K’gari (Fraser Island) conditions report

Everything is protected – plants, animals, natural and cultural features

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.
- 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 $2,205 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

The likelihood of negative dingo-human interactions is greatest during dingo mating season, particularly during the Easter school holiday period when there are a high number of visitors on Fraser Island. Dingo mating season means:

- Increased dingo activity and a higher chance of dingo-human interaction.
- Dominance testing behaviour—often misinterpreted as ‘playing’.
- Unpredictable behaviour.
- More howling at night.
- Last year’s pups being forced to find new territory to avoid more dominant dingoes, and to find their own food.

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.

- Always stay close (within arm’s reach) of children and young teenagers.
- Always walk in groups.
- Camp in fenced areas where possible.
- Walk with a stick.
- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative wongari interaction.
- Never feed dingoes.
- Lock up food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Secure all rubbish, fish, and bait.
- No food to lakeshores.

Areas of concern – Hook Point barge landing, Eli Creek, Maheno, Lake McKenzie (Boorangoora), Waddy Point beachfront, Wathumba, Orchid Beach and Sandy Cape. 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

- McKenzies Jetty: due to management activities occurring around McKenzies Jetty and access roads to the jetty, will be closed until further notice.
- Wathumba camping area: due to construction of the dingo fence the campground will be closed from 26 April to 5 May 2022.

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: Access to Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track is closed until further notice.
- Northern Scenic Walking Track: Access to the Northern Forests walking track is closed until further notice.

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

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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- Always stay within arm’s reach of children, even small teenagers.
- Walk in groups.
- Walk with a stick
- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- Camp in fenced areas where possible.
- Lock up your food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.
- Follow dingo safety advice provided with permits and on signs throughout the island.

Campfires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of Fraser Island (except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas).

Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas.

**WARNING:**

- Look and listen for aircraft landing and taking off along the eastern beach.

Mobile phone reception is limited. Contact your mobile network provider for service coverage.

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**Speed limits**

Unless otherwise signposted:
- 30km/h – inland roads
- 40km/h – beach pedestrian areas
- 80km/h – beach
- 50km/h – Hook Point inland road

**Tide times**

April/May 2022

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