General alerts

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) continues to monitor and receive guidance from the Government in relation to COVID-19 health and safety information. All visitors should practice social distancing, and hygiene protocols.

- Fire Prohibition: Open fires must not be lit on QPWS managed areas of K'gari, except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy point camping areas where visitors must supply their own clean, untreated milled timber for firewood, bring fuel or gas stoves for cooking.
- Planned burns: QPWS rangers will conduct planned burns in the K'gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area from April until September 2021. The precise timing of burns cannot be predicted as these are weather-dependent operations. People with respiratory or other health problems should seek medical advice on mitigating the effects of smoke inhalation. Observe all signage, barriers, and directions from rangers, and do not enter closed areas.
- Recreational Fishing Closure: The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has a regulated closure in place for the taking of finfish between Indian Head and Waddy Point from 1 August to 30 September. During the closure, fishing (other than the collection of worms and pips by hand) is prohibited within an area from a point 400m north of Waddy Point to a point 400m south of Indian Head, and 400m out to sea from low water. Please be aware of the Marine Parks Green Zone regulations around Middle Rocks.
- Swimming: Swimming in the ocean off K'gari is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. The beaches of K'gari are unpatrolled with strong ocean currents – drownings have occurred. Take care around all lakes and creeks and at rocky shores with unpredictable waves, depth can be unpredictable, avoid submerged vegetation. Even a great swimmer can get into trouble - always swim with a buddy.
- Stay safe at Lake Wabby: DANGER – Running, jumping, boarding, sliding down the dunes or diving into the lake can cause serious injury or death. Serious spinal injuries have occurred, as a result of these activities.

Wongari (Dingo) warnings – Be dingo-safe!

Give wongari (dingoes) space, K'gari is their place. View wongari from at least 20 metres away. It is illegal to disturb or feed wongari, which includes attracting them with food or food waste. On K'gari, increased maximum fines of $10,676 and on-the-spot fines of $2,135 are now in place for people who break the law and engage in this dangerous behaviour.

Feeding wongari is wrong. Due to a few people feeding or behaving inappropriately some wongari have become habituated. These wongari are less likely to learn essential survival skills and are more likely to be struck by vehicles or show aggression towards people. Wongari (Dingo) Safety Guide

Following the autumn mating season many female dingoes will be pregnant. Gestation takes about 9 weeks and litters of 1-10 pups (normally 4-6) are born and cared for (whelped) during the winter months. Once new-born pups arrive, their mothers may be aggressive. They need to find food for themselves and their pups. Remember give wongari space, K'gari is their place.

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to be dingo-safe! on K'gari. It is recommended that families with young children camp in fenced QPWS camping areas at Lake Boomanjin, Central Station, Cornwells, Eli, One Tree, Wongai, Dundubara and Waddy Point, or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

Areas of concern – Eurong beachfront, Eli Creek, Maheno, Lake McKenzie, Waddy Point beachfront Wathumba and Orchid Beach. Due to increased human-wongari interactions, extra vigilance is required in these areas.

If you feel threatened by a wongari – STAY CALM; maintain eye contact, remain standing and do not turn your back on the wongari; alert other people; back away to a safe area, preferably a vehicle or fenced area.

Report wongari interactions or people feeding wongari – Photos and videos may assist us; take note of location, ear-tag colour, number, and which ear.

Email dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au, tell a ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150. For emergencies requiring urgent medical assistance, call 000 immediately.

Temporary closures camping and day-use areas

Track and beach conditions - warranting caution

Remember: Sand tracks are only suitable for high clearance four-wheel drive vehicles with low-range capacity. All-wheel drive vehicles, low-clearance trailers and caravans are not recommended. Always drive to the conditions Driving on sand safety guide (PDF, 2MB)

- Northern Scenic road: partial closure from the junction of Bullock link Road and Northern Road, and Woralie Road and Northern Road. A detour is in place via Bullock link Road and Woralie Road.
- Eastern and Western beaches: Conditions change daily with the tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs, beach debris and wash outs are common hazards.
- Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all traffic: Access via boat to facilities is currently unsafe.

Walking track conditions

- Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track: Due to erosion, access to Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track is closed until further notice.
- K’gari (Fraser Island) Great Walk: The K’gari Great Walk is OPEN

For your safety, please do not enter closed areas and observe all signage and directions from Rangers.

While this information was prepared with care, it is based on the best available information at the time and is indicative only.

Visitors are reminded that conditions change constantly due to climatic fluctuations and other factors. No liability is accepted by the Queensland Government for any decisions or actions taken on the basis of this information.

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