



SOUTHERN DOWNS, QUEENSLAND

Things to See and Do

Warwick and Surrounds

A guide to the region within easy reach of the park: the railway and heritage of Warwick, the waterfalls and ranges to the east, the orchards and cellar doors of the Granite Belt, and the border country to the south. This detailed list of attractions is provided by the volunteers at the Southern Downs Steam Railway.

Warwick RV Park

WARWICK RAIL PRECINCT

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BEFORE YOU START

How to use this guide

The guide is a starting point, not a timetable. If something here catches your eye, search the name in your preferred search engine for opening hours, prices and current details before you set out.

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Warwick

The park sits in the rail precinct in the middle of town, so most of this list is a short walk or a few minutes' drive away.

Railway, Heritage and Museums



Warwick Railway Station

Heritage-listed sandstone station constructed in 1886.



Warwick Railway Precinct and Museum, 1 Hamilton Street

Working heritage railway precinct, railway history, locomotives, rolling stock and restoration activities.



Downs Explorer heritage train journeys

Steam and heritage diesel tours from Warwick through the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.



Warwick Railway Station Heritage, Arts, Cultural and Community Venue



Warwick Heritage Trail

Self-guided exploration of significant historic buildings.



Pringle Cottage Museum and Warwick and District Historical Society



Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre

East of Warwick.



Abbey of the Roses

Former Sisters of Mercy convent and heritage building.



Warwick Town Hall



Warwick Post Office



St Mary's Catholic Church



St Mark's Anglican Church



Warwick Courthouse precinct



Criterion Hotel and other historic Palmerin Street buildings



Warwick War Memorial and Memorial Gates



Leslie Centenary Cross and lookout

Arts, Gardens and Town Attractions



Warwick Art Gallery



Warwick Art Trail

Public art, sculpture, murals and installations.



Condamine River Walk



Queens Park



Leslie Park



Australiana Park



Tiddalik sculpture and Condamine River parklands



Warwick Botanic Gardens project area and riverside precinct



Warwick CBD heritage shopping and cafe precinct



Pig and Calf Markets

Wednesday mornings.



Warwick Farmers' and Produce Markets

When scheduled



Warwick Showgrounds



Warwick Saleyards

Particularly on cattle-sale days.



Warwick Visitor Information Centre

Outdoor Recreation



Leslie Dam

Boating, fishing, camping, picnicking and water sports.



Connolly Dam

Fishing, paddling, birdwatching and recreation.



Morgan Park

Motorsport, equestrian and sporting events.



Morgan Park Raceway



Warwick Dragway



Warwick Kart Club



Warwick Golf Club



Condamine River fishing and birdwatching



Warwick fitness and riverside walking trails



Scenic drives through Freestone, Swanfels, Yangan, Emu Vale and Tannymorel

Major Warwick Events



Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft



Jumpers and Jazz in July



Warwick Show



Historic Leyburn Sprints



Morgan Park motorsport meetings



Warwick Horse Trials and equestrian events



CelticFest Warwick



Warwick Automotive Picnic



Warwick Pentathrun



Heritage train festivals and special Downs Explorer tours



Seasonal art exhibitions and events at Warwick Art Gallery



Country markets, cattle sales and agricultural events

Events are attractions in their own right, but dates and formats change annually.

Allora

North of Warwick on the New England Highway: a small farming town with a well-kept heritage main street and sunflower country around it.

Village, Heritage and Events



Allora Heritage Trail



Allora and District Historical Society Museum at the Old Shire Hall



Allora and District Historical Society Museum at the School of Arts



Mary Poppins House

Historic Glengallan Homestead manager's residence associated with author P. L. Travers.



Allora Mountain Flora and Fauna Reserve



Allora Regional Sports Museum



Allora streetscape and heritage buildings



St David's Anglican Church



Dalrymple Creek parklands



Allora Showgrounds



Allora Autumn Festival



Allora Show



Seasonal sunflower fields around Allora and the surrounding farming districts

View only from public roads unless landholder permission is obtained

Killarney, Tannymorel and the Eastern Ranges

South east of Warwick, where farmland climbs into the ranges: waterfall country, the head of the Condamine and the edge of the World Heritage rainforest.

