## Waterfalls and Waterholes

**Escape the Summer Heat** 

Enjoy the cool of a Rainforest, the magic of a waterfall or swim in a refreshing mountain stream



You can travel just an hour out of Brisbane and escape to another world. The Green Cauldron is an ancient volcanic landscape peppered with many magnificent walks, scenic drives, dramatic lookouts and visitor facilities. It is also home to numerous sparkling waterfalls and cool watering holes. Pack a picnic, escape the city heat and slip into a cool mountain stream. Here are a few of our favourites:



Cedar Creek Rock Pools -A favourite with families for many years, the crystal clear waters of Cedar Creek tumble over rocks and in some places create natural waterslides. These three pools are easily accessible. Park at the end of Cedar Creek Falls Road and you will find them an easy 600m walk away. These swimming holes are very popular and can therefore become crowded on weekends and during holiday periods.

2 Darlington Park -This is a great picnic spot in quiet surroundings because it is miles from anywhere! Situated in the fabled Lost World Valley, lots of creeks run from the Lamington rainforest through the vale and feed the headwaters of the Albert River and at Darlington Park creates some great watering holes for a refreshing dip. Head out on Kerry Road past the turnoff to Duck Creek Road and google maps will help you find them at 2505 Kerry Road Darlington. Relax and enjoy!



3 Lips Falls at Beechmont -With access through the Denham reserve, these falls are a 40 minute walk from Doncaster Drive in Beechmont. The walk is steep in places but a moderately fit person would have no problem. This is a fantastic swimming spot that has the added bonus of having a picturesque creek-side picnic location.

4 The Currumbin Rock Pools -Well loved and well known, these pools are very popular and therefore very busy. If you're okay with sharing the fun with other visitors, then you'll find these pools just a 20 minute drive from the motorway along the Currumbin Valley, the drive alone makes it a great day. Tall gum trees and pines provide shade to the grassy picnic area and there are toilet facilities on site.



5 Springbrook - There are too many creeks, gleaming waterfalls and cool swimming holes to list here, but our favourite is Twin Falls on the Canyon Gorge walk. A one and a half hour walk will take you past five or six waterfalls. You'll know when you have reached Twin Falls as two distinct falls cascade over the cliffs and it is one of the waterfalls you can walk behind. Although the water level here is low, visitors enjoy cooling off in the rock pool under the falls.

**6** Curtis Falls - These falls are an easy 20 minute walk from the car park on Dapsang Drive on Mount Tamborine. Although Curtis Falls is not a swimming spot, it is a great location from which to appreciate our lush natural environment. Our detailed map of this walk gives a description of what you are likely to see along the way. <u>Here is the link</u>

## Please note:

Swimming in rock pools and rivers is fun however there are hidden dangers which can cause serious injury or death. Exercise care.

If signage at the location advises you not to swim or dive, you must not.

Before you start your trip visit <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/emergency/safety/swimming-creeks.html">https://www.qld.gov.au/emergency/safety/swimming-creeks.html</a>

for further advice and safety information.

