

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, you'll discover a range of boutiques and shops in the main street. Head towards the Esk Trading Post to enjoy a slow wander through The House of Kalu Babu before making your way up to Nicola's Boutique. 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. 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. 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 disovering hidden gems.

Take a stop for a shop at The Station Handmade. An initiative of Linville's Progress Association, this quaint creative cooperative showcases the wares of regional artists, creatives and makers. Shop The Station Handmade at the Railway Station in Linville on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

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
- **House of Kalu Babu |** 112 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
- **The Station Handmade** | George St, Linville
- **Kilcoy Craft Market |** 21 Hope St, Kilcoy