



## *Noosa Everglades ~ Cooloola Overnight Adventure*

### **Area Overview ~**

Hidden within the Cooloola section of the Great Sandy National Park is one of the Sunshine Coasts best kept paddling secrets... The Noosa Everglades.

The Noosa National Park and Upper Noosa river regions offer some of the most spectacular sea kayak touring in South East Queensland and are best explored by canoe or kayak. . The Noosa River winds its way south behind the massive sand dunes of the North Shore that protect this natural wonder from the power of the Pacific Ocean.

The ability to venture into and along the rich environments of the lakes and rivers, the rugged hills and dunes exploring secluded swimming holes by way of sea kayak, is truly one of the best ways to discover The Noosa Rivers hidden beauties.

Located in the upper reaches of the Noosa River, The Everglades represent an ancient waterway that has existed unchanged for thousands of years. The tannin coloured waters offer the most outstanding reflections of the paperbarks, bloodwoods and cotton trees that overhang from the banks. Early mornings often arise with a mist over the water, making a morning walk on one of the river trails all the more peaceful.

Many locations along the rivers edge have cultural significance and were used by the aboriginal people for ceremony for over 5500years and in later year's played host to the sites of the first Timber Mills.

Wildlife flourishes in this region of the river, we find many Lace Monitors (Goannas) that inhabit the shore and watch them fossicking and feeding. With many types of shore and migratory birds inhabiting the area, we regularly site beautiful Sea Eagles and Brahminy Kites soaring on the thermals.

The fish life is incredible in the river, freshwater bass use the submerged logs as cover, partnered by regular sightings of Cormorants and Darters patrolling the waters for their next meal, turtles are often spotted in the waters and on the banks. The lazy Koalas can be seen sunning themselves in the Eucalypt trees along the shoreline.

These are all part of the magical Noosa National Park were wildlife is abundant and easily spotted form a kayak.

The Aussie Sea Kayak Company pioneered commercial Sea Kayaking on the Upper Noosa River and has extended its tour selection to include this memorable experience. We can offer you more insight, knowledge and professional experience on all our tours throughout the Noosa catchment

### **Proposed Itinerary ~**

The following itinerary should be seen as an approximate guide only. Please note that weather conditions can cause alterations and delays to our itinerary.

The Noosa Everglades Cooloola Overnight adventure is a perfect introduction for those unsure of a longer adventure or unable to get additional time off from the pressures of other commitments.

During this adventure we take you exploring one of Noosa's most valuable hidden secrets.

We meet at Elanda Point, Canoe Launch at 8:30am sharp, in order to welcome the group members for the adventure pack our equipment, run through a thorough introduction and orientation before we launch the kayaks and embark on the crossing of Lake Cootharaba.

As we journey across the largest lake in the Noosa system you have the privilege to paddle the protected, shallow waters of this amazing river system. We keep an eye out for Brahminy Kites and Sea Eagles as we cross the lake on our way to the secluded haven that is the Kinaba Information Centre.

At his location, we have the opportunity to embark on a short boardwalk trail to experience the flora from above and learn about a select flora species, which only inhabits this specific area.

This is also our morning tea break and a chance to tuck into some tasty treats, stretch your legs and use the facilities in the centre before we head off and disappear into the Noosa Everglades itself.

As we leave the information centre you will be amazed to see such a sheltered, prosperous ecosystem existing in such seclusion. Abundant bird species and unique flora are characteristic of the area as we slowly amble towards our destination for lunch which is Fig Tree Pont.

Fig tree point is our campsite and lunch destination with toilet and drinking water facilities but in total isolation from the outside world. We encourage swimming in the protected waters as this is always a superb way to cool down and enjoy a break from the paddling or to wet a line on the jetty. Fig Tree also has a beautiful boardwalk trail if you want the opportunity to spot some of the local birdlife or perhaps a goanna or two patrolling the undergrowth.

After lunch we paddle up Kin Kin Creek and explore this forgotten about waterway. The waters are very different from the Noosa River. The banks are steeper and the trees holding them together are huge.

Depending on the speed and enthusiasm of the group we have the opportunity to explore the small islets in the everglades itself and see if we can spot the resident pelican population sunning themselves on a sandy bank before we continue on into the Upper Noosa River or the section known as "The Narrows".

The afternoon paddle leads us through the most sheltered and biologically diverse area in the Noosa Catchment and as we meander through the river which is rarely more than 15 meters wide you can really get amongst the trees and enjoy the sounds of silence that we come to expect from the Cooloola National Park. You have the opportunity to explore the shoreline and capture some amazing photographs of the fallen logs and weeping vines that shroud the river itself and create a spectacular reflection and a truly amazing paddling environment.

