



# The Ultimate Day Trip for Arts and Crafts Lovers

If your idea of a perfect day out includes handmade treasures, regional galleries and leisurely country drives, this art-focused Somerset day trip is for you. Just over an hour from Brisbane, this itinerary takes you through charming country towns brimming with local talent and hidden gems.

## Lowood

Begin your journey in Lowood with a visit to the Lowood's Folk Art Cooperative, a space packed with locally made crafts, artwork and home-grown produce. Browse the handmade pieces and plants before enjoying a slice of delicious homemade cakes or sampling locally made biscuits and preserves.

## Esk

From Lowood, continue to Esk and pop by Nash's Gallery and Café, where arts, crafts and colourful creations fill every corner of the historic house. Stay for morning tea or lunch and enjoy a menu of savoury and sweet dishes showcasing fresh local produce. Just a stroll away, discover Little Country Lane, one of Esk's most charming stores. This space showcases the work of local makers and regional providores, perfect for finding a unique gift or meaningful souvenir. Before leaving town, grab a coffee or cake from Brisbane Valley Roasters to fuel up before the next leg of the journey. If you travel on a Saturday, the Esk Country Markets are a must. Stroll through the stalls brimming with artisan wares and home-made goods. There are plenty of hidden treasures to be found here.

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## Toogoolawah

Continue on to Toogoolawah, with your first stop being The Condensery, an award-winning regional gallery housed in the historic remains of a 1920s Nestlé condensed milk packing shed. Exhibitions rotate regularly, making each visit a unique experience. Just a short walk away, pop into the Two Galahs Gallery, a much-loved space showcasing painting, pottery, jewellery, woodwork and more. With over 80 artists displaying their work, the gallery is a celebration of local talent. There are also workshops held throughout the year, making it a must-visit for arts and crafts lovers. Take a break with a coffee and cake at Picnic Society. The café is also known for its condiments, including jams, chutneys and relishes, as well as its retail range of picnic accessories.

## Linville

From Toogoolawah, enjoy the scenic drive to Linville, stopping for a late lunch at the historic Linville Hotel. After lunch, make a stop by Moore to visit the Supper Room Art Gallery. This gallery features fine art, photography, collectibles and antiques, perfect for a browse and discovering hidden gems.

## Kilcoy

Continue to Kilcoy to visit the Kilcoy Craft Market, where you'll find a large selection of arts and crafts, created by local artisans. Also located in Yowie Park is the Kilcoy Courthouse Art Gallery. See their wide range of visual art pieces including paintings, mosaics, woodwork and textiles.

## Kilcoy back to Brisbane

From Kilcoy, drive back with a car full of handmade finds and inspiration, wrapping up a day spent exploring the arts and crafts Somerset has to offer.

## Highlights:

- **Mural Trail**
- **Folk Art Cooperative Society** | 8 Railway Street, Lowood
- **Esk Country Markets** | Pipeliner Park, Highland Street, Esk
- **Little Country Lane** | Shop 3/95 Ipswich St, Esk
- **Nash Gallery and Cafe** | 212 Ipswich St, Esk
- **The Condensery** | 29 Factory Rd, Toogoolawah
- **Two Galahs Gallery** | 14 Fulham St, Toogoolawah
- **Supper Room Art Gallery** | 9 Main Street North, Moore
- **Kilcoy Craft Market** | 21 Hope St, Kilcoy

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