



Tandem Skydiving

Information Package

So you want to jump from a perfectly good aeroplane...

Jumping is not easy to describe and even harder to forget! It is a positively thrilling experience that is awesome fun, giving spectacular sights and exhilarating sensations. Tandem skydiving is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to experience a skydive, by jumping with a qualified Tandem Instructor under a parachute built for two people. Ramblers have been taking people skydiving since 1972 and would love to share your skydive with you! Come and get your knees in the breeze and your head in the clouds and find out why Ramblers is **Famous for Fun!**

Experience at Tandem Skydive:

- As a once in a lifetime experience
- To freefall
- To fly
- To fulfill a dream
- To challenge fears
- To check out the sport with no pressure
- For the FUN OF IT!

Ramblers offer Tandem Skydiving 7 days a week at two fantastic locations: the spectacular Coolum Beach on the Sunshine Coast & Ramblers purpose built drop zone at Toogoolawah, Brisbane Valley. Night Tandem Jumps are also available for those who want a magical experience under the stars!

Choose your jump location

Choose to tandem jump at one of Ramblers fantastic drop zones:

- Coolum Beach on the fabulous Sunshine Coast, or
- Toogoolawah in the Brisbane Valley

Coolum Beach Tandem Drop Zone

If jumping out of a plane is a once in a lifetime thing for you and you are not particularly interested in checking out skydiving as a sport and you would like to jump onto the beach, then we recommend going for your Tandem Jump over Coolum Beach.

Ramblers Coolum Beach drop zone is a tandem-only operation, committed to providing you with all of our best attention and the second-to-none service. YES - it is ALL ABOUT YOU! A jump over Coolum gives you a bird's eye view of one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world, plus you land right on the sand at Coolum Beach!

The flight to jump height is nothing short of breathtaking – the 20 minute flight takes in all sights of the beautiful Sunshine Coast including the Glasshouse Mountains, Noosa and Moreton Island. Whale and dolphin sightings are not uncommon!

Coolum is only 15 minutes drive from Noosa and Mooloolaba and only 1 hour 15 minutes drive from Brisbane. Ramblers are located in the Conference Centre of the Coolum Beach Hotel on David Low Way.

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Toogoolawah Purpose-Built Drop Zone

If you want to jump amidst new student skydivers and experienced sport skydivers at a real drop zone and check what skydiving is all about, we recommend you jump at Ramblers Drop Zone, Toogoolawah.

Toogoolawah is skydiver heaven. Our turbine plane flies to 14,000 feet on every load and there is constant skydiving action of all varieties ie. new students learning the ropes through to experienced jumpers skysurfing, fun jumping, freeflying, tracking, canopy formation flying, wing suit flying, night jumping and so much more! Toogoolawah is the **ONLY** drop zone in Queensland that can show you all of this.

Toogoolawah is considered by many as Australia's premier drop zone, and is also rated in the Top 10 Drop Zones in the World. Why? Because of the first class jumping facilities, the modern turbine aircraft, the regular competitions and events, the high quality of instructors, coaches and equipment, the cross-section of terrific people it attracts and the fantastic atmosphere day and night. Established in 1979, Toogoolawah is a purpose-built skydiving institution – a RESORT for jumpers - built by skydivers, for skydivers. Ramblers are pleased to invite you to Toogoolawah to join in our fun!

Parties

Skydiving puts a huge smile on your face and makes you want to party! A jumper once said that "jumping is what beer was invented for!" Ramblers has a strong social club and skydivers generally like to have a good time. We offer a terrific venue with an awesome atmosphere day and night. You are welcome to stay overnight at Toogoolawah after your jump. Every Friday night there is a free sausage sizzle by the pool and a great party every Saturday night – you're invited!

If you are organising a party of your own (birthday, anniversary, wedding etc) consider Toogoolawah drop zone as your party venue. There are no time or noise restrictions, an incredible music system, plenty of room for a private marquis, a large inground pool with BBQ, entertainment area, a huge bar and cold room, a snack bar, various on-site accommodation and a terrific environment.

Families

Toogoolawah is a family drop zone. While you are having the time of your life jumping from perfectly good aeroplanes, the kids will have a fantastic time riding bikes, on the swings, playing foosball, watching videos, swimming in the pool and watching the parachutes swooping.

