Southern Beaches Drive

Ski Beach, Second Creek, Trinity Haven Beach, Redcliff, Thuruna, Moonlight Bay

Much of this drive is on unsealed roads. Please drive to the road conditions and keep everyone safe.

Take your goggles/snorkel, fishing gear and a picnic and find the perfect beach for you – there are many to choose from.

This drive encompasses many beautiful beaches. Your challenge is to find the beach that is the one that appeals to you and reflects your interests best!

Beginning at the **Tumby Bay jetty,** you will travel across the Graham Smelt Causeway to Ski Beach. To do this, travel south from the jetty along Tumby Tce. Turn right at the Yacht Club onto Sydney Road, then second left onto Lawrie Street. Continue on Lawrie Street and over the Graham Smelt Causeway – mind the dip at McCallum Street!



Turn left onto Harvey Drive. Your first stop is at **The Tumby Bay Lookout.** It is a dirt track immediately on the left at the blue sign (2.3 km from the jetty). Take your camera and make your way to the lookout. The views from the top of the lookout are worth the climb if you can do this safely. There are BBQ facilities and toilets here.

Follow the dirt track and return to Harvey Drive – turn left and continue on Harvey Drive towards **Ski Beach**. It will turn into a dirt road. Turn left after 4.4 km from the jetty and park by the **Ski Beach Club House** – admire the art work on the club house by Minna Leunig.



This beach is Ski Beach and is the water skiing area for Tumby Bay. There are toilet facilities and the club house is available for hire.



Return to Ski Beach Road, turn left and travel to the Back Beach sign – **drive into Back Beach** – this is the only place at Tumby Bay where the sun sets over a body of water. There are also views towards Second Creek and Redcliff.

Return to Ski Beach Road, turn right and travel to the end of the road. There is a **walkway** on your left where you can walk through to the beach and follow it around to Tumby Island – take your binoculars and see if you can spot the **Osprey nest** on the platform.



Return back to Tumby Bay via Ski Beach Road. Where the dirt road turns into a sealed road, turn left onto Pearson Street, continue to the end and turn right onto Berryman Street. After 200 metres there is a parking bay on your left. Pull up and discover the **Tumby Bay Mangrove & Nature Walk.** Observe the mangrove environment, take your time and watch for birds and marine life.

Your next stop is **Second Creek**. Travel back across the Graham Smelt Causeway until the intersection with McCallum Street (where the dip is).

Turn left at McCallum Street, and continue until the T junction with Thuruna Road, then turn left.

Travel along Thuruna Road towards **Second Creek** for 4.5 km. Turn left on Trinity Haven Road where there is signage for Second Creek and Trinity Haven camp. Continue for another 2.6 km and turn left into the Second Creek camping and car park area. This is a really beautiful area with picturesque beaches and a variety of birds.

Second Creek is an inland marine sanctuary to the left, taking in the tidal creek and mangroves where fishing etc is not permitted. Kayaking and stand up paddle boarding are amongst the activities permitted. See the map at the car park for where you can throw a line in. A small boat can be beach launched here. Second Creek is a fee paying camping area with a toilet.





Return to Trinity Haven Road and turn left. After approximately 700 metres there is a beautiful beach on the left that you can access via a **path through the vegetation**.



Travel for a further 1.1 km, turn left to a **picturesque beach** ideal for a picnic or to stretch your legs. Opposite the beach is the leftover of a land based abalone farm enterprise.





Drive along the Trinity Haven Road past the **Trinity Haven Lutheran Camp** (available for hire) and continue past the **Tumby Bay South Beach Camp** (1.7 km from Second Creek) which can be booked online at [www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping.](http://www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping)





If you pause at the Tumby bay South Beach camp and look to your left you will see the lovely Trinity Haven Beach.





3.1 km from Second Creek is the **Redcliff Campsite** which takes online bookings at redcliffcampsite.com



Travel another 300 metres and there is a turnaround where the **Redcliff Beach** can be accessed by day visitors. There is also beach access for small boat launch. There are rocks pools to explore with fishing and kayaking possible along with a superb family friendly beach.

To go to **Thuruna Beach**, drive back along Trinity Haven Road for 1.8 km past Tumby Bay South Beach Camp and turn left onto White River Road.

Travel for a further 3.3 km and turn left onto Thuruna Road. Keep following Thuruna Road for 7 km. At the 5.8 km mark, there is a turn-around area. Park here and take the 50 metres walk through to a section of Thuruna Beach on **Massena Bay**. The view of this beach is absolutely stunning with shimmering white sands and glorious clear water.



From the turnaround area, continue along Thuruna Road towards the **Thuruna Campsite** where there are facilities available for hire. Information can be found at www.uvsa.org.au/thuruna Drive past the Thuruna sign to the end of the road to access the stunning Thuruna Beach for day visitors.





The next beach is **Moonlight Bay**. Drive back along Thuruna Road for 7.2 km and turn left onto White River Road.



A point of interest is on the left, 3.5 km from the turn off (at the corner of LeBrun/Schram Road) just before the lakes. You will see a fenced off area which is the site of an endangered plant species endemic to this area called **Whibley Wattle (Acacia whibleyana). You can walk through the gate to see this bush.**

The nearby salt lakes can be a very attractive white colour from the salt during summer. They can sometimes be pink or turquoise colours as well caused by the natural algae.

