

## River Facts

- The Kalang and Bellinger Rivers have a total catchment area of 1119kms with a proportion of that area lying in the world heritage area of Dorrigo National Park.
- The Bellinger River rises in New England National Park at point Lookout, 5250ft above sea level.
- The river systems were first discovered by surveyor Hodgkinson in 1841.
- In the early days cedar was a major resource for the area with the rivers being used as the main transport system. The first load of cedar was sent down the Bellinger River in 1847.



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- Sunscreen
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- Life jackets
- Tell someone where you're going and your return time
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## HOW TO GET HERE

Waterfall Way connects the ocean beaches and the rainforest of Coffs Coast with the Great Dividing Range, Armidale and the New England Tableland. Find yourself in Australia's best semi-tropical climate, midway between Sydney and Brisbane on the sun soaked Coffs Coast.

### CAR

Drive the coastal route (Pacific Highway) from Brisbane or Sydney or travel the New England Highway to Armidale and explore the chain of superb national parks bordering Waterfall Way en route. Combine an inland and coastal circuit from Sydney or Brisbane to enjoy this dramatic landscape and altitude change.

### AIR

Fly direct to Coffs Coast Airport (20 mins from Waterfall Way) from Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Port Macquarie or Melbourne.

### TRAIN

Countrylink trains daily – stop at Urunga by appointment.

### BUS

Sydney-Brisbane buses stop at Urunga. Busways run connecting buses to Bellingen and Keans buses run along Waterfall Way twice weekly.

## Visitor Information Centres

**Bellingen Shire**  
 Pacific Highway, Urunga  
 Phone: 02 6655 5711

**Coffs Coast**  
 Cnr Pacific Hwy & McLean St  
 Phone: 02 6648 4990

**Waterfall Way Visitor Centre**  
 Hyde Street, Bellingen  
 Phone: 02 6655 1522

**Dorrigo Rainforest Centre**  
 Dome Road, Dorrigo  
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# Boating

## URUNGA

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## DISCOVER THE STUNNING WATERWAYS OF THE URUNGA~MYLESTOM AREA!

Urunga lies where the Bellinger and Kalang Rivers meet, before entering the Pacific Ocean. Located on the Pacific Highway just north of Nambucca Heads and south of Coffs Harbour, the town is well known for its Boardwalk across the Urunga Lagoon to the mouth of the river and unspoilt beaches.

The Bellinger and Kalang Rivers are a boating paradise. Launch your boat from one of the many boat ramps and travel upstream to Bellingen or explore the estuary and creeks in the local area. The waterways are ideal for canoeing and kayaking, as well as being a popular fishing and surfing spot. **Bellingen Canoe Adventures** can organise canoes to hire, with drop off and pick up options, should you decide to paddle to Bellingen, **Raleigh Winery**, Mylestom or Urunga.