Accommodation

There is a variety of on-site accommodation options to suit everyone. Two large bunkhouses in the main clubhouse which sleep a total of 20 people is free for all jumpers, simply bring your sleeping bag and pillow. Caravans and self-contained motel-style rooms with ensuites, kitchen and lounge room are also available. Reservations are essential.

Go Jump!

Pre-Jump Training

The ground training before your jump is easy and is approximately 15 minutes in duration. You are fitted with a jumpsuit and harness and are taught the positions required for exiting the aircraft, for freefall, for the opening of the parachute and for the landing.

Aircraft Ride to Height

You board the aircraft with your Instructor and climb to exit altitude – skydiving is mostly about FREEFALL, yahooooo, so the higher you go the more you get! The ride to height is a terrific 15-20 minute flight taking in the sights. Then it's time for a BIRD'S EYE view...

The Big Leap

At exit altitude the aircraft flies over the top of the landing area. The door opens and it's show time. Smile to your video cameraflyer and go for it – JUMP! This is Freefall time – skydiving at 200km/hr Gravity Powered...

The moment you exit the plane your fears will vanish and be replaced with sensations of absolute FUN, SPEED and ENJOYMENT. Freefall is one of the most exhilarating and exciting feelings known to the human race, and you get to enjoy it for up to one whole minute – yahoo!

Then, at 5,000ft your Instructor pulls the ripcord to open your parachute. You will slow down within 3 – 6 seconds. The opening of the parachute is an awesome feeling – while you will be disappointed the freefall had to end, you will be very happy to feel that parachute opening above you! The fun's not over yet ...



The Parachute Flight

Flying around under canopy is a breathtaking sensation and the view is fantastic. Your Tandem Instructor will even let you try flying the parachute! This is a unique feeling of flight and for most people the parachute ride is as exciting as the freefall. After approximately 5 minutes of flying your Instructor will guide the parachute down for a pinpoint landing.

Certificates etc.

On completion of your jump you will receive a certificate, sticker, a copy of the Australian Skydiver Magazine, information pamphlets, a T-Shirt and a Ramblers Rewards discount voucher for your next jump.

Videos and Photos of Jump

Digital Video

Ramblers Camera Flyers (Outside Video) and/or Tandem Masters (Handcam) take footage of the ground training, your spectator friends and family, aircraft take-off and flight to height. When it's time to jump they capture your exit from the plane, the freefall, the opening of the parachute, the flying of the parachute, the landing.

The end production is an exciting 6 – 8 minute mini movie of your jump, digitally edited with modern effects and slow motion, dubbed to music. Videos can be burnt to DVD for an extra fee.

ALL Ramblers Camera Flyers and Tandem Masters use the latest in digital video technology assuring you of a first class production and the best quality footage.

Digital Photos

Digital photos are available when you purchase a Digital Video of your jump, either Outside Video or Handcam Video. Choose up to 12 frames/photos and Ramblers will save them onto a CD while you wait. You can email them to friends, use a photo as a computer screen saver, download them onto your website or print off a t-shirt transfer! Great for travellers and computer enthusiasts.

35mm Photos

Using great quality still photographic equipment, Ramblers Camera Flyers mount the camera on their helmet and shoot off a whole roll of 24 photos of your jump. You are then given the roll of film to develop and make enlargements ie. You keep the negatives.

Please note that only Outside Video Camera Flyers are able to take 35m photos of your jump.

Video & Photos Package

You can choose one of the Video and Photo options or a combination thereof. The Deluxe Package includes the lot - Digital Video, Digital Photos and 35mm Photos. Videos can be burnt to DVD for an extra fee.

Book a Jump

Both Ramblers Drop Zones are open 7 days a week. Tandem jumps are made all day, every day depending on the weather. Weekends are the busiest days, so it is best to give 1-2 weeks notice for jumps on these days. If you know what date you would like to jump, even if it is months in advance, be sure to book in early to secure your slot. Ramblers are also able to take last minute bookings depending on vacancies available.

A \$30 deposit per person is required with your booking. Please note that deposits are non-refundable, but are transferable. The balance may be paid on the day by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card. *Please note that when paying by credit card a 2% fee applies.*

To make a booking: Phone, fax, email or book on-line at Ramblers web site.



