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things to do for under 25s

- 1. Natural Wonders, Waterfalls and Gorges.** Explore the Oxley Wild Rivers, Cathedral Rock and New England National Parks with an abundance of wildlife and breathtaking scenery. A wide range of walks are available to suit all ages and abilities.
- 2. Spectacular Gorges and Waterfalls.** Fly over the gorges and waterfalls with either Fleet Warbirds or Fleet Helicopters (phone 02 6772 2348).
- 3. Wineries and Breweries.** Visit Welder's Dog and Great Hops craft breweries in Armidale, as well as the local cider company and wineries specializing in cool-climate wines.
- 4. Swimming.** Swim in wonderful natural waterholes such as Gara Gorge (the Blue Hole). Rock hop along the riverbed of the gorge exploring the cascades and pools downstream.
- 5. Trout Fishing.** The fishing season runs from the October long weekend until the June long weekend. Try your luck at Dumaresq Dam, Oakey and Serpentine Rivers and the many trout streams around the area. Canoes/kayaks are available for hire from Armidale Outdoors (phone 02 6772 7744) or World of Hire (phone 02 6772 2222).
- 6. Mountain Biking and Cycling.** Explore the city of Armidale or experience some of the best mountain biking tracks in Australia. Bicycles can be hired from the Armidale Bicycle Centre (2/244 Beardy Street - phone 02 6772 3718) or Bicycle Central (114 Beardy Street - phone 02 6711 1584/0490 073 650).
- 7. Guided Heritage Tour.** A leisurely 2½-hour city bus tour with a lively and personal commentary from tour guides. The bus departs 10.00am Monday to Saturday (excluding Public Holidays) from the Visitor Information Centre.
- 8. New England Regional Art Museum.** NERAM (open 10.00am-4.00pm Tuesday-Sunday) is home to over 3,500 works of art, including the Howard Hinton and Chandler Coventry Collections. In addition, NERAM showcases national exhibitions such as The Archibald Prize.
- 9. What's On.** Check out our "What's On" programme or Events Calendar for the latest live bands, live music gigs and sporting events. Pick one up from the Visitor Information Centre or visit www.armidaletourism.com.au/events/calendar.
- 10. Fun and Games.** Armidale Sport and Recreation Centre offers 10-pin bowling, lasertag and laserblitz, as well as indoor cricket, volleyball, netball and soccer. Echidna Gully offers paintball and laserblitz and SportUNE has a rock-climbing wall.