**Watagan Mountains**

Only 30 minutes away from Crusaders Lake Mac is the pristine natural wilderness of The Watagan Mountains. This beautiful national park and state forest is situated west of Lake Macquarie separating the Hunter River catchment and the Tuggerah Lakes system. Best access to the Watagans is via Martinsville Road from Cooranbong or Watagan Road from Quorrobolong. While amongst the astounding beauty of the mountains, visitors can enjoy bushwalking, mountain bike riding, 4WD driving, hiking, and scenic forest drives around the captivating waterfalls and mountain lookouts.

Off F3 Expressway Via **Wyong** or **Morisset** Exits
(02) 4973 3733

**Surf Beaches**

Enjoy the breathtaking beaches of the central coast - all only a short drive away from the Crusaders Lake Macquarie Site! The perfect escape from your daily routine, the Central Coast beaches offer a multitude of relaxing activities. Explore the sea caves at Caves Beach, surf the waves at heritage listed Catherine Hill Bay or enjoy the play-areas and BBQ facilities at Blacksmiths Beach.

Caves Beach, Mawson Cl, **Caves Beach**
Blacksmiths Beach, **Ungala Road, Blacksmiths Beach**
Catherine Hill Bay Beach, Flowers Dr, **Catherine Hill Bay**

**Lake Macquarie Skate Parks**

In a recent International survey, Skateboarding was found to be the 3rd most popular sport with teenagers - and it's easy to understand why! Low in cost and available to anyone, skateboarding is all about having fun, learning new things and being yourself. Lake Macquarie has a wide range of Skate parks specially designed to cater for skateboard riders and in-line skaters. Some of Lake Mac's best Skate Parks are only a 10 minute drive away from the site, and are the perfect choice for an adrenalin-filled day of fun!

Bonnells Bay Community Centre, Fishery Point Road **Bonnells Bay**
Thomas Halton Park, Macquarie Drive **Croudace bay**
Rathmines Park, Stilling Street **Rathmines**
Lake Macquarie PCYC, Lake Street **Windale**
Community Hall Reserve, Wyee Road **Wyee**
Mingara Leisure Centre

A relaxing 40 minute drive will find you at Mingara Leisure Centre, Tumbi Umbi where you can enjoy unique facilities and activities including a world-class Aquatic Centre, Recreation Club, Convention Centre, Panarottis Pizza & Pasta, Scallywags Family Feasts, The Coffee Club, Leisure Centre, Gatorade Athletic Centre and Adventure/Putt-Putt Golf.

Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi
www.mingara.com.au
(02) 43497799

Golf Course

What better way to tee-off a holiday, than with a round of Golf? The Country Club in Morisset is surrounded by tranquil views of their championship 18 hole golf course and bush land, two bowling greens and abundant off-street parking (including coach-parking areas). Crusaders Lake Macquarie Centre is only a 10 minute drive from the club, which is also wheelchair and disabled friendly.

Dora St, Morisset
www.mccl.com.au
(02) 4973 1100

Indoor Sports

If you’re looking for high-quality recreational and sporting activities, Charlestown Indoor Sports is a fantastic centre only 35 minutes away from Lake Mac. A family owned and operated indoor sports facility, they are the largest indoor center in the Hunter. Have a go at cricket, netball or soccer with all equipment provided. Perfect for a rainy day!

314 Hillsborough Rd, Warners Bay
www.iplayindoors.com
(02) 4954 6822
Ice Skating

Come in to Hunter Ice Skating Stadium at Warners Bay and enter a whole new world of frozen fun. Whether you’re planning on being an ice hockey star, winning Olympic Gold in figure skating, or just having a bit of fun and learning the new skill of ice skating, the cool dudes at Hunter Ice Skating Stadium will make sure you have the best fun you can have standing up.

230 Macquarie Road, Warners Bay
www.huntericeskating.com.au
(02) 4954 6822

Wineries

Only an hour away from Lake Macquarie, the Hunter Valley is Australia’s oldest and one of its most well-known wine regions. While in the Hunter Valley Wine Country, you will find a vast array of traditional and contemporary treasures, with beautiful art galleries, vintage furniture shops, cheese factories, chocolate factories, and wineries scattered across the majestic Hunter Valley hills. The Hunter Valley has over 60 restaurants, 120 wineries and a vast range of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Visitors Centre, 455 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin
www.winecountry.com.au
(02) 4990 0900

Art Gallery

Right in the heart of Lake Macquarie is one of the state’s premier art galleries - Mandalong Gallery. At Mandalong, you can see fine Aboriginal art personally selected by the Gallery Director. The Gallery sources their art directly from the artists and promotes both local and interstate art. Only a 25 minute drive from Crusaders Lake Macquarie, you can also see photographs of the artists signing, holding or creating their art. Perfect for a cultured afternoon out!

26 Little Valley Rd, Mandalong
www.mandalonggallery.com.au
(02) 4977 2316
Go-Karting

Go Karts Go Broadmeadow - Newcastle is one of the biggest, fastest and most exciting 4-stroke go kart hire tracks in the Central Coast. Only 50 minutes away from Lake Mac, the Broadmeadow circuit has the biggest 4-stroke outdoor go kart track and the fastest 4-stroke karts in the whole of Newcastle. The Go Karts at Broadmeadow are the latest specification RIMO Go karts all the way from Europe and they also have specially modified twin-seaters as well as Junior Go Karts. Because of this, everyone can join in on the fun - whether you're 3 years old or 99 years young!

Horse Riding, Quad-Biking, Laser Skirmish & Paintball

In amongst 3000 acres of stunning un-spoilt wilderness, you can find Australia’s largest and most successful horse riding and outdoor adventure centre. Only 50 minutes away from Lake Macquarie is Glenworth Valley Horse Riding centre - but it is not limited to equestrian excitement! Glenworth offers a variety of fun-filled adventure activities including quad-biking, kayaking, abseiling, fishing, bushwalking, paintballing and laser skirmish. Escape the everyday and choose your own adventure at Glenworth Valley.

Reptile Park

The Australian Reptile Park, only 45 minutes drive from Lake Macquarie, is known as 'the hands-on zoo' and is famous for animal interaction and exciting wildlife shows. The park is heavily involved in snake and spider venom collection for use in the production of Anti-venom and is credited for saving the lives of thousands. Situated in Somersby on the Central Coast, the park is home to a wide variety of reptiles, including snakes, lizards and crocodiles, as well as other Australian animals, such as kangaroos, cassowaries and Tasmanian devils.