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 at all times – wash hands often with soap and water and if this isn’t possible, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser. Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue, keep your rubbery secure and dispose of in the bins provided or take home, and stay at home if you are unwell. Only visit sites where there are car spaces available in the carpark, follow social distancing measures and adhere to public gathering numbers.

Fire Prohibition: Open fires must not be lit on NPWS managed areas of Fraser Island, 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.

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 pipis 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 in the ocean off Fraser Island is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. The beaches of Fraser Island 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!

Camping and day-use areas

-NEVER feel Wongari - You may face heavy penalties; attracting Wongari or leaving food available puts people and Wongari at risk.
-Always stay within arm’s reach of children, even small teenagers - WONGARI MOVE QUICKLY! KEEP CHILDREN CLOSE.
-Walk in groups and carry a stick - This may discourage a Wongari from approaching you.
-Do not run – Running or jogging can trigger a negative Wongari interaction.
-Camp in fenced areas where possible - Ensure all gates are securely closed.
-Lock up food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
-Never store food or food containers in tents - Wongari will seek out food, rubbish, fish and bait, and can chew through light plastic containers.
-Secure all rubbish, fish and bait – Dispose of rubbish at waste transfer stations. Bury fish scraps in a deep hole away from campsites & townships.
-When visiting lakeshores, take no food or drinks (except water).

Areas of concern – Eurong beachfront, Eli Creek, Maheno, Lake McKenzie, Waddy Point beachfront 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 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.

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.
-Eastern and Western beaches: conditions change daily with the tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs and other beach debris and wash outs are common hazards. Always drive to conditions.
-Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all vessels, vehicles and pedestrians. Access via boat to facilities is currently unsafe, please observe and obey all signage and do not enter closed areas.
-Lake Garawongera scenic drive: Closed south of Lake Garawongera to Poyungan road due to erosion from 10 June to 29 Sep 2020.
-Lake Wabby scenic drive: Closed from Lake Wabby Day Use Area to Pile Valley road due to erosion from 10 June to 29 Sep 2020.

Walking track conditions

K’gari (Fraser Island) Great Walk: The Great Walk is OPEN. The Great Walk is will be closed from 1 November to 28 February 2020, due to high fire danger. A seasonal block will be in place on advance bookings during this period. View https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/kgari-fraser for updates.
Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track: Due to recent heavy rainfall, access to Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track is closed from 2 June 2020, until further notice.
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