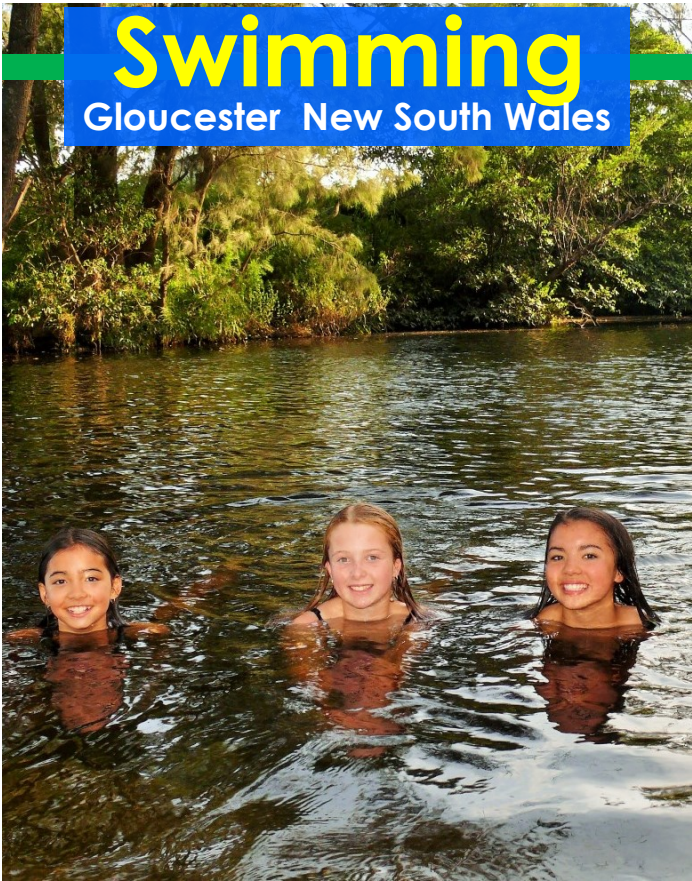
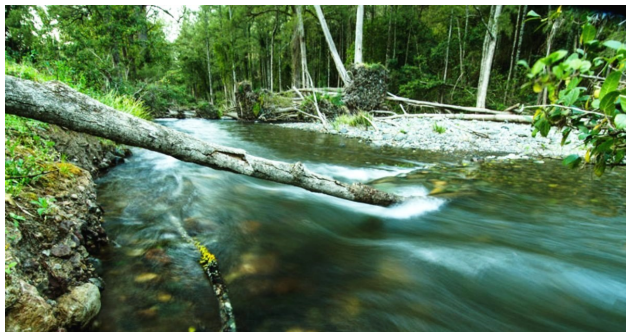


Antarctic Beech trees with tree fern groves & moss covered cascades, to Gloucester Falls where the Gloucester River is born. The rocky pools at the base of the falls offer walkers a refreshing plunge to cool off. **Gloucester River walking track: At NPWS Gloucester River Campground on Gloucester Tops Rd within Barrington Tops National Park; Gloucester Falls picnic area: end of Gloucester Tops Rd, Barrington Tops National Park.**



Swimming spots – Around Gloucester and Barrington Tops

The swimming opportunities in Gloucester and Barrington Tops make it feel like the local swimming season runs year round. Options range from doing laps in council-run pools in town, easy wading from pebbly riverbanks in the district park, launching yourself into longer swimming sections at scenic river crossings nearby, or taking a refreshing dip at rivers & waterfalls high in Barrington Tops.

For extra fun on the water, our rivers are well-suited to canoes, kayaks, rubber rings and lilos - the perfect accessories for a season of swimming in Gloucester.

Olympic Pool complex in Gloucester District Park

One of Gloucester's many valuable community assets is our Olympic Pool complex. Heated to 25 degrees all year round, the benefits of swimming include health, enjoyment and lots of fun for the kids! The grassy area features two free electric barbecues and a gazebo that's perfect for parties, work functions or the extended family. Open from the October long weekend until end of April. Monday-Friday: 6am-6pm; weekends & public holidays in October, February, March: 11am-3pm; weekends & public holidays in November, December & January: 11am-6pm. Entry: adult \$4.50; concession (senior/under 16yrs) \$3.50; family \$12; spectator only: \$2; Contact 6538 5270.

Olympic Pool complex: Gloucester District Park on Boundary St, Gloucester.

Stroud Swimming Pool Located in the centre of Stroud with toilets, change rooms, grassy shade plus a wading pool. Open 7am-7pm so it's perfect for those long hot summer days. Free entry but no lifeguard service. **Stroud Pool: Cowper St, Stroud.**

The Barrington River

The Barrington River is renowned for canoeing and kayaking year round with a reliable source high in world heritage Barrington Tops. The river flows through scenic gorges, forming white water rapids in its upper section, and calm flowing pools in its lower section as it passes verdant farmland. Public access for paddling and swimming can be found next to the timber bridge at Barrington Reserve and at the river access point at the end of Relfs Road. Further upstream is the popular Rocky Crossing picnic area with plenty of space for river activities: swimming, wading, paddling or just floating around listening to the sounds of summer in the country. The Steps Campground offers outstanding swimming at the most picturesque rapids on the Barrington River, available for their camping guests and for day users too.

Barrington River at end of Relfs Road off Thunderbolts Way, Gloucester; Barrington Reserve on Thunderbolts Way, Barrington; Rocky Crossing on Barrington River via Barrington West Road; The Steps Campground: 535 Manchester Road, Bindera (\$5 day use).

Gloucester River

Enjoy a post-picnic swim in the Gloucester River as it winds through the pretty Gloucester District Park in the centre of town. There are shallow sections where the river cascades over pebbles and deeper sections of gently flowing water with a beach near the bridge. Further upstream at Faulkland there are several river crossings on Faulkland Road & Stantons Lane where you can find some deeper sections for swimming and shallower sections for splashing around. Little kids love the fish crossing steps but take care with road traffic at the causeways river crossings

Gloucester District Park: Boundary Street, Gloucester; Gloucester River via Faulkland Road, Faulkland.

The Manning River

The mighty Manning River descends 1,500 metres over its 201km. Around the Gloucester region you'll find family-friendly swimming at several campgrounds located alongside the Manning River.

Gummi Falls Campground in Barrington Tops State Conservation Area (on Bullock Brush Trail off Tubrabucca Rd); **Manning River Camping Area** in Barrington Tops State Forest (off Pheasant's Creek Rd); **Gloryvale Reserve** camping area alongside the Manning River (on Thunderbolts Way at Tibbuc); **Bretti Reserve camping area** where the Barnard River joins the Manning River (off Thunderbolts Way at Brett); **Woko Campground** in Woko National Park (on Curricabark Rd off Thunderbolts Way)

Barnard River

A short scenic drive north of Gloucester you can swim in the Barnard River where it meets the Manning River. Set well back from the road, there are grassy spots for picnics & free camping with toilet facilities. **Bretti Reserve: Thunderbolts Way, Brett.**

Gloucester Tops

The road to beautiful Gloucester Tops has several causeway crossings over the Gloucester River where you can take a quick dip to cool off. But for a wilderness swimming experience take the **Gloucester River walking track** just inside the national park where you'll find scenic views, walking, swimming, picnicking & wildlife.

A popular feature of Gloucester Tops is **Gloucester Falls**, a scenic waterfall cascading gently off the eastern section of world heritage Barrington Tops. Here you'll also find high altitude wetlands with snow gum meadows, Gondwanaland forests & lookouts with spectacular views. The walking trails take you through deep green rainforests of ancient