

Further north

Mt Puzzler Forest Reserve



If you are heading north to St Marys or Fingal you can take the inland road ('MS' and 'MG' road) through the forest or otherwise follow the coastal highway, head west at Esk Main Road and turn off onto the Valley Road to get to Mt Puzzler Forest Reserve. If you are heading directly to Mt Puzzler on the inland road it takes approximately two hours from here.

Mt Puzzler is ideal for visitors who want to get off the beaten track. It features dolerite outcrops, rocky soil and open vegetation, contrasted starkly with the crystal pools of the St Pauls River and the cascade of Meadstone Falls. From the carpark you can walk to the river bed or the Falls Lookout. The walk to the Lookout takes 45 minutes and is steep and rocky in places, so make sure you take warm and waterproof clothing and wear sturdy shoes. The rock pools are great for swimming so don't forget your bathers in the warmer months.



Mt Puzzler is dominated by dry forest but in the sheltered gullies you will also find wet forest. Along the walking track look out for dogwood (*Pomaderris apetala*), blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), banksia (*Banksia marginata*) and pinkwood (*Beyeria viscosa*), a species favoured for making craypots.

