

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over moss-covered rocks. The water is white and frothy, contrasting with the dark green moss and the surrounding forest. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated angle, looking down at the waterfall.

SPRINGBROOK

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MUST SEE PLACES

About Springbrook Mountain...

In just a few hours...

There are many places to visit at Springbrook whether you have just two hours or a day. The places mentioned in this brochure are easily accessible for all visitors regardless of fitness levels. Most are within a few minutes walk of car parks. Feel free to explore everything Springbrook has to offer.

From the Visitor Centre at Wunburra Lookout to the end of the road is just 11km and will take you about 20 minutes.

In just a few hours you'll see the very best waterfalls in South East Queensland, ancient rainforest, trees that are 2,000 years old, the beautiful little paddymelons, the biggest carpet snakes, koalas if you're lucky, very big lizards, an endless variety of birds, truly wonderful views and perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of the Springbrook Yowie.

The Springbrook Circuit

1 Start with a forest drive...

Drive along Lyrebird Ridge Road but go slowly, there is lots of wildlife along this cool and shaded road. It's a delightful drive on the top of the ridge with views of the Numinbah Valley through the trees.



Photo: Ta Ta Ride Photography

World Heritage Area

Springbrook is a plateau that was formed from a massive volcanic eruption about 23 million years ago. It is a nature lover's paradise with waterfalls, wonderful walking tracks and ancient rainforest. Springbrook is part of the Gondwana Rainforest (World Heritage Area), the most extensive area of sub tropical rainforests in the world. The rainforest reserves have an extremely high conservation value with more than 200 rare or threatened plant and animal species.

Because of its isolation, high elevation (970m) and its closeness to the coast, Springbrook is home to many ancient species of plants and animals.

This extensive biodiversity has led to the area being declared a world heritage listed national park.

2 Best of All Lookout

The lookout is at the end of Repeater Station Rd. The lookout is a gentle 15 minutes walk from the car park. You'll wander through the ancient Gondwana rainforest. Get your camera out and take photos of the great Antarctic Beech trees – about 2,000 years old. A must see! You might even catch a glimpse of the reclusive Albert's Lyrebird.

The reward at the end of the walk – stunning views across NSW to Mt Warrigal and beyond to Byron Bay. Mt Warrigal is the central plug of the volcano that created Springbrook.

3 Goomoolahra Picnic Grounds

Drive to Goomoolahra Falls Picnic Grounds at the end of Springbrook Rd. This is the best picnic spot in Springbrook. There's a cool creek that runs all year. The waterfall cascades over the rocks to the canyon, about 80m below. Great views. You'll find plenty of picnic tables and easy access for all. A cool place for a relaxing rest or a picnic lunch.



Visitor Centre Resident Photo: Ceris Ash

Antarctic Beech
2,000 years old

Canyon Lookout Photo: Owen Bain

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4 Canyon Lookout

Head back down Springbrook Rd and turn right into Boy-Ull Rd and Canyon Pde. There are a couple of places here you should see. Stop at Canyon Lookout. It's right on the road with no access problems.

From Canyon Lookout you'll see the valleys created by erosion. You'll also get good views of the waterfalls. You'll see the layers of lava flows in the cliffs.

If you choose to walk the Twin Falls Circuit (2 hours) it takes you behind 2 waterfalls and through 5 different forest types.

Purling Brook Falls Photo: Owen Bain



5 Purling Brook Falls and Gwongorella Picnic Ground

Now head back along Springbrook Rd and turn off at Forestry Road to see Purling Brook Falls and Gwongorella Picnic Ground. Gwongorella Picnic Ground is special. In a few minutes (just 100m) you are in the middle of the rainforest.

You'll have views from the top of the Purling Brook Falls to the canyon below and across the valley. There are also short walks where you can see the special plants of the Springbrook rainforest.

The picnic ground has plenty of tables and quiet little nooks to relax with family and friends. There are BBQs and toilet facilities in the picnic area.

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Want coffee or lunch?

There are a number of cafes on Springbrook Mountain. Anything from a coffee to a full lunch is available. You also have the option to enjoy a beer or wine as some cafes are BYO.

Take the time to relax and breathe in the mountain air. Just unwind and enjoy this idyllic rainforest environment. Like Springbrook, come back and stay for a night or two.

Visit the National Parks Centre...

There is more information available from National Parks Information Centre in Old School Road. Read about the early history of Springbrook and you'll be able to view a map about the walking tracks in the area. There is also a lookout that's worth a visit.