

WetSide Water Park



A **top, free-entry family attraction** located at Pialba Beach. Enjoy the fountain light show, toddler area and water slides. Open from September to May (closed for winter), you'll also find affordable, optional, paid slides and an Aqua Ninja course, making it a must-visit.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Keep an ear out for the distinctive Greensleaves tune of the ice cream truck that's often in the area.

The beach



Kick off your shoes and relax.

Hervey Bay has five fantastic safe-swimming beaches along its 16km Esplanade foreshore – calm, clear water with no crocs or stingers. The Grange Resort is just a five-minute stroll from the best of the bunch. Splash in the ocean, throw a frisbee, play catch with your pooch or enjoy an impromptu beachside barbeque.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Impromptu picnic? Ask us for insider tips on the best fish & chips – price, portion size, variety and wait times.

Whale watching



The whale season runs from July to November. Half-day tours are ideal to keep kids engaged.

You know you're up close and personal when the crew tells you not to touch the whales!

Many operators offer guaranteed sightings, meaning a free return trip if you don't see any whales.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Ask us which operators are best for your family – we can even book a door-to-door service for you.

Birda – a Pokédex for birds



Technically this involves a screen – but if your kids are staring at their iPads, they'll miss the fun.

Hervey Bay and the Fraser Coast host over 300 bird species, including cool birds like pelicans, rainbow lorikeets and kingfishers.

Turn bird spotting into a game with the free Birda phone app – it's like a Pokedex for birds with AI identification, challenges and badges.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

We can tell you the best local spots – the Botanic Gardens, beach and Truro Street Park are all within easy walking distance.

All abilities playground



Accessible, inclusive play equipment and experiences, including:

- a wheelchair accessible trampoline and seesaw
- a sensory pathway and garden with musical instruments and illusion mirrors
- Butchulla Totems with interpretive braille
- a Changing Places accessible toilet facility.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Grab a key to the Liberty Swing from Elizabeth Street Parks Depot, Urangan or from the Council building in Tavistock Street, Torquay.



The Pump Track

If you've brought your bikes, this track boasts smooth asphalt surfaces and a dynamic layout that caters to riders of all abilities. The Hervey Bay Pump Track is the perfect place to refine your skills, have fun and stay active.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

There are toilets, picnic shelters, a BBQ area, a water bubbler, bike rack and shade trees.



Tennis and pickleball

Trending across the country, **pickleball is perfect for kids**. It helps with coordination, teamwork and fitness – and it's fun! The paddles are light, the balls bounce slowly and the rules are simple. Our pickleball court is perfect for a kid-friendly workout.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

You bring the kids, we provide the gear.



Rock hunting

You'll find **painted rocks hidden throughout Hervey Bay** – on a shelf in the chemist, on a tree branch or resting under a park bench. Makers share them to promote social connection, being crafty and getting outdoors. If you find a rock, keep it as a souvenir. If you are lucky enough to find many rocks, re-hide some for others to find – here or once you're back home.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

You'll find Hervey Bay rocks on Facebook – post a pic of the rocks you find + see how far local rocks have travelled!



The pool

You don't even need to leave the resort for fun in the sun. Centre your day around our heated lagoon-style pool. The kids will love the waterfall cave and spa – and everyone knows Coke tastes better on a stool at the swim-up bar. Need a break? Make use of the pool table and games room.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

We happily provide pool towels and pool noodles – just ask!



Botanic Gardens

A mixture of natural bushland and formal gardens – and **just a 10 minute walk from The Grange Resort**. Check out the Australian Bush Tucker Garden, the Orchid House and the Nature Playground – where kids can explore balancing logs and climbing ropes. Optional screen-based extra: make it more fun with the free Agents of Discovery app – your kids can join Agent Kangaroo, as she leads you on an adventure mission to solve challenges during your visit.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Don't miss the lagoon where you'll see freshwater turtles – you might even see newly hatched turtles on the garden paths.

Need more ideas?

Just ask!

We haven't even mentioned K'gari (formerly Fraser Island), the iconic Urangan Pier or the Historical Village & Museum – or simple joys like mini golf, markets and movies