



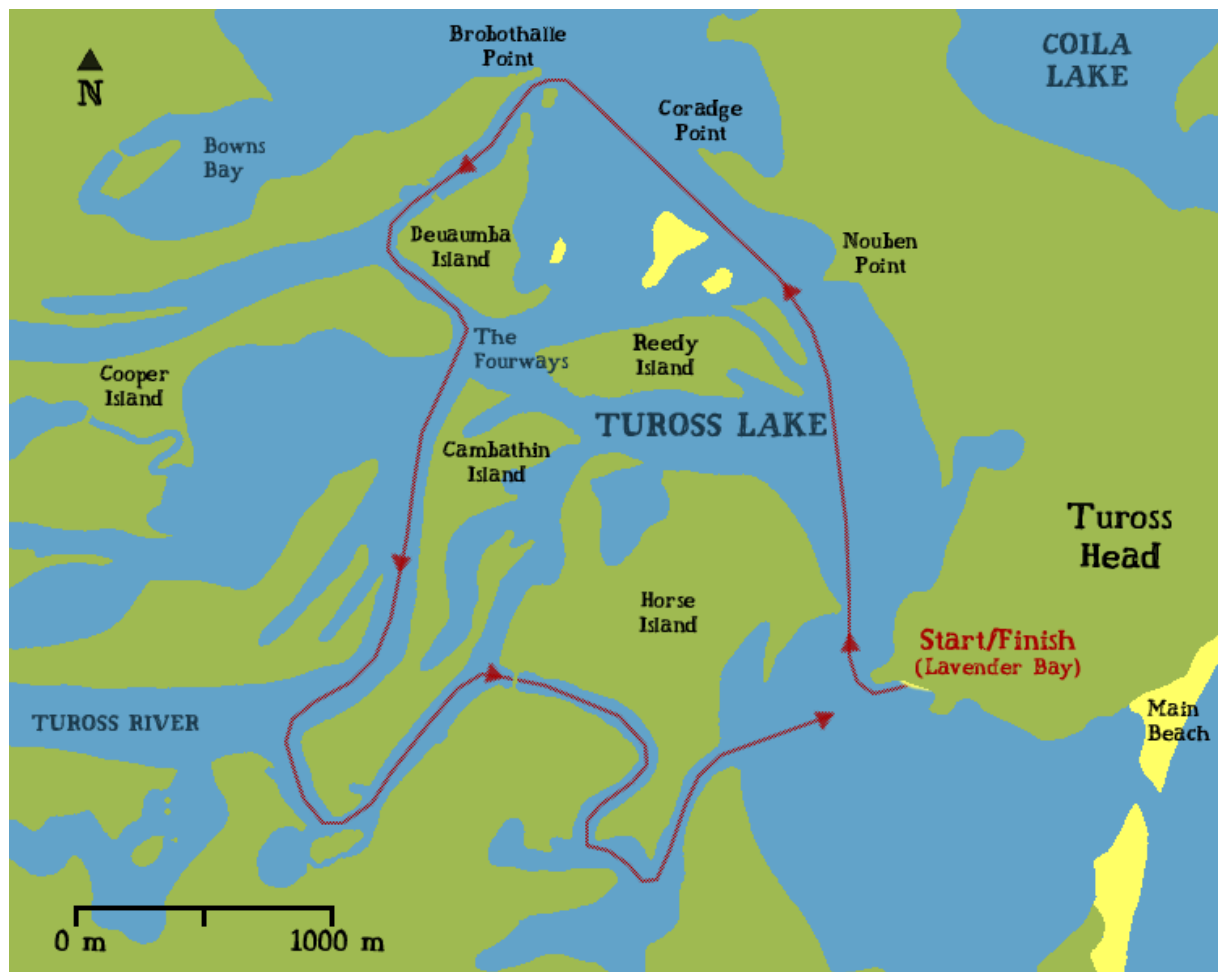
# ESCAPOLOGY

Take yourself out there!

