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Huon Trail e-Newsletter

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It's summer on the Huon Trail and what a great time of year to visit! Days are long and warm with many outdoor events happening around the region for you to enjoy. Revel in our extended evenings with fishing, barbeques, golfing and bush walking or simply sit back and relax and savour the raspberries, strawberries and cherries which are now in abundance.

Summer is the busiest time of year for visitors on the Huon Trail, so if you plan to travel during this period, be sure to book ahead!

Tahune Airwalk

February 1st – Tahune Airwalk

Kids Day Out - A very special day for children. Featuring treasure hunts, face painting, an Eagle Hang Gliding Experience, a sausage sizzle and admission to the AirWalk all for \$25 per child, or \$15 per child without Eagle Hand Gliding.

February 6th – Tahune Airwalk

Abseiling at Tahune – Put a little more adventure in your Adventure Forest and abseil off the AirWalk! Suitable for all ages and costing only \$25.00 (does not include admission cost to the AirWalk). This is an experience you won't ever forget!

Bookings are essential – please phone 1300 720 507 or book online at www.adventureforests.com.au/tahune



Middleton Country Fair

February 5th – Middleton Community Centre, McDowall St, Middleton.

Showcasing the arts, crafts, talents, animals and produce of Middleton and surrounding communities. More than 80 stalls set up throughout the grounds will feature trade displays, antiques and collectables, linen, books, native and exotic plants, local honey, fruit, vegetables and juices, preserves, sweets, photography, and homemade and artisan arts and crafts. Plenty of foods and beverages will be available. 45 minutes drive south from Hobart on the D'entrecasteaux Channel. Contact Gloria - (03) 6292 1606

A Taste of the Huon

March 13 – 14th 2011 – Ranelagh Recreation Ground

This famous annual event celebrates the produce and chefs of the Huon Trail. There will be plenty of food stalls, cookery demonstrations and entertainment from local musicians. Come and visit us at our stall!

Introducing...

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Find out more over page

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"We came from Brisbane Queensland where for the last 7 years we owned and operated a newsagency in the suburb of McDowall. We came to Tasmania to get away from the hot & humid weather of Queensland and having gone through our first winter.....we love it! We came down with the purpose to find a business and we were very very lucky to have found Walton House B&B in the beautiful Huon Valley. We will continue to operate Walton House B&B to the highest level and look forward to busy times".

Walton House B&B offers 4.5 star luxury accommodation at affordable rates. We have 3 queen ensuited rooms with tea & coffee making facilities, complimentary port, chocolates & biscuits and fully stocked mini-bars. Located on the southern edge of Huonville, only a 200 metre stroll from a range of restaurants and shops.

Walton House in Huonville
2720 Huon Highway, Huonville

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NEW! Huon Valley Visitor Centre



The Huon Valley Council is excited and proud to announce the recent opening of its full service visitor information centre in Huonville. The centre is located at 2273 Huon Highway on the approach to Huonville. The centre can provide information and booking services for the Huon Trail region and statewide.

You can purchase some of the region's finest and freshest produce and beverages, as well as quality giftware and souvenirs. So on your next trip to the Huon Trail, please be sure to call in and say hello to our friendly staff, and check out the centre's special deals. Open seven days 9am-5pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday).

Ph: (03) 6264 0326
Email: huon.vic@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

Tasmania i-Drive

Vicki McBride specialises in personalised tours tailored to your needs in a comfortable 7 seater modern 4WD vehicle with fridge, DVD player and headphones. Let Vicki put an itinerary together for you. Check out "Coming Events" on www.tasmaniaidrive.com. Vicki can drive you there!

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More news from the Huon Trail...

Hungarian hospitality on the Huon Trail...

St Imre Vineyard Dover is offering 25 % off their regular prices on purchases of 6 or more bottles of wine. Come in to try the wines, have lunch or just a good espresso coffee with cakes and if you book before 1 PM, Kat will cook a 3 course, Hungarian dinner for \$35/person.

St Imre Vineyard
6902 Huon Highway, Dover

Ph: (03) 6298 1781
M: 0428 107 451
Website: www.stimrevineyard.com.au/



Inverawe Native Gardens recently recorded it's 90th bird species, a rare Masked Owl

"I was walking along one of our tracks when I saw the Owl two or three metres away in a low tree. Our eyes locked and I don't know who got the bigger surprise, me or the Owl," said Bill Chestnut, co-owner of Inverawe. By the time Bill returned with his camera, the Owl was on the ground, being harassed by a group of Forest Ravens (Crows). Bill shushed the Ravens away and escorted the Owl to a nearby tree, standing guard until the Ravens lost interest. The Owl flew off a couple of hours later.