Falls, Drives and Village Life

 Queen Mary Falls, Main Range National Park

 Queen Mary Falls walking tracks, picnic area and wildlife viewing

 Browns Falls

 Daggs Falls

 Carr's Lookout

 The Falls Drive

 Spring Creek Mountain Road

 Cambanoora Gorge and Condamine River Road

 The Condamine River crossings

Subject to weather and road conditions

 Main Range National Park

 Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area

 Killarney Heritage Centre

 Killarney township galleries, cafes and heritage streetscape

 Killarney Showgrounds

 Tannymorel village and autumn-colour drives

 Emu Vale and the surrounding scenic countryside

 Queen Mary Falls Caravan Park animal and bird experiences

 Killarney Bonfire Night

 Waddle, Saddle and Pedal

 Killarney Picnic Basket Day

 Killarney Agricultural Show

WORTH A DETOUR

World Heritage on the doorstep

The Main Range National Park above Killarney and Goomburra forms part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. It is the same escarpment you see from the highway north of Warwick, and the walking tracks off Spring Creek Mountain Road and at Cunningham's Gap take you into it. Check park access and track conditions before you go: weather closes roads and tracks here regularly.

Goomburra, Maryvale and the North-Eastern Southern Downs

North east of Warwick under the escarpment of the Main Range: rainforest walks, lookouts and the old road over Spicers Gap.

Goomburra Valley



Goomburra section of Main Range National Park



Goomburra Valley



Dalrymple Circuit



Sylvesters Lookout



Araucaria Falls



Cascades Circuit



North Branch walking tracks



Lookout and rainforest walks through the World Heritage-listed Main Range



Goomburra camping and picnic areas



Gordon Country wilderness and adventure experiences



Bestbrook Mountain Farmstay experiences

Maryvale, Spicers Gap and Cunningham's Gap



Maryvale village



Maryvale Crown Hotel



Scenic drives along the Great Dividing Range



Spicers Gap section of Main Range National Park



Spicers Gap Road Conservation Park



Governors Chair Lookout



Historic Spicers Gap road and heritage features



Cunningham's Gap



Cunningham's Lookout and walking tracks



Mount Mitchell walking track



Mount Cordeaux walking track



Bare Rock track

Leyburn, Pratten and the Western Southern Downs

West of Warwick on flatter country: motor-racing history on an old wartime airfield, small village heritage and old mining ground.

Villages, Racing and Old Workings



Historic Leyburn township



Leyburn heritage streetscape



Royal Hotel Leyburn



Leyburn RSL and local historical displays



Historic Leyburn motor-racing circuit



Historic Leyburn Sprints



Liberator Park and wartime aviation memorials



Leyburn airfield history



Pratten village heritage



Pratten Heritage Park and local historical displays Where accessible



Thanes Creek fossicking area



Gold fossicking and historic mining areas Subject to permits and land-access rules



Canal Creek and district drives



Stonehenge Reserve near Leyburn



Leslie Dam approaches and western rural drives

Yangan, Swanfels, Freestone and Emu Vale

The small villages east of Warwick, linked by tourist drives, old rail alignments and the regional stone sculpture trail.

Villages and Touring Routes

 Yangan heritage village	 Emu Vale scenic countryside
 Yangan School of Arts	 Tannymorel heritage and autumn trees
 Historic buildings and rural streetscape	 Settlers' Route tourist drive
 Swanfels Valley scenic drive	 Cedar Route tourist drive
 Freestone Memorial Park and heritage village	 Shearer's Way tourist drive
 Freestone railway history	 Southern Downs Stone Sculpture Trail

WORTH A DETOUR

Southern Downs Stone Sculpture Trail

The regional Stone Sculpture Trail extends for approximately 327 kilometres through places including Killarney, Tannymorel, Emu Vale, Freestone, Goomburra, Allora, Leyburn, Leslie Dam, Warwick, Dalveen and Amiens. You can pick it up in almost any direction out of the park and follow as much or as little of it as you feel like.

Stanthorpe

South of Warwick on the New England Highway: the main town of the Granite Belt, cool climate, creek walks and a wine and food calendar of its own.

