

K'gari (Fraser Island) conditions report

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General alerts

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A WILDFIRE IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE ON K'GARI (FRASER ISLAND).

Some tracks, day visit areas and campsites have been closed due to the fire threat. Visitors that may be negatively affected by smoke should reconsider their need to travel, particularly those suffering from a respiratory illness. Please check the latest Park Alerts and Conditions Report at www.des.qld.gov.au

Fire Prohibition: Open fires must not be lit on QPWS 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 only.

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.

Marine Stingers: Marine stingers and other dangerous marine life are present, especially during the summer months, in the waters off K'gari. Marine Stingers can cause serious injury or death. Swimming is not recommended.

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.**

Sandy Cape Turtle Rookery seasonal vehicle restriction: Vehicles are prohibited on the beach between South Ngkala Rocks and Sandy Cape Lighthouse between the hours of 6pm to 6am, from 15 November 2020 to 31 March 2020.

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!

<http://www.des.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/dingo-safe.html>

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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 (dingo), 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.

Give dingoes space, K'gari is their place. Limiting dingo-human interaction, particularly during dingo whelping season, is critical to the welfare of pups. This is a particularly important time for pups to learn natural hunting and survival skills and to avoid habituation towards people.

Dingo whelping season means:

- Dingo pups will venture out of their dens and explore their surroundings
- Adult dingoes will be teaching their young natural hunting and survival skills
- Dingoes may be determined and aggressive in their search for food
- Females will aggressively defend their young
- Female dingoes that are feeding young can lose condition and become naturally lean during this time

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, Dundubara and Waddy Point, or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

• **NEVER feed 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.



Camping and day-use areas

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- **Camping areas Bowal, Awinya, Bowarrady, Woralie, Coongul, Moon Point, Camping Zones 2- 7 and Dundubara:** Temporarily CLOSED due to wildfire. To change your booking please log into your account a www.qld.gov.au.
- **Camping Zones 4 & 5:** Temporarily CLOSED due to increased wongari activity 9 September to 30 November 2020.



Track and beach conditions - warranting caution

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- **Platypus Bay, Awinya, Woralie Roads, Moon Point Road West of Lake Garwongera, Northern Road North Smith-Poyungan Road, Poyungan Valley Road (500m off the beach), Cornwells Road between Cornwells Road and Northern Road, Postans (Poyungan) Road 500m west from the Eastern Beach, Lake Garwongera Scenic Drive from Happy Valley and Happy Valley Road:** Temporarily CLOSED due to wildfire.
- **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.



Walking track conditions

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- **Lake Garwongera scenic drive:** Temporarily closed due to wildfire.
- **Wungul & Bowarrady walking tracks:** Temporarily CLOSED due to active wildfire.
- **K'gari (Fraser Island) Great Walk:** The Great Walk is temporarily CLOSED due to wildfire. To request a refund please log into your account at www.qld.gov.au/camping Observe all signage, barriers, and directions from rangers, and do not enter closed areas.
- **Lake Wabby scenic drive:** Closed from Lake Wabby Day Use Area to Pile Valley road due to erosion. Closure 10 June to 1 Jan 2021.
- **Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track:** Access to Tukkee Wurro (Indian Head) walking track is closed from 2 June 2020, until further notice

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Waddy Point Tide times

NOV/DEC		
Time	M	
24	0420	1.41
	0935	0.93
	TU 1554	1.65
	2240	0.60
25	0508	1.52
	1042	0.87
	WE 1642	1.60
	2315	0.53
26	0546	1.63
	1129	0.80
	TH 1724	1.56
	2342	0.47
27	0619	1.74
	1209	0.74
	FR 1801	1.52
	28	0006
0650		1.83
SA 1245		0.69
1836		1.48
29	0031	0.39
	0720	1.92
	SU 1322	0.65
	1909	1.44
30	0059	0.37
	0751	2.00
	MO 1401	0.63
	1943	1.41
1	0130	0.37
	0823	2.05
	TU 1443	0.63
	2020	1.38
2	0203	0.40
	0858	2.07
	WE 1527	0.64
	2059	1.36
3	0237	0.46
	0936	2.05
	TH 1613	0.66
	2142	1.32
4	0315	0.54
	1018	2.00
	FR 1703	0.69
	2230	1.27
5	0357	0.64
	1104	1.93
	SA 1756	0.71
	2330	1.23
6	0448	0.72
	1157	1.85
	SU 1854	0.70
	7	0045
0553		0.79
MO 1257		1.80
1956		0.66
8	0210	1.27
	0713	0.82
	TU 1401	1.77
	2055	0.58
9	0325	1.39
	0839	0.80
	WE 1504	1.75
	2147	0.48
10	0425	1.56
	0957	0.74
	TH 1602	1.72
	2232	0.39
11	0514	1.75
	1101	0.66
	FR 1656	1.69
	2313	0.31

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative wongari 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 wongari safety advice provided with permits and on signs throughout the island.

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WARNING: Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off K'gari (Fraser Island). Swimming is not recommended.

WARNING: Look and listen for aircraft landing and taking off along the eastern beach. Follow direction from ground control crew.

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

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.

