

Penrith Valley

The eastern escarpment of the Blue Mountains begins at the western boundary of Penrith Valley and extends over more than 247,000 hectares of native bushland. From "The Rock" lookout, the Blue Mountains National Park spreads westward from the Gorge to a hazy horizon. The call of the bellbirds is all that breaks the silence.

Ten minutes west of Penrith is the Glenbrook entrance to the Blue Mountains National Park. This area offers easily accessible swimming holes, lookouts over the Nepean River and scenic picnic and camping spots, including the enchanting Euroka Clearing where it is easy to find kangaroos and wallabies grazing.

Many of the walking tracks feature highlights for those with an interest in geology, plant and bird life and Aboriginal history.

A short trip from Penrith Valley will take you to popular and famous attractions in the Blue Mountains such as The Three Sisters at Katoomba and on to Jenolan Caves, dated at 340 million years old, making them the oldest known open caves in the world.



WHERE IS THAT?
Picnicking at The Rock Lookout.
Strolling along the Great River Walk
near Weir Reserve.
Boating into Nepean Gorge.

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Mountains and Lakes

To the north of the Penrith CBD lies the Penrith Lakes Scheme; the 2000 hectare site is an operating quarry which is being transformed into a world class recreational area.

The scheme, which is equivalent in area to Sydney Harbour from the bridge to the heads will span 700 hectares, once complete and hold approximately one third of the amount of water in the Harbour. Already featuring the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) and the Penrith Whitewater Stadium (hosts of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games rowing, canoeing and kayaking events) visitors to Penrith Lakes can enjoy tranquil picnic areas and barbecues amidst the backdrop of the beautiful Blue Mountains.

More active visitors can walk or cycle around the rowing lake, watch or even take part in one of the regular sporting events at the SIRC.

The local traditions and art of the indigenous Darug people are celebrated at Murrumbidgee Aboriginal Cultural Centre on site at Penrith Lakes. The centre is an award winning showcase of local Aboriginal culture and is a popular attraction for local, interstate and international visitors.



WHERE IS THAT?
Boating on Nepean River.
Cycling the Great River Walk.
Group fun at Whitewater Stadium.

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