

Mountains and Lakes

To the north of the Penrith CBD lies the Penrith Lakes Scheme; the 2000ha site is an operating quarry which is being transformed into a world class recreational area. The scheme is the size of Sydney Harbour, from the bridge to the heads and the lakes, when fully completed, will span 700 hectares and hold approximately one third of the total amount of water in the Harbour.

Already featuring the Sydney International Regatta Centre 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 take part in cycling or roller blading around the rowing lake and regular fishing days are organised through the Sydney International Regatta Centre. The local traditions and art of the indigenous Darug people are celebrated at Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre on site at Penrith Lakes. The centre is a showcase of local Aboriginal culture and is rapidly becoming an attraction for local, interstate and international visitors.



Clockwise from above:
> Penrith Whitewater Stadium
> Rowing on Penrith Lakes
> Enjoy fine coffee in Penrith Valley