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Gloucester

Gloucester is a pretty country town and is adjacent to the World Heritage Barrington Tops.



Quick facts

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Population

Gloucester has a population of 3,000 people, the median age of residents is 49 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 6% of the population.

Gloucester is located within the [Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network](#), this [Health Planning Compass](#) provides an overview of community health for the region.

Location

Gloucester sits in a picturesque river valley surrounded by hills at the junction of the Avon, Gloucester and Barrington rivers and is located in the north Hunter region, east of Barrington Tops and is 145 kms north of Newcastle, 77 km from Taree and 220 kms from Sydney.

Gloucester is well known for its top-quality produce including Barrington beef and perch, gold deposits, the bushranger Captain Thunderbolt, and is a good base for exploring the World Heritage Barrington Tops wilderness.

Transport links

The closest regional airport is in Taree, just under an hour north of Gloucester. Regional Express Airlines (Rex) offers daily direct services to Sydney and Newcastle.

Newcastle Airport is just under an hour and a half south of Gloucester. Regional Express Airport (Rex) and Fly Pelican offer daily flights to Sydney with Qantaslink and Virgin Australia offer daily flights to Brisbane and Melbourne.

Gloucester is situated on the North Coast railway line and can be accessed from the southeast from Newcastle.

Industry

The major sources of employment in Gloucester are:

- Retail trade
- Health care and social assistance
- Accommodation and food services
- Construction
- Education and training
- Manufacturing

Healthcare facilities

[Gloucester Soldiers' Memorial Hospital](#) is an 80-bed campus containing a mixture of acute, residential aged care and community outreach services. Acute care consists of 20 beds on Roma Ward. The ward provides a range of services including 24-hour emergency, medical, surgical, palliative care, birthing, limited paediatrics. X-ray and physiotherapy. Day only general surgery and ophthalmic (eye) surgery is also provided.

Residential Aged Care is currently provided over three sections on the campus. Narraweema has 15 high care residential aged care beds, with a further 25 high care residential aged care beds at Hillcrest. Twenty low care aged care hostel beds are provided on Kimbarra.

Community Health offers a range of community-based and outreach care to the Gloucester community and surrounding outlying areas.

Gloucester is supported by NSW ambulance service.

Accredited GP training practices in town

Gloucester MediCo
Gloucester Primary Care Clinic

Education

Gloucester has one public primary school, one Catholic primary school and one secondary high school:

[Gloucester Public School](#)
[St Joseph's Primary School](#)
[Gloucester High School](#)

Childcare

Gloucester offers young families [a few options](#) suitable for children from 6 weeks to school aged, for family day care, occasional care, long day care and preschool.

Shopping

Gloucester has a Woolworths. Foodworks and IGA as well as

Gloucester has a reputation for shopping and has many of numerous boutique retail stores.

Taree, which is an hour north of Gloucester, offers Taree Central shopping centre and Manning Mall, which incorporate most of the well-known national chains, Woolworths, Big W, Katies, Noni B, Millers and Strandbags as well as boasting cafés, eateries and restaurants, jewellers, gift and homeware shops, health and beauty shops, as well as many more speciality shops within the complex.

Places of worship

There are a number of places of worship located in Gloucester including Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Uniting and Presbyterian churches.

The nearest [mosque](#) is just over 90 minutes away on the western outskirts of Newcastle.

Things to do

Cultural Activities

[Boori Boori Labyrinth](#)

[Gloucester Arts and Cultural Council Inc](#)

Annual Events

[Gloucester Agricultural and Country Show \(March\)](#)

[Gloucester 'Just Smokin' Annual Barbecue Competition \(May\)](#)

[Gloucester Campdraft and Rodeo \(June\)](#)

[Chill Out Festival \(July\)](#)

[Mountain Man Tri Challenge \(September\)](#)

[Gloucester Platypus Festival \(November\)](#)

Points of Interest

[World Heritage Listed Barrington Tops National Parks](#)

[Gloucester River Walking Track](#)

[Careys Peak Lookout](#)

[Mountain Maid Gold Mine](#)

[Faulls Ridge Winery](#)

[Woko National Park](#)

Gloucester sits in a picturesque river valley surrounded by hills at the junction of the Avon, Gloucester and Barrington rivers.

Gloucester is the closest town to Barrington Tops National Park, which is carved out of an ancient volcano, and rises from near sea level to over 1500 metres. In the lower valleys, you'll find World Heritage-listed subtropical rainforests and up on the plateau, there is subalpine woodland which regularly sees snow in winter.

Most of the area is declared wilderness, and it's a well-known destination for bushwalkers its excellent track network extends from short, easy walks to steep overnight treks and the varied environments are home to a wide range of plants and animals, and it protects more than 50 rare or threatened species and makes a perfect base for adventurous activities and tours in the region, including trout fishing, canoeing, horse riding, bush walking and camping in the park.

If you're looking for something a little more sedate and civilised, sample a local drop at Tugwood Wines and Faulls Ridge wineries or drop in to the Gloucester Folk Museum for some local history and culture, then relax in a local cafe or restaurant.

Try exciting white water adventures by kayak or canoe, or go mountain biking across high green forests or join a guided tour graded to suit your experience with all equipment provided, or hire paddling equipment to paddle at your own pace.

The Gloucester National Dancing Competition is held every July and the Agricultural Show in March or April.

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