Frequently Asked Questions

Limitations?

Anybody can do a Tandem Jump. There are no limitations other than a minimum age of 14 years and a 100kg weight restriction. Ramblers have specialised Tandem Instructors for seniors, disabled and handicapped persons.

Is it safe?

No... Skydiving and Parachuting can be dangerous however jumping in Tandem, harnessed to an Instructor is the safest possible way to experience skydiving. You are along for the ride of your life with not many responsibilities. Ramblers Instructors are among the most experienced in the country, certified by and affiliated with the Australian Parachute Federation.

Ramblers parachute equipment is state of the art. All Ramblers reserve parachutes including Tandems, are fitted with a 'Cypres' automatic activation device for maximum safety.

Ramblers is the ONLY operation in Queensland with employs a full-time parachute equipment Rigger thus ensuring that you will be jumping with the best maintained parachute equipment available.

When will I jump?

Both Ramblers drop zones are open 7 days a week for your convenience. Jumping commences around 8am and goes all day, depending on the weather. Put aside half a day for your jump. Both drop zones offer a wide variety of tourist attractions, restaurants and accommodation places within the area to complete a great day out.

What do I wear?

All skydiving equipment is supplied including jumpsuits. You may jump in whatever you are comfortable in ie. jeans and a jumper in winter, shorts and a t-shirt in summer. It is essential that you wear good running shoes – but not the type with open hooks for the laces.

Can our group all jump together?

At Toogoolawah our fabulous turbine aircraft, the Cessna Caravan, seats up to 17 people. Yes, we can take groups of up to 6 on any one load, meaning that you and 5 other friends can jump together. Weather and jumping conditions apply of course.

At Coolum Beach we use a smaller aircraft which can take 2 Tandem pairs at a time.

About Ramblers

Back in 1966 Bob Morrison was the original Rambler. He trained up Instructor Dave McEvoy in the late 60s. Dave carried the Ramblers torch and founded Ramblers Parachute Centre in 1974. He also founded the first successful parachuting magazine in Australia 'Rambling On', specifically to communicate with the jumpers nationwide.

In 1979 Dave purchased the land at Toogoolawah and built the drop zone from scratch. In the same year Ramblers was the first organisation in the world to use modern sport parachute equipment for student use. In 1982 Ramblers was the first organisation in Queensland to adopt the Accelerated Freefall (AFF) method of student training.

During the 80s Ramblers Drop Zone was the host of two international skydiving competitions, the South Pacific Championships and the World Cup of Canopy Relative Work. In the late 80s the drop zone hosted three consecutive Australian National Skydiving Championships.

In the early 90s Ramblers was the first operation in Australia to use the Tandem Assist Freefall (TAF) method of training students. In 1994 the drop zone hosted the first of many successful international parachuting conventions called the Equinox Boogie. The Equinox Boogie is regarded as Australia's premier international skydiving event.

At the turn of the Century, the new Millennium, the Australian National Skydiving Championships were again hosted at Toogoolawah and were held there for another two consecutive years.

Over the past 30 years, Ramblers has grown to become a family-run organisation. Dave's sister Karen continues her 5,000 jump career as an Instructor, her daughter Deb is a full-time instructor, cameraflyer and coach at Toogoolawah drop zone with 2,000 jumps, while Dave's daughter Susie, also an Instructor of over 1,100 jumps has taken the magazine 'Rambling On' into the next millennium and publishes 'ASM – the Australian Skydiver Magazine' for the National Membership. Dave's nephew Junior is also a full-time cameraflyer who travels around the drop zones in search of work and fun!

Ramblers is the longest running and most experienced skydiving institution in Queensland. To this day Ramblers continues to grow and reach new heights in the Sport and in the Industry. Ramblers is undoubtedly Australia's most progressive parachuting and skydiving organisation – a leader that has set the standard for other drop zones to aspire to.



Directions to the Drop Zone

To Toogoolawah Drop Zone

Street Address: Brisbane Valley Highway, Toogoolawah.

The Drop Zone is located 2kms north of the township.

