

WELCOME TO THE HARVEST TRAIL - THE EASY WAY TO FIND HARVEST WORK



Harvest Trail

THE HARVEST TRAIL IS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE PLACES TO WORK ALONG THE LEGENDARY PACIFIC COAST.

Stretching over 930km from Sydney to Brisbane, Australia's top tourism drive on the NSW north coast provides working opportunities so you can slow down and explore. Don't miss a thing and visit some of the best destinations in Australia and live like a local!

Farm work offers travellers flexible employment options and allows you to see the countryside and stay fit and healthy at the same time. Most positions require a reasonable level of physical fitness as meeting harvest requirements can require long hours and bending but the reward is the chance to earn good money.

Get stuck into life in our agricultural regions. There are plenty of jobs to choose from including fruit picking, cellar hands, forklift drivers and more. There are varied jobs ready and waiting for you. Check them out here: <https://jobsearch.gov.au/harvesttrail/>

If you spend three months doing this sort of specified work in a regional area, that will help you qualify for a **Second Working Holiday Visa** if you want another year with us. For more details visit <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/417/eligibility-second.htm>

From grape harvesting to mango picking, each year thousands

of people find work helping to bring in the fruit and vegetable harvests across the country. Harvest Trail links job seekers with harvest jobs Australia wide. It offers a great way for people to travel around Australia at their own pace while working and earning money.

Harvest Trail Guide

Use the National Harvest Guide for information on harvest work opportunities, working conditions, transport and accommodation. The guide is updated monthly and is available free for download or in hard copy, visit <http://www.harvesttrail.org.au/>

For travelling farm workers

Weed seeds, plant pests and diseases are not always noticeable and people can move them between properties without knowing. People travelling around Australia and working on many different farms need to be aware of this and take a few simple precautions to prevent spreading pests and diseases.

Read how you can stop agricultural pests and diseases from spreading.

Fruit fly

Fruit and vegetable growers in Australia are under constant threat from fruit fly.

This pest has the potential to destroy a multi-million dollar fruit export industry that is vital to the survival of regional communities. Ensure you do not take fruit from NSW into any other States.

Be fruit fly aware and avoiding potential fines.

For information on harvest jobs, working conditions or accommodation please call National Harvest Labour Information Service 1800 062 332

[National Harvest Labour Information Service web site](#)

DESTINATIONS ALONG THE LEGENDARY PACIFIC COAST

The Hunter Valley

Located in the Hunter River Basin some 150kms to the north of Sydney and 60kms inland from the Pacific Coast. The Hunter Valley stretches from the Goulburn River and Wollemi National Park to the south, right up to Barrington Tops National Park to the north. Not only does the Hunter boast wonderful scenery, it is also home to hundreds of vineyards and cellar doors. The Hunter has one of the oldest and most famous wine regions in Australia, boasting many of the large names in wine making. There are plenty of attractions in the Hunter Valley to suit every taste, from horse riding and golf to hot air ballooning and sky diving, all set amongst wonderful landscapes.

When should I go there?

January to March – Grapes

March to June – Olives

June to September - Vine pruning

Coffs Harbour

Coffs, as it is locally known, is the thriving hub of Australia's banana industry and a must on any fruit pickers itinerary of Australia. Located half way between Sydney and Brisbane, the city has a subtropical climate, meaning warm weather all year round. Being so close to the water Coffs Harbour also offers some stunning underwater attractions popular with snorkelers and divers, as well as amazing scenery in the rainforests.

Harvest Work in Coffs Harbour

January to December – Bananas

May to October – Avocados

June to September – Custard apples

September to December – Stonefruit

October to December – Coffee

October to January – Blueberries

<http://www.fruit-picking.com/coffs-harbour>

Ballina

Located 218km (2.5hrs) south of Brisbane or 776km (9.5hrs) north of Sydney on The Legendary Pacific Coast. The town is served by the Ballina Byron Airport. There are also daily bus services from Brisbane and Sydney providing transport into the Ballina region. Ballina is located on the Pacific Highway, an easy hour and a half from the Gold Coast and only 20 mins south of popular Byron Bay. The town is surrounded by 32km of beautiful surfing beaches and picturesque headlands. The main streets of Ballina are lined with stylish cafes and restaurants that attract many visitors and working holiday makers.

When should I go there?

February to March – Lychees

April to September - Macadamias nuts, avocados

June to September - Custard apples

September to December – Stonefruit

October to December – Coffee

July to January – Blueberries

Lismore

Located on the Bruxner Highway, 225km south of Brisbane and 800km north of Sydney. The Ballina/Byron Bay Coast is a short half-hour drive away. There is a regular air service between Lismore and Sydney and also a daily bus service from Lismore to Brisbane and Sydney. Located 40km inland from Byron Bay between the rainforests and the sea, Lismore is the region's major commercial centre that plays host to significant theatrical, artistic and musical activities. Speciality coffee and tea, macadamia nuts, bush tucker and exotic fruits are all on offer throughout the region.

Byron Bay

Located on the north coast of NSW with Cape Byron being Australia's most easterly point. Byron Bay is just off the Pacific Highway, 800km north of Sydney and 175km south of Brisbane. Airports are located in Ballina (30 minutes south) or Coolangatta (60 minutes north) and buses and trains arrive regularly. Most bus companies located on the east coast of Australia have a regular service to Byron Bay. There is also a daily rail/coach transfer service to Byron Bay. The region boasts beautiful beaches, unspoilt surroundings and a relaxed lifestyle. Byron Bay offers a range of adventure sports, dining, accommodation and live entertainment.

HOSPITALITY

On top of all that, there are jobs in hospitality all over the country. You'll need to complete a simple course, the Responsible Service of Alcohol or Responsible Service of Gambling training course, but once you've got that under your belt, you can apply for any of these jobs anywhere in the country:

- Bar Person
- Bottle Shop (off-licence) Attendant
- Waiter
- Security Officer / Crowd Controller
- Licensed Club Staff
- Volunteers Working at Licensed Functions

As well hospitality jobs there are also positions in housekeeping, as porters, kitchen hands, chefs, ground persons, barista's, activity co ordinators, promotions and even retail in the many tourist towns along The Legendary Pacific Coast.

Your best chance of getting a job is talking to the employer face to face, don't simply email or post your resume, go and see the people, and remember first impressions count so dress for the interview.

VOLUNTEERING

This is a great way to find volunteering work all over Australia ranging from helping to organise music festivals to conservation and environmental projects. See what's on offer <http://govolunteer.com.au/>

Forests NSW <http://www.forests.nsw.gov.au/community/volunteers>

Greening Australia <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/index.php?nodeId=39>

RSPCA (Animal Shelters) http://www.rspcansw.org.au/services/rscpa_branches_and_shelters

Conservation and Environment

There are some incredible projects to work on, such as protecting endangered native wildlife like Tassie Devils or preserving the habitats of black wallabies and Southern Brown Bandicoots in Victoria. You can make a real difference and get an unforgettable experience at the same time.

Check it out at <http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/>

And there are plenty of other job options, so why not take a look here <http://www.jobsearch.com.au/>



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