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It's Autumn on the Huon Trail and that means it's apple season!

The Huon Valley orchards are laden with fruit at this time of the year. Deciduous natives, old oaks, elms and chestnuts planted along the roadsides burst into red, orange and gold. It's colourful and a great time to come and see what's new on the Huon Trail!

Huon Tasmanian Salmon Port Esperance Regatta - Dover

The Huon Tasmanian Salmon Port Esperance Regatta will be held again commencing on Friday 2nd April and concluding on Sunday 4th April 2010. A three race series will be held for both keel boats and dinghies. There will also be events for classic yachts of yesteryear and cruisers. For those experiencing the event from the shore, there will be music and entertainment planned for Saturday and Sunday nights, as well as fine food and drinks.

So why not come down for the day or stay for the weekend! It's a great chance to experience the many activities located in the Far South region of the Huon Trail.

Introducing...

Woodbridge Hill Hideaway

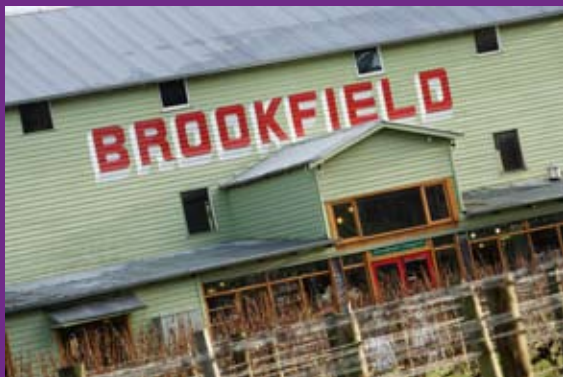
Woodbridge Hill Hideaway is the latest addition to the Huon Trail experience. Exclusively yours, the cabins at Woodbridge Hill Hideaway is hidden from everything but the view. For spectacular views of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Bruny Island, and further afield to the distant peaks of Maria Island, Freycinet and the Tasman Peninsula.

Woodbridge Hill Hideaway is also home to the Woodbridge Hill Pool. Open all year round, bookings can be made from 6am until 10pm, seven days a week.

A working glass studio onsite is also where artist Ruth Downham creates artwork based around glass. An amazing visual experience that should not be missed!

www.woodbridgehillhideaway.com.au

This edition's featured attraction



Brookfield Vineyard, Margate

www.brookfieldvineyard.com

Brookfield Vineyard is a complete experience. You can enjoy a meal and some Brookfield wine. Join the hourly tours of the wonderfully restored Tudor Court Model Village and watch the German model trains wizz around. Select a gift, or just browse the eclectic decor. A weekly undercover market is also held every Wednesday with a range of goods available including craft, leadlight, jewellery, wine, coffee, china, paintings, produce, vegetables and honey.

www.huontrail.org.au

The Lido on Randalls

What better way to spend your holiday than at one of the top ten beach destinations in Australia as selected by Takeabreak.com.au! The Lido on Randalls at Randalls Bay on the Huon Trail has been selected as one of the top ten beach destinations.

Set in a secluded, absolute waterfront position just 55 minutes south of Hobart, The Lido on Randalls offers a 2 bedroom seaside apartment with paradise at your door! Scenic walks leading to the pristine Randalls Bay Beach not more than one minute away.

For more information please visit:
www.takeabreak.com.au/Cygnet/HuonValleyEntrecasteaux/The-Lido-on-Randalls.htm

Inverawe Native Gardens

It's Autumn at Inverawe and the Correas and Croweas are in bloom. With the incredible run of dry weather, birds are getting thirsty and our water bowls are constantly busy. Robert, a visitor from France, was delighted to get a close up shot of a Forty Spotted Pardalote drinking from a water bowl. Robert was just two or three metres away. Other Autumn visitors have included Striated Pardalotes, Yellow Wattle birds, Black Headed and Yellow Throat Honey Eaters.

Kay from South Africa, was very impressed with our interpretation signs. "You can get some idea what it was like for those early explorers and botanists" she said. "It makes it come alive."

Several visitors have asked if we are going to publish the poetry they see around the garden. Yes we are...watch this space!

Inverawe Native Gardens, Tasmania's largest landscaped native garden - behind the Margate Train.

Open seven days a week until the end of May.

www.inverawe.com.au



Tahune AirWalk

On Saturday 10th April 2010, Tahune AirWalk invites you to 'Fairies in the Forest'. There will be face painting, wand making, barbeque lunch and story telling, treasure hunts, colouring in, and a magical cubby house to be won!

Supported by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the festivities will commence at 11am and conclude at 2pm. Please note, normal Tahune AirWalk site opening hours (10am - 4pm) apply on the day.

Bookings can be made at:
www.adventureforests.com.au

Hastings Caves & Thermal Springs

In February 2010, the Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund (URHF) provided Parks and Wildlife Service with \$359,000 for Hastings Caves State Reserve infrastructure maintenance. Two aspects of the grant are to improve the change-room amenities block (plumbing, painting, roofing etc.) and empty and resurface the pool interior.

It is intended that works relating to the pool reserve area will commence Monday 12th April 2010 - immediately after the Tasmanian Easter school holiday break. It is expected this phase of the project will be completed within four weeks from that date.

Hastings Newdegate Cave and Visitor Centre will operate as normal during the closure, however there will be no access for visitors to the pool, barbeques or short walks.

Opening hours from March until the end of September are 10am to 4pm. Guided cave tours are conducted hourly from 11am to 3pm.

www.parks.tas.gov.au/reserves/hastings