After a good nights sleep we paddle up the Noosa river into the Narrows. The morning is the best time to be on the water as there are no boats and the wind is not out of bed yet. This allows us to see the famous reflections off the tannin waterway.

We will return to Fig Tree Point for lunch and slowly make our way back down to the Kinaba Information Centre. Here we can stop for a quick break before we cruise across this amazing lake system for the final crossing with the spectacular views of the Cooloola Sand patch behind us and the volcanic caps of the hinterland Mountains off the bow as we paddle back toward our destination of Elanda Point.

We usually arrive back at around 3:30pm but this can vary depending on the group and the conditions on the day.

This Trip will have you mystified at every bend, and the calm waters are a must for paddlers of any level.

## Getting There ~

From Noosa ~ Follow the directions to Boreen Point. Just before arriving at Boreen Point turn left onto Lake Flat Rd and follow until you see signs directing you toward Elanda Point. The canoe launch car park is on the right hand side of the road just before the Queensland Parks & Wildlife office. If you reach the caravan park, you have traveled too far.

From Bruce Highway ~ If coming from Brisbane, pass all the Sunshine Coast exits. (Caloundra, Mooloolaba & Noosa). Take the Pomona / Kin Kin exit that brings you onto the Pomona / Connection Rd. From here turn left into Kin Kin Rd and then right into Louis Bazzo Dr, follow road all the way toward Boreen Pt. As above, take Lake Flat Rd to Elanda Pt canoe launch, which is just past the National Parks office on the dirt road.

Launch Point ~

We meet at Elanda Point, Canoe Launch at 8:30am sharp.

Please wait in the main car park as your guide will be down at the water preparing your equipment. You are welcome to walk down the trail (towards the water) to notify them of your arrival and assist them with the unloading of the kayaks, but please don't drive down as this is a one way drive, and a specific canoe launch area and we need to be mindful of other users and not block the limited space of the turn around at the end.

## Tour Cost ~

\$245.00 per person, 2 days / 1 night.

## Bookings / Reservations ~

Many of our tours fill up 2 - 6 months prior to the tour departure, so we suggest you reserve your space well in advance. You can confirm your position on one of our adventures by completing and signing the booking application, medical and waiver forms (1 per participant) and returning them to our office along with the applicable payment.

Mail:

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Please Phone: (07) 5477 5335 if you require any assistance.

## Payment ~

The company will confirm your reservation upon receipt of a completed booking application form along with a signed and completed medical and waiver form (1 per participant) and the applicable full payment.

The balance of the tour cost is required 60 days prior to the tours departure.

The only forms of payment accepted by the company are; valid credit card, cash, personal cheques, bank cheques, money orders and direct deposits (with remittance advice).

Direct Deposit:

Bank Details ~ Bendigo Bank

Account name: Outdoor Pursuits Australia

Acc No: 123084071

BSB: 633 000

Please email a remittance advice to the following email address ~ [info@ausseakayak.com.au](mailto:info@ausseakayak.com.au) and include date of transfer, amount, name and reference details.

All prices quoted are in Australian dollars and are inclusive of GST. Please be aware prices are subject to change without notice.

Note: If payment is not received by the due date, (60 days prior to the tours departure) the Aussie Sea Kayak Company reserves the right to treat the reservation as cancelled.

## Booking Cancellation Policy ~

A significant proportion of our expenses, equipment allocation, staffing and logistics are committed and arranged well before any of our tour departure dates and therefore an administration service charge applies to all cancelled bookings.

For notice received:

1. More than 60 days before departure a full refund will be issued.
2. Thirty days prior to departure an Aussie Sea Kayak Company will issue a Voucher equal to the full trip cost which is valid for 12 months and is non-transferable and non-refundable.
3. Within 29 days of tour departure: No voucher or refund.

If it becomes necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us immediately in writing (email / Letter). Upon receipt of your written advice, cancellation will take effect.

## Cancelled Tours ~

Due to the nature of operating outdoors and in wilderness areas, the Aussie Sea Kayak Company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason what so ever, including inadequate sign-up, which makes the trip economically unfeasible for us to operate or any logistical issues which may impede safe tour operations.

## Our Philosophy ~

Our commitment to you is to organize and operate sea kayak adventures of the highest quality.

We wish to attract healthy, independent individuals with a sense of adventure that wish to explore new regions, waterways and wildlife in a friendly atmosphere.

Our role is to provide you with a safe and comfortable environment in which you can relax, meet new friends and enjoy all aspects of the adventure.

*You're paddling partners,*

## Aussie Sea Kayak Company

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### Operating Hours:

Open 6 Days a week

9am ~ 5pm (Closed Mondays)