



SECRETS OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

NATURE – Discover Our Wonders

DID YOU KNOW? That one of the world's rarest stick insects has its habitat in the swamp at Fitzroy Falls? And, while you're at Fitzroy Falls why not feel like a VIP with a special picnic at one of the 10 secluded bush huts on the river adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre, you can even BBQ and no one will know where you are.

It's never been a better time to take a winter short break and discover the many hidden secrets of the Southern Highlands. The Southern Highlands of NSW is a unique area, in fact it is hard to find a region similar anywhere else in Australia. Indeed to most visitors it is as if they are entering "another world" and yet it is only a short distance from Sydney. The beautiful region has many draw cards such as its magnificent gardens, speciality shopping, natural attractions, award winning cool climate wines, local produce, numerous cafés and restaurants and a depth of history and heritage.

So if nature is where your passion lies and you wish to 'discover our wonders' then winter is a great time to come to the Highlands to see our magnificent waterfalls like Belmore Falls, Carrington Falls and the well known Fitzroy Falls, or relax in a picture postcard setting like Nellies Glen, each with its own special ambience. Visitors will be delighted with natural wonders from these tumbling waterfalls and steep sandstone cliffs to limestone caves and colourful wildlife and flora, the Southern Highlands has something for everyone whether you're seeking beauty and tranquillity or adventure and excitement.

There are exhilarating walks, spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife. You can find it all, just follow the Nature Trail on our website where you'll find details on Fitzroy Falls, Carrington Falls, Belmore Falls, the Box Vale Walking Track, Mt Gibraltar Lookout and Walks, Mt Alexandra, Lake Alexandra, Morton National Park – Gambells Rest at Bundanoon, Wombeyan Caves, Cave Creek Walk, Robertson Rainforest, Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve just to name a few must see areas of the Highlands.

Bushwalkers can tackle walking tracks throughout the region and children can have a special treat with a night walk to the Glow Worm Glen. During the day they may even see a platypus at the Cecil Hoskins Reserve just outside Moss Vale. The more adventurous can embrace some adventure caving at Wombeyan Caves, or for those who prefer, there are also guided tours of these limestone wonders.

So escape to another world that's so close and discover the secrets of the Southern Highlands.

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