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Huon Trail e-Newsletter

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Winter is a wonderful time of year on the Huon Trail! The peaks of the Hartz Mountains are often dusted with snow and form a constant backdrop to the touring route. Winter days can also be calm, clear and crisp making this a great time to see amazing reflections on our sheltered waterways. With appropriate clothing, there is no limit to what you can see and do.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is happening from 10:30am onwards on Sunday June 5th at Southport Community Centre. All funds raised are for Cancer Research. Barista-style coffee, pots of tea, delicious cakes & savories and door prizes to be won. Don't forget your wallet! It's a worthy cause and a good excuse for a community gathering.

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Saturday June 11th

Local and indigenous guides will take you from Hobart aboard a small group transfer vessel to Bruny Island where you will be guided on a land based journey visiting lookouts and ruins unavailable to the general public.

Are you a photographer or interested in photography?

The 2011 Woodbridge Online Access Centre's Annual Photographic Competition / Exhibition is being held at Woodbridge Hall Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June. Call Kim for an Entry Form. Ph: (03) 6267 4691

Recherche Bay Cruise onboard Peppermint Bay 2

Saturday 25th June 2011. Departing 9am and returning 5pm.

Relive the history of Recherché Bay spanning the centuries



The further south you go...the **warmer** it gets!



the wilderness walks
the thermal springs
the local wine
the chocolate cake
...the **welcome!**
huontrail.org.au

Why not take a wilderness walk, a swim in the thermal springs to keep warm or relax by the fire in one of our superb wineries, restaurants or cafes and enjoy the winter warmers on the menu. Be sure to take advantage of the winter specials on offer this season at many of our accommodation providers.

Who's New to the Huon Trail?

Moon River Retreat

Accommodation in Gardner's Bay
<http://www.stayz.com.au/83769>

Beach Heaven

Accommodation in Middleton
www.beachheaven.net

What's So Special About Winter?? Our Winter Specials

Port Huon Cottages

Great winter specials to warm the heart and the wallet at Port Huon Cottages:

1 night \$120 per couple

2 nights \$105 per couple per night

3 nights \$92 per couple per night

10% discount applies to multiple nights in 2 bedroom family cottages as well!!!!

And just look at the view!!!

Ph: (03) 6297 1060

www.porthuoncottages.com



Whilst staying in Port Huon, why not stop by the Port Huon Trading Post Takeaway & Café for a meal or coffee?

Smugglers Rest

Quality self-contained studio and two-bedroom units overlooking Dover Beach.

Stay for 2 nights and the 2nd night is 50% off

Ph: (03) 6298 1396

www.smugglersrest.info

Whilst staying in Dover, enjoy lunch or dinner at the Dover RSL bistro.



Southern Forest Accommodation

3 night special at Southern Forest Cottage valid until 30 Sep 2011

Stay in our cosy, stylish Celery Top Pine timber cottage for 3 nights. Fully self contained with log fire, surrounded by native forest and garden. Only \$ 330 per couple, includes generous homemade breakfast provisions.

Ph: (03) 6298 3306

web: www.southernforest.com.au



Huon Valley Escapes

\$10 WINTER SALE - Book and stay 2 nights between 15/05/11 and 30/09/11 and pay just \$10 per person for the second night!

Huon Valley Escapes offers unique and luxurious accommodation with a choice of three beautiful properties: from secluded eco-cabins and tipis at Huon Bush Retreats, waterfront studios and beach houses of Driftwood Cottages, to total luxury and seclusion on a private 250 acre Peninsula Experience.

The offer is valid for all room types (except campsites). Conditions apply.

Visit Huon Valley Escapes at

www.huonvalleyescapes.com.au/other/id.php?ID=13

What's so Special About Winter?? Our Winter Woolies

Huon Valley Visitor Centre

Pop into the Huon Valley Visitor Centre this winter for more wonderful winter packages. Warm yourself by the new wood heater whilst browsing the extensive range of superb quality alpaca wool products – beanies, hats, scarves, gloves, ponchos and yarns for knitting, crocheting and weaving. Why not pick up an alpaca doggy doona or kitty cushion for your beloved pet? The Centre proudly stocks alpaca products from:

Pelican Point Paca Products – www.pelicanpointpacaproducts.com
Wendy Koolhof Textile Studio – stenandwendy@harboursat.com.au
Chakaya Alpacas – www.chakayaalpacas.com.au

Winter opening hours are 9:30am – 4pm, 7 days a week.
Ph: (03) 6264 0326
2273 Huon Highway, Huonville



Whilst in Huonville, experience the extensive menu at Two Birds Café.

Who's in Hibernation???

Bruny Island Berry Farm

The Bruny Island Berry Farm is now closed for the winter season and will re-open on Thu 20th October this year. Graham and Kathryn are "looking forward to renovating and extending over the coming months so we can provide an even better experience for our visitors!"

Ph: (03) 6293 1055
www.BrunyIslandBerryFarm.com.au



Ida Bay Railway

The Ida Bay Railway at Lune River in the Far South will be closed throughout June for track maintenance and will re-open on July 2nd.

Ph: (03) 6298 3110
www.idabayrailway.com.au

Great Ideas for Winter...

Keoghs Creek

This easy 15 minute walk is free and can be accessed from Arve Forest Drive in Geeveston en route to the Tahune Airwalk. The manferns are luscious at this time of year and the diversity of the fungi – blue and orange shades - are magical! Refer to page 45 in the Huon Trail brochure for more information.

