Recreation in The Hawkesbury

The Hawkesbury, located some 50km northwest of Sydney, has a wealth of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The Hawkesbury River, with its numerous tributaries, offers excellent fishing, boating, and swimming opportunities throughout the year. The riverbanks, stabilized by the planting of many species of trees, provide shade and a fishing platform. The riverbanks, stabilized by the planting of many species of trees, provide shade and a fishing platform.

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McQuade Park, Windsor, offers a sandy beach and has a fenced area containing memorials dating from 1903 that commemorate those that served in the Boer War and also children’s playgrounds. Both of these parks are of considerable historic significance as parts of the planned central town square. The riverbank at Governor Phillip Park is a popular venue for visitors and the riverbanks have been replanted with stands of trees to reflect part of the planned central town square.

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Women artists such as Margaret Clarke, Edith Cowan and Joan Bennett, who campaigned strongly for the abolition of the death penalty, have all been honored with statues on the Hawkesbury. As part of the Hawkesbury Region bicentennial celebrations (1994) a statue to commemorate the life of William Wilberforce, a philanthropic British politician who campaigned strongly for the abolition of slavery, was erected on St Matthew’s Church of England, Richmond.

Richmond Park, located on the northern bank of the Hawkesbury River, offers a variety of recreational activities for all ages. From bushwalking and mountain biking to horse riding and water activities, there is something for everyone in this area. The region is rich in history and offers many opportunities for learning about the past.

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**The beach on Swallow Rock Hill, near Bilpin**

Idyllic picnic and reserves nearby provide lookouts and river schoolhouse and are well worth visiting such as Argyle Bailey Memorial Reserve and Swallow Rock Reach Reserve, a linear reserve along the Hawkesbury to join River Road on the east, or from Windsor Heights Road, or from camp is the Upper Colo Reserve.

**Northeast from Windsor Heights Road, or from**

A superb area for a day’s pastime at Upper Colo Reserve is accessed via Grose Roads is popular

**Memorial Park at Kurrajong**

Richmond Skate Park

Trying out the new North BMX track at Colbee Park

active recreation.

the Hawkesbury region

A great variety of venues are located within the local government area. Windsor. A range of courts are available elsewhere

**Hawkesbury Canoe Classic and the Bridge to**

polo are all popular. Special annual events include polo, showjumping, trail riding, western riding.

BMX sites are also present near the main urban

**Moon Farm at Leets Vale. This has interesting**

Liverpool Reach and then winds up to Bicentenary of the Hawkesbury. Situated on the high cliffs the Hawkesbury and Colo Rivers.

**Rock Reach Reserve, a linear reserve along the**

**THE COLO**

**Magnetic Hill Reserve on Springwood Road**

**Swimming, fishing) and for recreation (canoeing,**

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**the Hawkesbury to join River Road on the east, or**

where there is a choice of routes: a ferry crosses
to time. The road continues on to Lower Portland
downstream of Kent Reach, the small reserve is a
doing, eventing and dressage are all favoured.

Bridge Waterski Classic and Powerboat Classic.

the Reserve is well shaded and has shelters
group camps by arrangement with the Council.

Another pleasant picnic area is at Colo Park,

McQuade Park, a popular venue for weddings

and has shady grassed areas, picnic tables and a
good place to launch canoes
to the river. It is a good place to launch canoes

are some shaded areas, open space and access

for scouting and school

**GENERAL SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Sailing clubs along the Hawkesbury and Colo Rivers serve members of pioneer families.

**Argyle Bailey Memorial Reserve and Swallow**

**Garvia Road, which is Ebenezer Church Reserve, also known**

**EBENEZER, LOWER PORTLAND, 2756**

**Children playing in the water at Navua Reserve, Grose Vale**

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