



Guests can walk across the road to Tathra Beach or explore the beaches in Mimosa Rocks National Park to the North or Bournda National Park to the South. The national park beaches have plenty of isolated surf breaks, great for the surfer who enjoys a bit of adventure, or the beach goer that enjoys some solitude.

Tathra Beach is approximately 3km in length and, facing east, it stretches from the mouth of the Bega River at Mogareeka Inlet at the Northern end of the beach to the prominent Southern headland where the historic Tathra Wharf is located. The restored wharf, built in 1862, is one of the few remnants of the 19th century era of coastal shipping.

Water temperatures in Tathra usually warm up in December and often stay warm through to April May, February and March usually have the warmest water, often around 24 degrees. In summer it is best to hit the beach early to beat the nor'easter, then relax around one of the Tathra Beach House pools in the afternoon, or have a swim in the river.

The Tathra Surf Club www.tathrasurfclub.com.au is also located at the southern end of the beach, the headland usually provides, wind protection and a safe swimming and surfing area. The area in front of the surf club is patrolled on weekends and public holidays all summer. During the summer school holiday the beach is patrolled 7 days a week.

The Tathra's Wharf to Waves Ocean Swim www.tathrawharf2waves.com.au, where competitors swim from Tathra Wharf to the beach is an annual event held mid January, the event started in 2002 and has grown to over 500 ocean swimmers. The weekend event now includes the ocean swim series, a 2k fun run, a 30k bike ride and a skate competition.

For board riders the South swells wrap around the point to shape a lovely wave perfect for beginners and long-boards. More experienced riders tend to head further up the beach to one or another of the regular sandbanks, and might even be treated to a classic left-hander at the river mouth on the rare occasions when it's breaking.

Tathra Beach & Bike has all manner of surf equipment and bicycles for sale and hire just across from the beach. www.mountainbiking.com.au