

 Magnetic Island is the perfect place for a family get away, and to set the kids free in the great outdoors.

Kids holidays on Magnetic Island

Outdoor fun for kids is easy on Magnetic Island.

You can either choose any of the great [activities](#), such as [bushwalking](#) or [water sports](#) on offer, see some of the island's [history and heritage](#), fly a kite on any one of the beautiful beaches, grab a reel and throw a line off the jetty, or hop on a boat for some [fishing and boating](#) fun. (You can hire any extra water sports equipment you'll need from Fish'n N Fuel'n in Mandalay Ave, in Nelly Bay).

Here's a handy list of [Top Island To Do's](#) that will give you lots of ideas to choose from.

If you like the more artistic approach, visit the many [artists and galleries](#) on Magnetic Island.

There are [23](#) of beaches to explore and some great spots for picnics and adventures. If you want a shoreside [BBQ](#) there are 4 to choose from that are all FREE to use.

If you've got any keen skaters in the family, the Magnetic Island Skate Park is on Horseshoe Bay Road, Horseshoe Bay. The centre is also a great stop for info on water and energy saving information. You'll also find a tennis court and football oval in the same area.

Your visit may happen when the [turtles](#) are nesting, the [markets](#) are on, or an [annual event](#) is happening. So make sure you check them out and visit the What's On calendar!

Not sure of where to pick up dinner? With two main [supermarkets](#) and quite a few dining options, you'll be able to fill the day and nights with fun. Just remember that many restaurants kitchens close around 8pm.

Keep an eye out for the Men's Shed 'Movies Under The Stars' that run the last Sunday

of each month from Easter to December.

You can either decide to drive your own car to Magnetic Island, or take the ferry. [Services](#) run regularly each day so it's easy!

Getting around the island is easy with quite a few options to choose from.

Whether you're visiting Magnetic Island for an overnight stay, a weekend, or longer, you can choose [accommodation](#) which will suit your budget.

Just check over our list of Magnetic Island [services and facilities](#) to find out where everything is, to make your family holiday fun one. We look forward to meeting you!

Need a [babysitter](#) on Magnetic Island?

Magnetic Island school holiday entertainment for kids.

Just check out the What's On calendar to find out what's happening during the school holidays, as well as other fun stuff for kids with the links above.

Living on Magnetic Island

Planning a sea change with your new home nestled on the Great Barrier Reef?

Magnetic Island has a strong sense of community and a very low crime rate. You might call it a safe haven for kids.

With over 2200 permanent residents on the island, the great tropical climate encourages children to enjoy a vast range of outdoor activities such as fishing, swimming, snorkelling, skateboarding, bushwalking, and generally enjoying the abundant wildlife that surrounds them.

Junior science and junior theatre groups work closely to keep kids occupied. Island artists also work on projects with children outside school hours, plus there's always the opportunity to take dance or karate class, join the film society, get a hand in at the kids fishing, golfing and bowling days, or get up on stage at the Magnetic Island Musicians Club evenings.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/296382230792779/> **Magnetic Island Co-Op Playgroup**

C & K Magnetic Island - Child Care

For more information please call 4758 1168 or [email magnetic@candk.asn.au](mailto:magnetic@candk.asn.au)

Magnetic Island State School

For more information please call 4758 2333 or
email info@magneticislandss.eq.edu.au

Secondary Education and above

Townsville has a wide selection of secondary and tertiary schools to choose from, including being home to James Cook University (JCU - the largest university in Northern Queensland), as well as a variety of TAFE colleges. See our ['Island Living - Benefits'](island-living-benefits) page for details on a number of discounts for education and travel for school aged children.

Yoga for Mums and Dads
Come and join Yoga for Mums and Dads at the Picnic Bay playground, starting at 2.45pm every Monday. Please bring a mat and a snack for the kids - (if you don't have a mat just let us know and Susan can bring a spare). Parents get to enjoy a yoga session with Susan Yates while the kids play. We always look forward to seeing new faces!

Contact Susan Yates on 0417 750 364 or Moira Buchanan on 0402 665 646.

After School Program -

****'Educating Kids'****

Educating Kids Magnetic Island is an After School Care program that operates Monday to Friday from 2:25pm until 6:20pm.

Costs: \$34 for a permanent booking and \$38 for a casual booking. Centerlink Child Care subsidies apply for qualifying families. Contact Sarah on 0466 010 311 for further details or by email at: magneticis@educatingkids.qld.edu.au

Townsville Kids Activities

A great resource to find out what's happening in Townsville for kids and families is [Townsville Family Life](https://www.townsvillefamilylife.com/).