

Eumarella Shores, Lake Weyba, Noosa

It's hard to believe, surveying tranquil Lake Weyba from your deck, that Noosa is just a jabiru's flight over there to the north-east. This is pyjamas-or-togs-all-day territory, a private 20ha of lakeside wilderness where longtime locals Bill and Christine Tainsh run seven eco-cottages tucked into the trees. Each well-appointed two-bedroom cottage treads lightly on the rainforest but doesn't skimp on the comforts. And while welcome touches like wine and tapas in the fridge might have been lost on our kids, we all loved our cottage's little apron of sand, a launchpad for canoe expeditions. There are walking trails all around and bike tracks beyond, a tinny for fishing and Eumundi Markets nearby. In winter, though, with the wood-burning heater aglow and one of Christine's seafood hampers ready for the barbie, you might just decide to stay put. Two-night weekends from \$495 for two adults; from \$1100 weekly; children \$20 pn; breakfast packages available. *Contact* (07) 5449 1738; www.eumarellashores.com.au (CO)