

Family Fun on the Granite Belt

Come play in the best backyard at Diamondvale

Say hello to the resident chickens, horses Angel & Little Annie, they love a pat and a snack or two that we can provide. Take in the magic of the many native animals including kangaroos & wallabies bounding around the property. Kookaburras like to make a fuss at dawn & dusk, you can catch a fish in the creek & if you look carefully you may just spot a koala, an echidna or the very shy platypus.

The Pioneer Hut by the creek contains fishing rods, tennis poles, dart board, giant jenga, croquet, bocce & loads of board games for everyone to enjoy. Toast a marshmallow on any of the outdoor fire pits or inside the Hut – so delicious!



Ride, scooter or walk the 5klm of tracks along Quart Pot Creek stopping at the playgrounds, the Big Thermometer and Red Bridge. Pick up a treat in town at Zest, Foxys or Brinx Deli & Cafe & have a picnic by the creek.



Bookings and Enquiries

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Get Lost

Granite Belt Maze & Mini Golf is loads of fun for all the family and kids of all ages with riddles to solve along the way. Just a short drive to Old Warwick Road Glen Niven



Granite Belt Christmas Farm

Ten minutes drive north to Aerodrome Road Applethorpe, you will be transported to the Granite Belt Christmas Farm that is the Christmas Farm. Open March to January, you can wander through acres of trees, get up close to Santa's animals and check out the Mistletoe Store for every imaginable Christmas decoration on the planet and Fraser's Harvest Barn in the Christmas Village. Entry is free and the look on the kids' faces is priceless! Authentic hot chocolate cannot be missed on the cafe menu and the small charge for animal feed is highly recommended too.



Captain Thunderbolt and Donnelly's Castle

Discover the granite caves that were the hideout for Australia's longest roaming bushranger Captain Thunderbolt. It's a great area to explore just 15 minutes north of Stanthorpe via Amiens Road with a free picnic area. Explore the network of boulders and hide away like Captain Thunderbolt did. Worth noting it is not actually a castle although the kids will catch a look of Castle Glen Winery on Amiens Road on the way there – a famous faux castle of sorts! of bushranger Captain Thunderbolt at Donnelly's Castle.

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The Big Apple and Vincenzos Cafe

Enjoy a stop off at The Big Apple on the highway at Thulimbah, see if you can grab the perfect selfie balancing the giant apple in your hands!

Vincenzos Cafe has an extensive menu or check out the deli area for a huge assortment of charcuterie, cheeses, gourmet food stuffs and loads more. Plenty of giftwares to browse here too.



Kent Saddlery

On the highway you can't miss the giant Comet windmill at Kent Saddlery, a wonderful retail experience of hand made leather goods, bags, belts, saddlery products and much more.

Take a photo alongside the huge outback mural, say hello to the farm animals adjacent the carparking area and the kids are welcome to try their hand at leather stamping and take home their efforts. A great visit for all the family.



Mt Marlay Lookout

Enjoy a birds eye view across the whole of Stanthorpe from the top of Mt Marlay - drive to the lookout by following signs on Lock Streets, free binoculars at the lookout.



Fruit Picking

Depending on the season, enjoy picking the freshest apples or strawberries at Nicoletti Orchard, Eastern Colour or Ashbern Farms, check websites for details & opening hours.

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Wineries and Kids Do Mix

Sample a selection of boutique wines, Strange Bird varieties and delve into a genuine Granite Belt wine experience. Ridgemill Estate is definitely kid friendly and the friendly goats are waiting to say hello, as well as lawn games for the kids to enjoy.



So Much More

Take the Heritage Trail out front of the Pioneer Hut and walk the 2.5 kilometres into town along the giant boulders, historic Red Bridge and come out at Heritage Park in town. Wander over to the Big Thermometer to check the temperature and navigate the ducks creek side. Whilst in town, pick up a snack & explore the array of street art, brass monkey and more before heading back along the trail ready for your final day in the region.



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Retro Dining Fun

Groove n Grill is a fun way to enjoy a burger, shake and fries in a cool atmosphere the kids will remember. Located on the main street in Stanthorpe.



Pub and Playground

Situated on the Highway, the Ballandean Pub has something for the big and little kids to enjoy. Playground, delicious pub food and drinks for all. Check out the fruitisaurus & giant boulder pyramid in Ballandean too!



Stanthorpe Heritage Museum

Step back in time at the Stanthorpe Museum and check climb the red fire truck amongst other attractions. Located on High Street Stanthorpe.



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The list just goes on for all the fun memories to be made on the Granite Belt. Be sure to check the in-cottage compendium for more suggestions of adventures just waiting to enjoy. Sometimes all that is needed is some down time together, no schedule and just letting the days fill themselves with laughter.

Stanthorpe is the little town of many festivals so be sure to check Granite Belt Wine Country website, or our website for when the next Snowflake Festival, Strawberry Festival or Apple & Grape Festival is on!

You can also check 18 Things to Do with Kids in Wine Country! - Granite Belt Wine Country for more ideas on how to fill the days with the kids.



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