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One of the most unique trails on offer for the Atherton Tableland is Geology. The Atherton Tableland was once a very active volcanic area and what has been left for us to enjoy is a series of stunning natural attractions with an incredible history to go with it.

Start off by climbing the Gillies Range towards Yungaburra. Your first stops are going to be Lake Barrine and Lake Eacham. In geological terms, the lakes are a must, volcanic craters formed by massive explosions from the superheating of groundwater. The craters have filled with water, forming lakes some 65m deep.

Now surrounded by stunning rainforest, Lake Barrine offers cruises giving you an insight into the unique ecology of the lake. A little further on is Lake Eacham. A self guided walk circles the entire lake. Both Lake Barrine and Lake Eacham are perfect for a swim on a hot Tropical North Queensland day.

Mt Quincan and the Seven Sisters, near Yungaburra, are volcanic cones created by explosive eruptions. As vents opened, volcanic materials were hurled into the air, falling to build up cones around them. The seven sisters are easily seen as you drive between Yungaburra and Atherton as is the rich vibrant volcanic soil that is the envy of farming districts around Australia.

The Mount Hypipamee Crater, also known as The Crater is a huge diatreme located south-east of Herberton. It is 61 metres in diameter and 82 metres deep. Mount Hypipamee crater is thought to have been created by a massive gas explosion. As the gas rose suddenly through a crack to the Earth’s surface, pressure on it was reduced allowing it to burst. The massive explosion as it burst to the Earth’s surface, pressure on it was reduced allowing it to burst. The massive explosion as it burst through to the surface created a deep cylindrical hole or pipe through the granite. This feature is known as a diatreme. Mount Hypipamee is the only known example of this in North Queensland. The Crater is surrounded by beautiful waterfalls and rainforest.

Innot Hot Springs is a series of natural geothermal mineral springs located between Ravenshoe and Mt Garnet on the Kennedy Highway. The hot springs of Nettle Creek have long been established as rejuvenating and healing. Throughout the sandy creek bed bubbles hot water and many locals and visitors come here to sit in the shallows of the creek and enjoy the healing properties.

Undara Experience
One of the iconic attractions and experiences on the Geological Trail. Undara is the gateway to the Undara Volcanic National Park which is home to a number of lava tubes and is in fact the longest lava flow in the world. Undara is set in a truly unique Australian bush setting. Stunning landscapes and breathtaking scenery are offered alongside incredibly unique accommodation.

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