Gladstone. It offers stunning 360-degree views of the city, the harbour, and the surrounding countryside.

The lookout is easily accessible by car and there is a large car park available. There is designated disabled parking with a curb cut leading onto the concrete path that leads around the lookout. There is signage that tells visitors about the region and where they are from the lookout. The signage incorporates both written and pictorial information. Picnic tables are available at the lookout but they are not of an accessible design.



QAL Lookout

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) Lookout

The viewing platform and interpretive panels at the QAL Lookout offer visitors a unique perspective on the QAL plant and its operations. The platform is located on the edge of the hill, overlooking the plant, and the panels provide information about the plant's history, operations, and environmental impact.

The viewing platform is made of steel and concrete and is about 20 meters long and 5 meters wide. It is wheelchair accessible and has railings for safety.

The interpretive panels are located near the viewing platform and are made of aluminium. There is designated disabled parking and an accessible picnic table on the platform.

Barney Point Beach

Barney Point Beach is located 1 km east of the city centre. The beach is 300 m long and faces east, usually receiving low wind waves generated inside the harbour. It is composed of coarse sand and pebbles and has a relatively steep beach face, fronted by 200 m wide tidal flats. The beach is backed by a reserve that commemorates the founding of Gladstone, together with a picnic, playground, and barbecue area. There is designated disabled parking in the foreshore car park. Spaced along the beach are a series of wooden ramps leading from the car park onto the beach. The sand is coarse and not too soft. The distance across the sand to



Barney Point Beach

the water is about 20 metres. At the southern end of the car park is an amenities block with both left and right hand accessible toilets. Accessible picnic tables are available in the beach reserve.

Lions Park West Gladstone

Lions Park is a multi-awarded inclusive playground in West Gladstone. It is a popular spot for families and children of all abilities.



Lions Park West Gladstone



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The playground was designed by Playscape Creations and was opened in 2017. It is based on the concept of 'Industry meets Nature' and features a variety of play equipment inspired by the local industrial history and the surrounding bushland.

The playground is also fully accessible, with a range of features that are designed for children of all abilities, including:

- A wheelchair-accessible climbing frame.
- A wheelchair-accessible roundabout.
- A wheelchair-accessible swing.
- A sensory garden with plants that are fragrant and tactile.

The park also features a Changing Places facility.

Canoe Point Botanic Reserve Wetlands

Canoe Point Botanic Reserve Wetlands is a 20-hectare reserve located in Tannum Sands.



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It is home to a variety of mangroves, salt marshes, and other wetland plants.

The reserve is also a habitat for a variety of birds, including herons, egrets, and pelicans.

There are walking trails and boardwalks through the reserve, all made of asphalt concrete and a section of wooden boardwalk that overlooks the beach. They are wide and level. The reserve has accessible picnic tables and designated disabled parking.

Wyndham Park Boyne Island

Wyndam Park is a small park on Boyne Island at the end of Olunda Street. There is designated disabled parking and direct access to the beach at the mouth of the river. It is a good spot for land based fishing. The park has an accessible toilet.

Millennium Esplanade & Tannum Sands Beach

The Esplanade beach areas of Tannum Sands are a popular spot, just 20 kilometres south of Gladstone on the Central Queensland coast.

The Esplanade features individual pavilions that provide shelter from the elements and stunning views of the ocean. There is also a playground, flying fox, grassed areas for playing sports, and pathways for biking and scooting. Free gas barbecues are available for public use, as well as beach showers and toilet blocks.

Lifeguards patrol the beach from September to May each year. The Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club is open to the public on weekends for meals and snacks.

A concrete path leads right along the park over a distance of approximately two kilometres. Along the length of the park are a series of individual and group picnic pavilions with accessible picnic tables. Designated disabled parking is provided at regular intervals along the esplanade. Within the playground area is a liberty wheelchair swing. There are two access points to the beach near the lifesaving club. Both require a long traverse across soft sand. An accessible toilet and an accessible shower are located at the lifesaving club building.



Tannum Sands



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SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

3 Days Exploring Gladstone

- **Day 1:** Start your Gladstone experience with a visit to the information centre and the Marina Precinct. Visit Spinnaker Park with lunch at the Café Spinnaker Park. Take a late afternoon sunset cruise.
- **Day 2:** Explore East Shores Park with lunch at Auckland House. In the afternoon visit the Gladstone Art Gallery and Museum. Finish the day with dinner at Wards Brewery.
- **Day 3:** Spend the morning exploring Toondoon Botanic Gardens with a picnic lunch in the gardens. Visit the QAL Lookout in the afternoon and take in the sunset from the Round Hill Lookout. Finish the day with some Ten Pin Bowling at the Central Lane Hotel.

Extend your Gladstone Stay With 2 Day Trips

- **Day 4:** Visit 1770/Agnes Water. Stop for a swim at Main Beach. Stop for lunch at the 1770 Marina and explore Waves Lookout in the Joseph Banks Regional Park. Take the afternoon 1 hour Lark Cruise on the inlet before returning to Gladstone.
- **Day 5:** Go back in time and take a day trip to the Calliope River Historical Village. Have a picnic dinner in the Millennium Esplanade Park at Tannum Sands Beach.

Family Things To Do

- Visit the Lions Park in West Gladstone. This all-abilities playground has elements for everyone.
- Visit the Water Park at East Shores.
- Take a picnic to Millennium Esplanade Park in Tannum Sands with its liberty swing and all-abilities playground.
- Spend the day on the beach at Barneys Point.

USEFUL LINKS

Gladstone Region

www.gladstoneregion.info

Gladstone Airport

gladstoneairport.com.au/airport-guide/

Visit 1770 and Agnes Water

www.visitagnes1770.com.au

1770 Reef

www.1770reef.com.au

Larc Tours

1770lartours.com.au/larc-accessibility/

Liquid Adventures

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Gladstone Marina

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Spinnaker Park

www.gpcl.com.au/environment/parklands/spinnaker-park/

East Shores Parklands

www.gpcl.com.au/environment/parklands/east-shores-parklands/

Curtis Ferry Services

www.curtisferry.com.au

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum

gragm.qld.gov.au

Wards Brewery

www.wardsbrewery.com

The Oaks Gladstone

www.oakshotels.com/en/oaks-grand-gladstone

Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

www.gladstoneentertainment.com

Central lane Hotel

www.centrallanehotel.com.au

Calliope Historical Village

calliopehistoricalvillage.com

Toondoon Botanical Gardens

www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/toondoon-botanic-gardens

Round Hill Lookout

www.gladstoneregion.info/explore/gladstone-city/attraction/roundhill-lookout/

Lions Park

www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/parks

Millennium Esplanade

www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1283/park-map-millenniumesplanade



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