In a separate incident at Inverawe a White Faced Heron, trapped in Gum Tree by fishing line wrapped around its legs, was rescued by Parks and Wildlife Ranger Jennifer Mudge, in a rescue co-ordinated by Bonorong Park's "Friends of Critters" program. The Heron was first noticed by some American visitors, who reported the bird's plight. The Heron was checked out at a local vet hospital before being released into the custody of a carer. Inverawe Native Gardens is Tasmania's largest landscaped native garden, at Margate, just 15 minutes south of Hobart. It showcases Australian native plants in a landscaped setting, and has year round colour.

Behind the Margate Train
Channel Highway, Margate

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Website: www.inverawe.com.au

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival - Princes Wharf Hobart

Friday 11th – Monday 14th

The premier maritime event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Visit us at the Huon Trail stall in the Princes Wharf 1 forecourt area. "Marine and waterways tourism on the Huon Trail."

Website www.theaustralianwoodenboatfestival.com.au

Introducing...

The Big Blue Retreat

The Big Blue Retreat is an architecturally designed cape-cod style holiday house located at Garden Island Sands. The Retreat sleeps nine persons and features three generous sized bedrooms. A separate dining and lounge area with a cozy wood heater is located downstairs with a large family/play area located upstairs. There is a full kitchen, laundry and bathroom with shower and bath. A second toilet is located upstairs for convenience. The property also boasts undercover parking, fully fenced yard and a small play area for the children.

Quality doonas, linen and towels are provided along with breakfast provisions for guest convenience.

Garden Island Sands is a picturesque quiet hamlet situated in the beautiful Huon Valley, 50 minutes south of Tasmania's capital city Hobart and approximately 13 minutes drive from the alternate lifestyle town of Cygnet.



The Big Blue Retreat is the perfect base for exploring Southern Tasmania or to get away to relax and recharge.

The Big Blue Retreat opened for business in 2010 and is accredited with the Tourism Industry Council. Guest feedback has been extremely positive. For further information and photos view the Big Blue Retreat online at

The Big Blue Retreat
95 Lowes Road
Garden Island Sands

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Website: www.bigblueretreat.com.au

More news from the Huon Trail...

The Red Velvet Lounge has a whacky and zany competition offer...

Every month Steve is offering a dinner and grog for two to the value of \$100 for the greatest Limerick about the Red Velvet Lounge.

Please send in your finest efforts and Steve'll also publish the winning monthly Limerick on the website. Please forward them to:

theredvelvetlounge@bigpond.com

Whoa! lets put the brakes on and do the 'conditions' bit. The winning entry is not transferrable and must be redeemed on one occasion and within six months of the winner being notified by email.

Steve Cumper, Chef / Owner
24 Mary St, Cygnet
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February 2011

Tuesday 1st

Kids Day Out at Tahune Airwalk.

Ph: 1300 720 507

Friday 4th – Saturday 5th

Southport Regatta, Southport

Ph: (03) 6298 3139

Saturday 5th

Gourmet in the Forest at Tahune AirWalk featuring wine tasting with Panorama Vineyard

Ph: 1300 720 507

Saturday 5th

Middleton Country Fair/Expo Scarecrow Competition

Middleton Hall Grounds

Sunday 6th

Abseiling at Tahune Airwalk

Ph: 1300 720 507

Friday 11th – Monday 14th

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Princes Wharf Hobart

Monday 14th

Valentine's dinner, 7pm. Cygnet (Art) Hotel and Guest House

Ph: (03) 6295 1267

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Saturday 5th – Sunday 20th

Exhibitions by Huon Art Exhibitions Group Inc. (HAEG), Cygnet Town Hall.

Competition/Exhibition – Watermark 2011

Ph: (03) 6297 8325

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th

Cygnet Regatta, Lymington Road

11th Hobart to Kettering, 12th Kettering to Cygnet, 13th Regatta Race

This long-established sailing regatta is now the largest keel boat regatta in Tasmania. The club offers catering for the Saturday and Sunday and a courtesy boat to bring the sailors ashore. The event brings a significant number estimated at around 1000 people over the weekend. Many stay on shore at various accommodation places and take advantage of the towns eateries and other amenities. Enjoy the racing on offer at the Port Cygnet Sailing club or cruise down for the weekend and be part of the fun. Commodore and Regatta Director, Phil Jeffs

Ph: (03) 6295 0486

Saturday 12th

Busker's Night, Cygnet (Art) Hotel & Guest House

Ph: (03) 6295 1267

Sunday 13th – Monday 14th

A Taste of the Huon, Ranelagh Recreation Ground

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th

Focus on Franklin, Franklin Township www.focusonfranklin.org

