

Silverswift Dive & Snorkel Sites

Here's a fishies' overview of some of the sites we visit!

Coral Gardens

Location: Flynn Reef

Maximum Depth: 30m

Visibility: 15 - 30m Avg: 20m

Site: Coral Gardens features a 30 metre wall. Flynn Reef offers excellent wall dives, swim-throughs, overhangs and night diving. See giant clams, fan coral and staghorn thickets in the sand, and pelagics including trevally and Spanish mackerel. During summer months, leopard sharks and occasional whale shark sightings.

Marine Life: Clownfish, batfish, trout, cod, fusiliers, butterflyfish, angelfish, basslets/anthias. Many species of soft corals and hard corals such as staghorn, table, plate and boulder corals. Larger reef sharks, large school big eye trevally and chevron barracuda. Manta rays, devil rays and eagle rays.

Gordon's Mooring

Location: Flynn Reef

Maximum Depth: 22m

Visibility: 15m

Site: Gordon's Mooring has some great swim-throughs and overhangs amongst the variety of smaller bommies. Features a wide range of corals such as brain

and plate and diverse marine life including large established giant clam gardens.

Marine Life: A phenomenal array of corals. Giant clams, clown fish, reef sharks, yellowtail and great barracuda. A great site for Green and Hawkesbill turtles and occasional Loggerhead turtles.

Tracey's Bommie

Location: Flynn Reef

Maximum Depth: 22m

Visibility: 15-25m Avg: 20m

Site: The site drops off around the back of the bommie into deeper water - a common area for sighting cruising reef sharks and eagle rays. The variety at this site makes it very popular with photographers. The shallows are excellent for snorkellers with plenty of small and colourful fish such as clownfish making their home amongst the corals in gorgeous secluded and pristine lagoons.

Marine Life: Maori wrasse, clownfish, blue spotted rays, giant moray eels, colourful nudibranchs, cuttlefish, crayfish during night dives, unicorn surgeonfish, batfish, triggerfish and many fish cleaning stations.

Pools

Location: Milln Reef

Maximum Depth: 21m

Visibility: 15-20m Avg: 15m

Site: A dive amongst the coral outcrops and small bommies over a sandy seabed. Average dive depth is about 10 metres, a very popular site for its abundance of fish in the shallows. An excellent night dive with sleeping turtles and barracudas sighted regularly.

Marine Life: Diagonally banded sweetlips, nudibranchs, turtles, barracuda and bull rays. Look out for Gorgonian fans on the outer bommie and swim through.

Petaj

Location: Milln Reef

Maximum Depth: 20m

Visibility: 15-20m Avg: 15m

Site: An excellent wall dive and swim through, Petaj is home to resident turtles and white tip reef sharks. Most of the walls are full of sleeping parrot fish in their mucus sacks, turtles and barracudas and the occasional bull ray. Features fan coral and staghorn thickets in the sand.

Marine Life: Turtles, barracuda, clownfish, batfish, trout, cod, fusiliers, butterflyfish, angelfish, basslets and white tip reef sharks.

Whale Bommie

Location: Milln Reef

Maximum Depth: 30m

Visibility: 15-25m Avg: 15m

Site: An excellent wall dive site offering good depth, the 'Whale' is a large isolated bommie with abundant marine life - the best deep dive! On a low tide, waves break at the top of the bommie creating a plume of water similar to a whale, hence the site's name. A great night dive - expect to see sleeping turtles, reef crabs, painted lobsters and some great soft corals and gorgonian fans.

Marine Life: Sleeping white tipped reef sharks and bumphead parrotfish are common on morning dives. Turtles, reef crabs, painted lobsters.

Blue Lagoon

Location: Thetford Reef

Maximum Depth: 18m

Visibility: 10m

Site: A very protected reef site. Lagoon with surrounding bommies and shallow sand area. Sloping sandy bottom best up in the shallows and a great snorkel

site. Thetford Reef is made up of numerous coral bommies where you can experience some very exciting wall dives and many swim-throughs. This reef is home to many soft and hard corals like staghorn, boulder and plate coral and an abundance of marine life.

Marine Life: Giant clams, butterflyfish, damselfish and angelfish. Damselfish hide in the soft coral and dash out to catch planktonic food. Wrasse, parrotfish, black tip reef sharks, emperors and surgeonfish are common.

Cathedral's

Location: Thetford Reef

Maximum Depth: 30m

Visibility: 15-20m

Site: A spectacular dive, Cathedral's coral formations rise from the seabed, creating deep canyons through the reef. Thetford Reef is made up of numerous coral bommies where you can experience some very exciting wall dives and 20 metre long swim-throughs and caves. Subject to strong currents.

Marine Life: Giant clams, butterflyfish, damselfish and angelfish. Large fan corals, many colourful soft corals and sponges, and hard corals like plate coral.

Cucumber Alley

Location: Pellowe Reef

Depth: 5 - 20m

Visibility: 15 - 20m

Site: Pellowe Reef is a very exciting dive site! A small isolated reef located close to the edge of the Continental Shelf. For this reason access to the reef is very weather and tidal dependent. The reef drops away very quickly at places to 30 metres and stronger currents can be present as well. This site offers divers an exciting wall dive and one great swim through. The majority of the dives will be in depths between 5 to 20 metres.

Marine Life: Being closer to the Continental Shelf, large pelagic fish can be sighted, schools of giant trevally, grey and white tip reef sharks are common as well as numerous sea cucumbers.



Green Sea Turtle



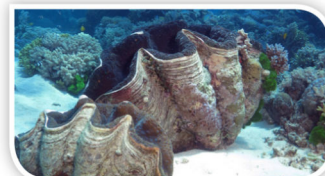
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Giant Moray Eel



Black Anemone Fish



Giant Clams



Female Grey Reef Shark

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