Southern Lights Hotel

Southern Lights Hotel was a major winner at the recent Tasmanian Hospitality Association's "Awards of Excellence". Southern Lights Hotel, in Kingston won the award for the "Best Outdoor Facility" and was a finalist in "Best Redeveloped Venue", "Best Restaurant in a Hotel/Motel", "Best Mid Range Accommodation", "Best Bar Presentation & Service", "Best Informal Dining Restaurant".

Southern Lights Hotel, which is located in Kingston View Drive, Kingston opposite the new Kingston High School and the Kingborough Sports Centre, has only been open for a little over 12 Months, following a major redevelopment and upgrade.

The outdoor facility, for which the award was won, consists of a sheltered, heated courtyard with gardens, alfresco dining and a completely separate smoking area, opening off the Aura cafe/restaurant. The property, besides having a relaxed lounge, cafe, restaurant and bar, has two separate private function rooms and twenty motel rooms, which are part of the Innkeeper Chain.

The Cafe/Restaurant offers light meals from 10AM to 5.30PM seven days a week, Lunch from 11.30 every day and Dinner from 5.30PM Monday to Saturday, with live easy listening music every Sunday afternoon. Southern Lights Hotel Function Rooms are very popular for weddings, birthday parties, cocktail parties, seminars and conferences.

Ph: (03) 6227 2315

www.southernlightshotel.com.au



Peppermint Bay

Did you know that Peppermint Bay's famous lamb shoulder dish was voted number 21 out of 100 in the Gourmet Travellers What's Hot List for all of Australia?

And now this classic dish is often seen gracing the tables for the Peppermint Bay Cruise guests, who now enjoy a three course banquet style lunch at the restaurant! Come and try it out for yourselves, we would love to hear your feedback!

<http://gourmettraveller.com.au/peppermint-bayGT11.htm>

And have a squiz at our Gourmet Traveller review of The Stackings Restaurant at Peppermint Bay!

<http://gourmettraveller.com.au/the-hot-100-21-40.htm>

A recent review of The Stackings Restaurant by Graeme Phillips, a local well known food and wine editor.
<http://www.tastingtasmania.com/2011-03-the-stackings-peppermint-bay>

Did You Know?

Tasmania i-Drive

Vicki now offers Hobart airport pickup plus a scenic tour of Salamanca, Battery Point, Mount Nelson and Howden before dropping you at the door to your accommodation on the Huon Trail! What a great way to arrive and all for only \$40 per hour including petrol!! For more information about Vicki's other tours:

Mobile: 0421 250 479

www.tasmanaiadrive.com

Highlighting...June Events

Murrayfield Discovery Day on a Peppermint Bay Cruise

The Murrayfield Discovery Day - Saturday 11th June 2011 - is a brand new tour which takes an intimate group of guests on an adventure that many will never get the chance to experience. Our local and indigenous guides take you from Hobart aboard our small group transfer vessel to Bruny Island where you will be guided on a land based journey visiting lookouts and ruins unavailable to the general public. Learn about the first inhabitants of Bruny Island and the arrival of European explorers, visit actual convict and settler's ruins, finishing up with a tour of Murrayfield sheep station. The Murrayfield property comprises of over four thousand hectares of undulating rural land, taking up the majority of north Bruny Island. The stunning 360 degree views of the island are a must for photographers. Morning tea, non-alcoholic beverages and lunch featuring delicious Murrayfield lamb are included in your ticket price! \$165 per person: all inclusive. This tour has limited capacity so get in early! Please call 1300 137 919 to make a booking or for more information. www.peppermintbay.com.au

Woodbridge Online Access Centre's Photographic Competition

Saturday June 11th and Sunday June 12th

Recherche Bay Cruise onboard Peppermint Bay II

Saturday 25th June 2011. Departing 9am and returning 5pm.

Relive the history of Recherché Bay. Be guided through the past experiencing Recherché Bay's full history, spanning the centuries, its triumphs and tragedies. Retrace the area visited on scientific and exploratory voyages in the 1700's. Learn about the first people who occupied the land and the modern day controversy surrounding the area all whilst cruising the magnificent turquoise waters of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel onboard Peppermint Bay II and leaving Recherché Bay as untouched as you found it.

Prices:	Adult	Child
Atrium Seating	\$110	\$55
Window Seating	\$130	\$65
Captains Upper Deck	\$170	n/a

Gift Vouchers available

Inclusions:

- Detailed interpretive package from local guides including live underwater footage.
- Morning and afternoon tea with a gourmet regional platter for lunch.
- Tea and coffee included.

Bookings are essential and spaces are limited. Call 1300 137 919 or email info@hobartcruises.com for more information or to make a booking.

For more information on the Far South visit: www.farsouthtasmania.com

Benchmarking Birch's Bay Sculpture Trail and Prize at Fleurty's Café in Birch's Bay

Through to June 30th.

Fleurty's also have artist run workshops and an artist in residence, Wendy Edwards sculptor & mosaic artist. For more information contact Wendy wendyedwards@clearmail.com.au



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
At Southport Community Centre
All funds raised for Cancer Research

FUNDRAISER
Barista-style coffee, pots of Tea,
delicious Cakes & savories

DATE: Sunday 5th June
WHERE: Southport Community Centre
TIME: 10.30am onwards

Door prizes to be won

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