













# driving distances

from Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

#### from outside the rim...

Brisbane CBD - Boonah	86.4km	1hr25min
Brisbane CBD - Beaudesert	69.1km	1hr13min
Brisbane CBD - Tamborine Mt	68.7km	1hr11min
Nerang - Canungra	25.7km	25min
Nerang - Tamborine Mountain	33.1km	40min
lpswich - Boonah	48.4km	40min
Warwick - Boonah	83.4km	1hr3min

# inside the rim...

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Boonah - Beaudesert	37km	41min
Boonah - Rathdowney	47km	40min
Beaudesert – Canungra	26km	23min
Beaudesert – Rathdowney	32km	24min
Canungra - Tamborine Mountain	9km	10min



The Scenic Rim is home to Australia's most accessible World Heritage-listed rainforest and diverse mountain terrain...

#### "One mountain after another..."

The term 'Scenic Rim' was first used by naturalist and author, Arthur Groom, to describe South-east Queensland's chain of

mountains, plateaus and peaks to the west and south of Brisbane (Tamborine Mountain-Lamington Plateau-McPherson Range-Main Range). Today, the area defined as the 'Scenic Rim' has been expanded to encompass the isolated peaks, plains and low rolling hills that lie at the foot of the high mountains.

#### **The Three Volcanoes**

Volcanoes are usually pictured as steep, cone-shaped peaks that belch lava, smoke and ash from a central crater and have red hot lava running down their flanks when active. However,

geoscientists have identified about ten major types of volcano based on physical features, or the material that is ejected. Between 32 and 22 million years ago, as eastern Queensland passed over a 'hot spot' in the Earth's mantle, a series of broad, sometimes overlapping, eruptions occurred. These types of eruptions are known as shield volcanoes.



These volcanoes have gently rising, smooth slopes and broad tops and rarely explode violently. Lava from shield volcanoes is fluid and flows for many kilometres. With each

successive lava flow, the volcano rises until a shield of solid and flowing lava surrounds it.

Three major shield volcanoes laid the foundations of the Scenic Rim's spectacular

mountain landscape: the Main
Range Shield Volcano (erupted about
25 million years ago), Focal Peak
Shield Volcano (erupted about 24
million years ago) and Tweed Shield
Volcano (erupted about 23 million
years ago). The Tweed volcano
caldera, with Mt Warning as its
throat, has been widened by erosion
but is unmistakable when viewed
from the ground or air.

Lava flows from the Tweed Shield Volcano reached as far north as Mount Tamborine, while flows from the Main Range Shield Volcano reached at least as far as Flinders Peak and those from the Focal Peak eruptions reached Beaudesert.

(p.6 **Wild Guide to the Scenic Rim**, A Queensland Museum Wild Guide, published by the Queensland Museum in partnership with the Scenic Rim Regional Council 2010)



# visitor information

Beaudesert Community Arts & Information Centre

Westerman Park Cnr Mt Lindesay Highway & Enterprise Drive, Beaudesert p: 5541 4495

### **Boonah Visitor Information Centre**

Bicentennial Park 20 Boonah-Fassifern Road, Boonah **p: 5463 2233** 

**Canungra Visitor Information Centre** 

12-14 Kidston Street, Canungra **p: 5543 5156** 

Rathdowney Information Centre & Historical Museum

82 Mt Lindesay Highway, Rathdowney p: 5544 1222

# Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre

Doughty Park, 2 Main Western Road, North Tamborine p: 5545 3200







# more information

For more information on the Scenic Rim story & experiences, grab a FREE copy of the Scenic Rim Visitor Guide, purchase a Scenic Rim Wild Guide and Scenic Rim Heritage Guide from our Visitor Information Centres, or go to visitscenicrim.com.au