Town Attractions



Quart Pot Creek



Quart Pot Creek walking and cycling paths



Gleeson Park



Lions Park



Stanthorpe Heritage Trail



Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery



Stanthorpe Museum and Historical Society precinct



Stanthorpe Railway Station and railway precinct



Artworks Granite Belt gallery and community garden



Granite Belt Farmers Market at the railway precinct



Stanthorpe Soldiers Memorial



Weeroona Park



Stanthorpe Piazza



Roll Up Tree public artwork



Stanthorpe street-art and mural trail



Mount Marlay Lookout



Mount Marlay walking and mountain-bike trails



The Big Thermometer at the Visitor Information Centre



The Little Brass Monkey



Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre



Stanthorpe CBD boutiques, cafes and specialty shops



Stanthorpe Showgrounds



Stanthorpe Golf Club



Red Bridge

Historic railway bridge and walking destination.



Sentimental Rocks



Stanthorpe Cemetery heritage areas



Queensland College of Wine Tourism



Varias Restaurant and the college winery



Granite Belt Brewery



Brass Monkey Brewhouse

Stanthorpe Events

 Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Harvest Festival

 Snowflakes in Stanthorpe

 Stanthorpe Show

 Australian Small Winemakers Show

 Granite Belt Art and Craft Trail, GBART

 Seasonal food, wine, orchard and harvest events

 Granite Belt Farmers Market

 Stanthorpe Rocks and other music events

When scheduled

 Heritage train arrivals and special railway events

 Spring wildflower walks

 Christmas and seasonal town festivals

Events are attractions in their own right, but dates and formats change annually.

Northern Granite Belt

The orchard villages between Warwick and Stanthorpe: apples, cider, farm gates and the soldier-settlement history of the Somme villages.

DALVEEN, COTTONVALE, THE SUMMIT, POZIERES, APPLETHORPE AND AMIENS

Orchards, Cellar Doors and the Somme Villages



The Big Apple at Thulimbah



Sutton's Juice Factory, Cidery and Shed Cafe



Castle Glen Australia



Granite Belt Maze



Lawdogs Australia



The Truffle Discovery Centre Stanthorpe



Granite Belt Christmas Farm



Eastern Colour orchards and seasonal farm-gate outlets



Strawberry and berry farms offering seasonal sales or picking



Apple orchards and packing-shed outlets



Thulimbah historic railway siding



Heritage Estate Wines



Summit Estate Wines



Robert Channon Wines



Amiens Legacy Centre



Amiens History Association and soldier-settlement displays



Amiens "Armistice Way" installations



Villages named after First World War battlefields, including Amiens, Pozieres, Bapaume, Messines, Passchendaele, Bullecourt and Fleurbaix



Donnelly's Castle



Boonoo Boonoo-area and Pikedale back-country drives



The Summit village and the surrounding orchards



Dalveen village and heritage railway landscape



Dalveen Pass scenic approach



Northern Granite Belt produce trail

WORTH A DETOUR

The Villages of the Somme

Villages named after First World War battlefields, including Amiens, Pozieres, Bapaume, Messines, Passchendaele, Bullecourt and Fleurbaix, mark the soldier-settlement blocks handed to returned servicemen on the Granite Belt. The Amiens Legacy Centre and the Armistice Way installations tell that story where it happened.

Central and Southern Granite Belt

South of Stanthorpe towards the border: granite outcrops, the walking tracks of Girraween, and farm gates along the old highway.

GLEN APLIN, SEVERNLEA, BALLANDEAN, EUKEY AND WYBERBA

Girraween and the Granite Country



Girraween National Park



The Pyramid walking track



Balancing Rock



Granite Arch



Castle Rock



The Sphinx



Turtle Rock



Mount Norman



Underground Creek



Dr Roberts Waterhole



Bald Rock Creek



Girraween wildflower displays



Girraween visitor and day-use areas



Girraween camping areas



Bald Rock National Park

Immediately across the NSW border.



Bald Rock summit walk



Boonoo Boonoo National Park and falls

Across the NSW border.

Villages, Farm Gates and Drives



Ballandean Pyramid



Ballandean village



Ballandean railway precinct



Glen Aplin village



Glen Aplin Memorial Park



Jamworks Gourmet Foods



Heavenly Chocolate



Washpool Farm Soaperie



Granite Belt Christmas Farm



Happy Pig Farm visitor experiences

When offered



Girraween Environmental Lodge precinct



Scenic granite formations around Eukey, Wyberba and Ballandean



Granite Belt Drive



Local orchards, farm gates, berry farms and produce stalls

Sundown and the Western Granite Belt

West of the New England Highway: remote gorge country on the Severn River, high-clearance and four-wheel-drive territory with very little phone signal.