Travel for a further 2.7 km and turn left onto **Hammonds Road.** Continue for 6.6 km until you see the coast at **Moonlight Bay**. ***Do not turn right onto Moonlight Bay Road*** (that will take you out to the highway).



Continue onwards to the coast. The turn off into Moonlight Bay is on the left directly after the right hand curve of Hammonds Road.

Take some time to explore this gorgeous beach. It is popular for swimming and fishing.

To return to **Tumby Bay**, *the quickest route is via Hammonds Road* which takes you straight to the sealed Lincoln Highway then turn right back to Tumby Bay.

An alternative route is to travel back on Hammonds Road to Moonlight Bay Road (3 km from Moonlight Bay), turn left onto Moonlight Bay Road until you reach the sealed Lincoln Highway, turn right and head back to Tumby Bay.

At the silos, as you turn right into Tumby Bay on Bratten Road, take the time to view **the silo art. T**he car park is 400 metres from the turnoff onto Bratten Road and is on the left.

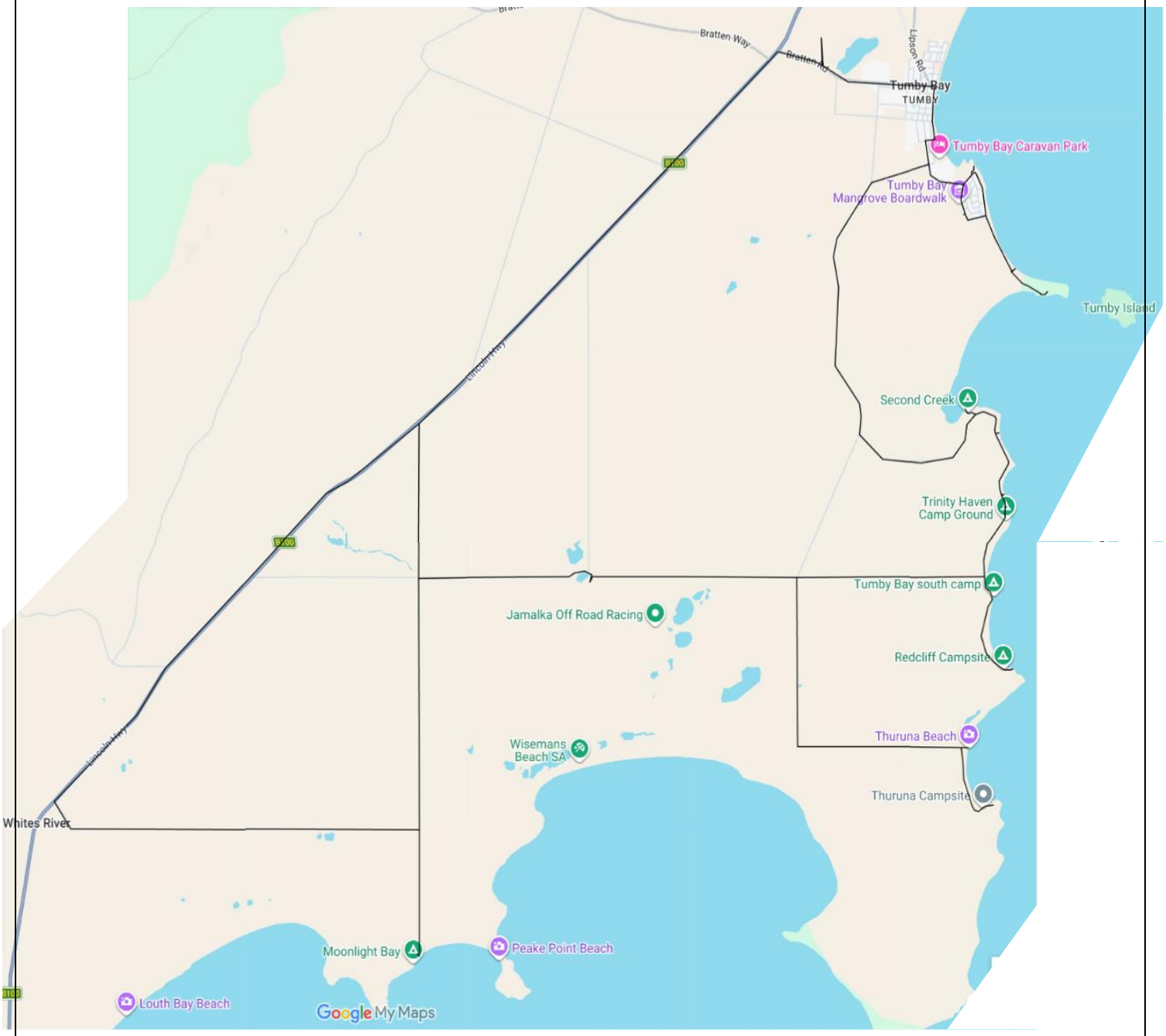
Walk the trail to the silo viewing location for the best view of the silo art. There are sheltered picnic benches to enjoy your cup of coffee or a picnic.

Continue back into **Tumby Bay.**





Map of the Southern Beaches Drive



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