## Tuross Lake

This is much more than just a Lake. There is a labyrinth of channels and inlets to explore. You can paddle here for days and every time find something new. It's easy to see why Tuross Head is a top holiday destination for kayakers.

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| <b>WATERWAY</b>       | Tuross Lake, Tuross River  |
| <b>REGION</b>         | South Coast  |
| <b>DISTANCE</b>       | 11 km  |
| <b>ESTIMATED TIME</b> | 2 hours approx   |
| <b>START/FINISH</b>   | Lavender Bay, Corner of<br>Trafalgar Rd & Nelson Pde<br>TUROSS HEAD                  |
| <b>PARKING</b>        | Plenty   |
| <b>TOILETS</b>        | At Start/Finish  |
| <b>CONDITIONS</b>     | Tidal estuary, some open<br>areas exposed to wind, some<br>sheltered channels        |
| <b>OTHER PADDLES</b>  | <u><a href="#">Bhundoo (Clyde River)</a></u><br><u><a href="#">Wagonga Inlet</a></u> |



A street map & directions to Nelson Parade, Tuross Head can be downloaded from [www.wheris.com](http://www.wheris.com).

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### Step By Step



Tuross Head can be reached by taking the Hector McWilliam Drive turn off from the Princes Highway just south of Moruya. If you follow this all the way to the end it becomes Nelson Parade which is where you start this paddle. You can enter the street name and suburb provided under our map in [www.whereis.com](http://www.whereis.com) if you would prefer. However, one extra thing you should know is that access to Lavender Bay itself is via a small lane at the corner of Nelson Parade and Trafalgar Road.

people with excellent local knowledge.

The Tuross Head Kayak Group showed Escapology the trip around Tuross Lake that we have described in this guide. If you get a chance, it is definitely worth linking up with their posse for your trip. They are a fantastic bunch of

We would be lying if we said that the water in Lavender Bay is really deep. There is a strong chance that you will have to walk your boats out for a bit, so come prepared to get wet feet. That said, once you have cleared the initial sandbar you should have plenty of water for the rest of the day.

Start by paddling round the point to your right and head north. For the first 3km the mainland of Tuross Head is on your right. Oyster leases and the islands of Tuross Lake are on your left. The first you see is Horse Island, notable for being privately owned. This doesn't seem quite right when you consider that the other three islands in this circuit - Reedy, Deuaumba, and Cambathin - are part of the Eurobodalla National Park, but it's still hard not to feel a tad envious. That's a feeling that grows through the day as you glide through casuarina corridors alive with birds and dotted with staghorns and native orchids. You may even encounter an Emu!



At the northern tip of Deuaumba Island make a sharp left into the channel that separates it from Brobathalle Point. You will know you have gone too far if the waterway has widened dramatically into the Tuross Broadwater.

The upcoming section can be tricky so you might like to keep your map handy. After passing what remains of an old wooden bridge, make a left and continue until you reach the crossroads known as The Fourways. Directly to your south is Cambathin Island. Head just to the right of that and then follow its shoreline for about 3km, making two sharp left hand turns as you go. The next turn is to the right and can be recognised by the bridge built across it. This is the bridge that connects Horse Island, the one you saw at the

beginning of the day, with the mainland south of the lake. All that remains is to keep the island on your port side until Lavender Bay comes back into view.

This area has an interesting connection with Mel Gibson. His grandmother, Eva Mylott, was born here in 1875 at a time when her family owned all of Tuross Head. They moved to Sydney after discovering that she had a beautiful contralto singing voice and wanted to give her every opportunity make the most of her talent. With some early support from Nellie Melba she went on to become a well known concert singer in the United States. There is now a memorial to Eva Mylott in Tuross Head.

Afterwards, if you are feeling a bit thirsty or peckish, you can take advantage of the facilities at the boatsheds close to Lavender Bay. The view of the lake is superb and you might just get to watch the local dolphins at play.

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