Gorges, Waterholes and Remote Tracks

 Sundown National Park

 Red Rock Gorge

 Red Rock Gorge Lookout

 Burrows Waterhole

 Reedy Waterhole

 The Broadwater

 Severn River camping and fishing

 Permanent Waterhole

 Remote bushwalking

 Four-wheel-drive tracks

 Nundubbermere Falls and the surrounding wilderness

 Ballandean western ranges

 Broadwater State Forest areas

Where public access is permitted

 Rural drives through Nundubbermere, Pikedale and Springdale

Wallangarra and the Queensland to NSW Border

At the state border south of Stanthorpe, best known for the railway station where the Queensland and New South Wales gauges met on two different platforms.

Border Railway and Back-Country



Wallangarra historic railway station



Wallangarra Railway Museum and Cafe



Queensland and New South Wales border precinct



Differing railway-platform architectural styles and the historic change-of-gauge station



Wallangarra Border Markets



Jennings village on the NSW side



Thunderbolt's Hideout



Second World War Brisbane Line tank traps



Wallangarra military and railway history



Beehive Dam



Bald Mountain and the surrounding granite landscapes



Nearby access to Girraween and Sundown national parks



Liston village and the surrounding district



Border heritage drives

Granite Belt Wineries and Cellar- Door Experiences

Cellar doors are spread right across the Granite Belt, most of them within an easy run of Stanthorpe and Ballandean. Opening days vary, especially midweek and in winter.

Wineries and Cellar Doors

The Granite Belt contains numerous wineries, vineyards and boutique cellar doors. Well-known visitor destinations include:

 Ballandean Estate Wines

 Symphony Hill Wines

 Golden Grove Estate

 Balancing Heart Vineyard

 Hidden Creek Winery

 Twisted Gum Wines

 Tobin Wines

 Pyramids Road Wines

 Ridgemill Estate

 Heritage Estate Wines

 Summit Estate

 Robert Channon Wines

 Granite Ridge Wines

 Jester Hill Wines

 Ravens Croft Wines

 View Wine

 Casley Mount Hutton Winery

 Boireann Winery

 Kominos Wines

 Sancerre Estate

 Savina Lane Wines

 Bent Road Wine

 Queensland College of Wine Tourism

 Ballandean and Stanthorpe wine-tour operators

 Vineyard restaurants, grazing platters and guided tasting experiences

Regional Food and Produce Attractions

Produce here follows the seasons, so what is open depends on when you visit: stone fruit and berries in summer, apples in autumn, truffles in winter.

Food and Produce



Granite Belt apple orchards



Stone-fruit orchards



Strawberry and berry farms



Seasonal pick-your-own farms



Roadside fruit stalls and farm gates



Sutton's apple products and cider



Local cheese and dairy products



Jamworks preserves and regional foods



Granite Belt chocolates and confectionery



Truffle products and truffle-season experiences



Granite Belt Brewery



Brass Monkey Brewhouse



Local bakeries, country pubs and vineyard restaurants



Warwick and Stanthorpe farmers markets



Seasonal food-and-wine trails



Granite Belt Food Trail and self-guided produce touring

Regional Scenic and Themed Drives

Named routes and circuits you can pick up straight from the park, from a half-day loop to a full day out. Check road conditions before the unsealed ones.

Scenic and Themed Drives

 Falls Drive

 Granite Belt Drive

 Armistice Way

 Southern Downs Stone Sculpture Trail

 Cedar Route

 Settlers' Route

 Shearer's Way

 Sprint Route

 Highland Drive

 Oracle's Way

 Australia's Country Way

 Warwick to Killarney scenic drive

 Condamine River Road

 Warwick, Allora and Goomburra circuit

 Warwick, Leyburn and Pratten circuit

 Stanthorpe, Amiens and The Summit orchard circuit

 Stanthorpe, Ballandean and Girraween circuit

 Ballandean to Wallangarra border drive

 Stanthorpe to Sundown four-wheel-drive touring route

IMPORTANT VISITOR NOTE

No static list can literally capture every tourism business, temporary exhibition, market, farm gate or seasonal activity. National-park access, waterfall conditions, railway schedules, fossicking rules and cellar-door opening hours should always be checked before departure.