Saxon Reef Snorkel

Saxon Reef is home to some of the best Great Barrier Reef snorkel spots. It has calm lagoons ideal for snorkelling, offering the chance to spot species like reef sharks, trevally, large cod, and moray eels.

LOCATION

Great Barrier Reef Cairns, Queensland Australia 1-22 Meters

23-30°

DEPTH

FEATURE

DIFFICULTY

Easy to Medium Some sections are a little deeper than other sites on Saxon Reef



GETTING THERE

Saxon Reef is located about 55km or 1.5hour boat ride off of the Cairns Coast. You will need a private boat or to take a tour with a Reef Tour Operator to reach Saxon Reef.

If you book a trip with a Reef Operator, it is important to know the mooring is owned by Divers Den, so they are most likely to visit. However the operators known to visit Fishbowl and Twin Peaks sites are Divers Den, Tusa Reef Tours and Reef Experience.

LOOK FOR

- Coral Reef
- Turtles
- Stingrays
- Octopus
- Fish
- Reef Sharks
- Manta Rays (rare)
- Humpback Whale (rare)

BEST TIME TO SNORKEL

Best time to snorkel is September-January with winter trade winds easing, you will on average experience calmer seas and better visibility (12-25m). Waters will also be warmer averaging between 27-29 degrees. Summer has stingers, high humidity & rainfall on land.

Winter has higher winds with poorer visibility (8-12m). Waters temperature 23-26 degrees. Snorkel on days with 15 knots of wind or less.

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