Phone: 07 5423 1159

From South Brisbane – Follow Ipswich Road (Ipswich Motorway) all the way (not quite to Ipswich) and take the Toowoomba Bypass (Warrego Highway). Follow all the signs to Esk. Take the turnoff on the right hand side of the road after Blacksoil. The sign says Esk, Wivenhoe Dam, South Burnett. You are now on the Brisbane Valley Highway. Follow this highway all the way to the Drop Zone's front door! This highway goes through the towns of Fernvale and Esk. When you get to Toogoolawah, don't turn off, keep going 2kms past the actual township as the Drop Zone is on the highway, on the left hand side. You will see the Ramblers Parachute Drop Zone sign.

From the Gold Coast – Travel north on the Pacific Highway and take the Logan Toll Road on the left. Follow the toll road to the very end, which arrives you on the Ipswich Motorway. Now follow the directions above.

From North Brisbane – Follow the Bruce Highway north and take the Caboolture turnoff. Follow the main road through Caboolture. This road becomes the D'Aguiar Highway. Follow this highway through the towns of Wamuran, Woodford and Kilcoy. About 10 minutes past Kilcoy, take the Toogoolawah/Esk turnoff on the left straight after the Brisbane River bridge. You are now on the Brisbane Valley Highway. The Drop Zone is only 10 minutes along this highway on the right hand side, before the township of Toogoolawah. You will see the Ramblers Parachute Drop Zone sign. If you find yourself at Toogoolawah you have gone 2kms too far, come back.

From the Sunshine Coast – Travel to the Caloundra/Landsborough turnoff on the Bruce Highway and follow the signs to Landsborough. This is the Old Bruce Highway. Go past Landsborough and turn right at the Beerwah turnoff. Go through town and follow the signs to Kilcoy. You will travel up and down the Peachester Range, enjoy the rainforest and the views of the Glasshouse Mountains. When you come to a big T section, turn right to head to Kilcoy. This is the D'Aguiar Highway. About 10 minutes past Kilcoy, take the Toogoolawah/Esk turnoff on the left straight after the Brisbane River bridge. You are now on the Brisbane Valley Highway. The Drop Zone is only 10 minutes along this highway on the right hand side, before the township of Toogoolawah. You will see the Ramblers Parachute Drop Zone sign. If you find yourself at Toogoolawah you have gone 2kms too far, come back.

To Coolum Beach Drop Zone

Street Address: Conference Centre, Coolum Beach Hotel, David Low Way, Coolum Beach.

The Coolum Beach Hotel is located across the road from the Caravan Park.

Phone: 0407 996 400

From Gympie/North – Travel down the Bruce Highway and take the Coolum-Yandina Rd turn-off at Yandina. Follow this road all the way to a roundabout, go straight ahead through the roundabout and this road will take you all the way into Coolum. Turn left at the lights at David Low Way and travel about 1km north through the town.

From Noosa – Travel down the David Low Way. The Coolum Beach Pub is on the right, at the beginning of town.

From Mooloolaba – Get onto the Sunshine Motorway and head north. Follow this motorway for about 10 minutes and take the Coolum Beach turnoff. Go straight ahead through the roundabout and this road will take you all the way into Coolum. Turn left at the lights at David Low Way and travel about 1km north through the town.

From Caloundra – Travel north up the Nicklin Way and this road will turn into the Sunshine Coast Motorway. Follow this motorway for about 10 minutes and take the Coolum Beach turnoff. Go straight ahead through the roundabout and this road will take you all the way into Coolum. Turn left at the lights at David Low Way and travel about 1km north through the town.

From Brisbane/South – Travel north on the Bruce Highway and take the Buderim/Mooloolaba/Sunshine Motorway turnoff. Follow the signs to the Sunshine Motorway and head north. Follow this motorway for about 10 minutes and take the Coolum Beach turnoff. Go straight ahead through the roundabout and this road will take you all the way into Coolum. Turn left at the lights at David Low Way and travel about 1km north through the town.

From Kilcoy/West – Travel east along the D'Aguiar Highway and follow the signs to the Sunshine Coast. Take the Beerwah turnoff on the left and travel up and over the Peachester ranges through the rainforest and enjoy the views of the Glasshouse Mountains. Go through Beerwah and turn left on the Old Bruce Highway and head north. When you come to the Caloundra turnoff, veer left to head north up the Bruce Highway. Now follow the direction from Brisbane.



Map to the Drop Zone