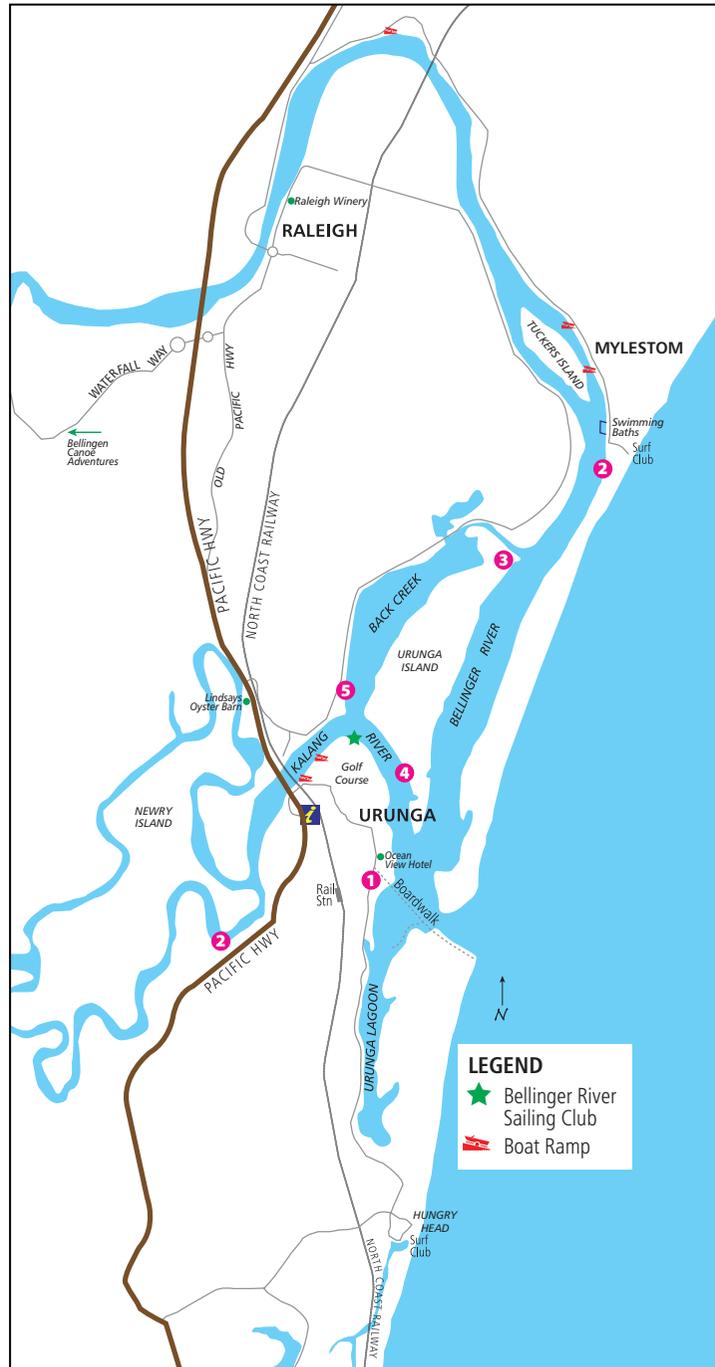
Fishing is one of the main pastimes here. Both the Bellinger and Kalang rivers have been declared recreational fishing havens, and offer a unique opportunity for visiting anglers. In the more temperate waters, anglers can fish for the much-prized Australian bass (perch) and freshwater mullet, while towards the saltwater influence and the mouth there's excellent estuary fishing for whiting, bream and flathead. In the tidal reaches of both rivers, anglers can expect to tangle with mangrove jack, bream, whiting, luderick, jewfish and tailor. To the north and south of the estuary exit point there is renowned rock and beach fishing. Rock platforms at Wenonah, Hungry and Bundagen Heads, and Tuckers Rock, produce drummer, tailor, jewfish and bream. Drift fishing the estuary in small boats is a popular pastime with locals and 'deadly' on flathead.

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### Points of Interest

#### 1 Historic Pilots House

The first Bellinger river pilot Thomas Stewart arrived in 1868. The pilot's role was to safely navigate vessels through the treacherous Bellinger Heads river entrance. The Pilot's House ceased operation in 1933 when the steam railway was introduced to the mid-north coast.



#### 2 The Drogher Remains

Remains of a paddle wheel driven, steam powered vessel which carried logs down the Bellinger River during the cedar getting hey-day of the late 1800s.

#### 3 Old Marshall's Homestead

Site of pioneer family's homestead, located on Marshall's Island.

#### 4 Dredge Pipes

In the past, when commercial traffic was using the Bellinger and Kalang Rivers, the navigation channels were kept clear by a government provided dredge. Some of the dredge pipes that were used in this activity remain on the river banks.

#### 5 Dredge Remains

Remains of a vessel that was engaged in the dredging of the river's navigation channels. Dredging ceased in the 1930s.



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