

# HOW TO GET TO CRYSTAL WATERS

**FIRST** – Unless coming from further north in Queensland, you need to get as far as **Brisbane**, which is the capital city of Queensland.

## Useful Australian transport web sites:

- Australian long distance buses: <http://www.buslines.com.au/>
- Queensland rail: <http://qroti.bit.net.au/citytrain/hhints.html>
- Sydney buses: <http://www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au/>
- Australian rail: <http://www.sleeper.apana.org.au/railway/home.html>
- Qantas Airways: <http://www.qantas.com.au/>
- Ansett Airways: <http://www.ansett.com.au/>
- Virgin Blue Airlines: <http://www.virginblue.com.au>
- Impulse Airlines: <http://www.impulse.com.au>

If coming from overseas to an airport other than Brisbane International, it is usually best to get a domestic air ticket, as part of your fare. If arriving through Sydney the flight to Brisbane takes a bit over an hour.

From Brisbane Airport, catch a shuttle bus to **Brisbane Roma Street Transit Centre**. Buses and trains go from this centre. It is about a half an hour bus ride from the airport to the Transit Centre.

## To Crystal Waters from Brisbane:

### By public transport:

From **Roma Street Station** in central Brisbane, catch the Gympie train as far as **Landsborough**. This journey takes anywhere from 1.25 to 2 hours. There are also coaches from Roma Street to Landsborough. Landsborough is then about 35km, or 40 minutes drive from Crystal Waters.

From Landsborough catch the privately operated mini bus to Maleny.

*(Note: this bus does not meet all trains, and only operates weekdays not weekends or Public Holidays, so you need to check. (Tel: 07 5496 9249).*

The Range Taxi Service can be contacted on (mobile phone) 0418 711 989. It's a 24 hour service, 7 days a week and costs about \$40 from Landsborough to Maleny, \$60 to Crystal Waters.

You will need to arrange transport of some kind to Crystal Waters from Maleny (27km). A taxi from Maleny to Crystal Waters costs around \$50. It is worth asking the Visitors Camping Area caretaker (Phone (07) 5494 4726) if anyone from Crystal Waters can pick you up. This could cost around \$30 if someone has to make a special trip to town to get you, less (perhaps \$10 towards petrol) if they have other business in town.

Visitors can often get a lift by enquiring at The Upfront Club (a café) in the main street of Maleny. Crystal Waters residents who are in town often stop there for a coffee. The school bus leaves Maleny High School in Bunya Street each school day at 3 pm to arrive at Crystal Waters by 3.45 pm. They will take passengers for a fee of about \$5. Note that Bunya Street is not in the centre of town. It takes about 10-15 minutes to walk from the centre of town to the school. (Maps of Maleny town can be found in the 'Apex Directory' which is a free publication usually to be found at the real estate agents, the information centre and the newsagent.)

If you are WWOOFing, it is also possible that a Crystal Waters WWOOF host will be able to pick you up from Landsborough or Maleny.

There is also an airport shuttle service which will bring people to Crystal Waters, costing around \$70 one way. Their contact details are: Airport Bus Service. Tel: 07 5443 3678. Fax: 07 5443 3468.

### By road:

The easiest way to get to Crystal Waters is by road. The drive from Brisbane takes around 1.5 hours. Brisbane is about 12 hours drive, non-stop, from Sydney by car. It takes longer by bus

Cars can be hired from Roma Street Station, Brisbane (which is both a bus and a train terminus), and from the airports. The larger car hire firms who operate in our airports and Roma Street are:

- Hertz Ph: 13 30 39
- Budget Ph: 13 300 3620848
- Avis: Ph: 1800 225 533
- Thrifty Ph: 1300 367 227

*(Note: all the above phone numbers are from the Yellow Pages phone book. The listings indicate that these numbers are for Australia wide and international reservations. They are listed here for your convenience only - we have no connection with them, are not recommending them particularly and cannot vouch for the telephone numbers being up to date.)*

There is also a web site which offers discounted rates for some car hire companies. <http://www.carhire.com.au/>  
It includes Avis, Thrifty and Europcar.

### **Directions For Drivers**

If coming from Brisbane, take the **Bruce Highway** north and, following the major road signs, turn off at **Glasshouse Mountains Road** towards Landsborough (which is approximately 40 minutes from the centre of Brisbane). Turn off to **Landsborough**, cross the railway line and then follow the signs to **Maleny**.

Drive straight through Maleny, which will take you onto the Maleny-Kenilworth Road. Stay on this road for about 17kms as it descends into the Mary River valley, until you reach Aherns Road on the left hand side of the road. There is a bus shelter on the corner and a sign to Crystal Waters. *(If you arrive at Conondale, you've missed this turn and need to go back about 2km towards Maleny)*

Turn left into **Aherns Rd** and go about 7 km further on, *(ensuring you take the right hand fork, indicated by a small "CW" sign and arrow, at Conondale Timbers saw mill)* until you reach Kilcoy Lane *(second on your right)* with a "Crystal Waters" sign under the big tree on the facing corner.

Turn right into **Kilcoy Lane** and the Crystal Waters Village area is on your left, just after you cross the river. The Crystal Waters Community Co-op office is located in the large timber building on the left but is only staffed on three weekday mornings: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, telephone number 07 5494 4620. The Visitors Accommodation Area, which has a bunkhouse and camping sites, can be contacted via the Manager on 07 5494 4726. There is a coin operated pay phone near the Co-op Office, from which you can call most residents in Crystal Waters for free, by dialing only the last three digits of their numbers. There is a Crystal Waters phone list by this telephone.

If driving from the north, Crystal Waters is around 60km from the Bruce Highway / Eumundi - Kenilworth intersection. As you approach the Sunshine Coast, turn left at this intersection towards **Kenilworth**. Drive through Kenilworth and on towards Maleny. About 2 km past the small village of Conondale, turn right into **Aherns Rd**. then on to Crystal Waters as per the instructions above.

To enter the residential area of Crystal Waters, drive past the entrance to the village area, and turn left into the next entry. There is a roundabout just inside this entry.

**To reach the EcoCentre**, you need to turn into the residential area of the community. Take the left fork at the roundabout, and the first building on your left is the EcoCentre.

**To reach the office of Max Lindegger, the Global Ecovillage Network and Ecological Solutions**, you need to get to Lot 59, within the residential area of Crystal Waters. To do this, take the left fork at the roundabout. Follow this road past the EcoCentre, and continue to follow the road for about 1.5km. Turn left into the first bitumen road to your left. (If you pass a sign for lots 65 and 66, you've just missed the turn.) Follow the road to its end and park. There is a sign pointing you around the left of the building, towards the office, which is located underneath and on the other side of the house in front of you.

*Note: There is no mobile phone coverage after you begin to descend into the valley from Maleny. There is a coin operated pay phone in the Village Area, and you can also ring most residences in the village for free from this phone by dialing the last 3 digits of the full phone number. Eg, for Max Lindegger, EcoLogical Solutions and the Global Ecovillage Network, you would dial 741 from the phone in the Village Area.*