

## DIVE INTO SOME OF THE BEST SWIMMING SPOTS IN NSW

Surrounded by a beautiful coastline, NSW is spoilt for choice with a collection of ocean pools to cool off on hot Summer days.

Here are some of the top swimming spots to chill down this Summer.

1. **Bondi Icebergs Baths** – The landmark Bondi Icebergs Baths has a 50 metre lap pool, or a smaller children’s pool supervised by lifeguards, so the entire family can stay cool this Summer.
2. **MacCallum Pool** – Head north to Cremorne Point to make the most of breathtaking Sydney Harbour views as you enjoy a dip. Built in the 1920s, MacCallum Pool is one of the quietest pools in Sydney.
3. **Wylie’s Baths** – Wylie’s Baths at Coogee Beach boasts sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and sits right below the Maroubra to Bondi coastal walkway. One of Sydney’s most beautiful ocean tidal pools, Wylie’s Baths is a favourite among visitors and locals alike. Established in 1907 by Henry Alexander Wylie, a championship long distance and underwater swimmer, the Baths were the first mixed-gender bathing pools built in Australia.
4. **Fairy Bower Pool** – Triangular in shape and boasting ‘The Sea Nymphs’ and ‘The Oceanides’ sculptures, Manly’s Fairy Bower Pool combines coastline and creativity all in one relaxed location. On the walk from Manly to Shelly Beach, it has been a favourite since it was built in 1929.
5. **Whites Beach** – One of the country’s best kept secrets, Whites Beach at Broken Head near Byron Bay offers a piece of secluded paradise with rocky cliffs, palm trees and pristine waters. Whites Beach is tucked out the way with access via a drive along Seven Mile Beach Road followed by a trek through the rainforest. Named as Australia’s number one secret destination in *Australian Traveller Magazine*, Whites Beach is a hidden gem and a great little getaway that’s worth well the effort.
6. **Blue Pool** – Take a dip in Bermagui’s famous Blue Pool, a natural rock pool washed with crystal clear water which offers fantastic snorkelling. The natural rock pool lies at the base of a rocky cliff face with picnic tables, amenities and a shower nearby.
7. **Newcastle Ocean Baths** – With its Art Deco pavilion, Newcastle Ocean Baths is one of the city’s outstanding historic landmarks. For more than 100 years, Novocastrians have enjoyed splashing in the salt water, many remembering it fondly as the place where they first learnt how to swim.

8. **The Bogey Hole** – Located on the Mollymook headland is a large circular rock pool and makes an ideal place to cool off for families with young children or anyone looking for a calm spot for a dip. For those looking to explore marine life, the Bogey Hole has snorkelling.
9. **The Entrance Ocean Baths** – A children’s pool, 22 metre pool and full-length Olympic-size pool makes these bath’s ideal for everyone. The baths at the Entrance are popular with locals and visitors alike as it is the only ocean pool on the Central Coast.
10. **Yarrangobilly Caves** – Located in Kosciuszko National Park, Yarrangobilly Caves is one of the most beautiful limestone cave systems in Australia. Enjoy swimming in the above ground, natural spring, outdoor thermal pool which is at a constant 27°C year-round. Before taking the plunge, discover stalagmites, stalactites and corals in the caves. You can also enjoy a spot of fishing nearby and try your luck at catching a rainbow trout.

For more information, and to check out some of the best swimming spots in NSW, go to [www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com) or [www.Sydney.com](http://www.Sydney.com)

*Pay attention to the advice of the lifesavers and safety signs. Visit SharkSmart to understand any potential risks in the area you are swimming. You are always welcome to ask lifeguards for more safety advice. If you find yourself needing help in the water, stay calm and attract attention. It's also a good idea to always swim with a friend. Check conditions before you go. You can also find patrolled beach by visiting [beachsafe.org.au](http://beachsafe.org.au).*

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