

Remote bushwalking advice form

Queensland national parks and State forests

Please complete this form if you intend to undertake a remote bushwalk in a national park or State forest.

If you are reported overdue, this form can provide important information that may be used to assist emergency services in the event of a search and rescue operation.

You are strongly advised to leave a copy of this bushwalking advice form with your nominated emergency contact person (e.g. friend, relative or other reliable person). You are responsible for advising this contact person of your safe return. If this person is concerned about your safety, they should contact the Queensland Police Service by calling **Triple Zero (000)**.

Please note: The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will not check that you have returned from your bushwalk.

A copy of this form can also be emailed to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service South West Visitor Management at southwestpermits@des.qld.gov.au. This information will help us understand how our national parks and State forests are used.

USE CAPITAL LETTERS

Name of national park or State forest: _____

Name of group leader: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ Phone Daytime: _____ A/hrs: _____

Total number in group: _____

Number of persons by age group: under 10 _____ 11–17 _____ 18–35 _____ 36–55 _____ 56+ _____

Please list all known illnesses/medical conditions for all group members: _____

Vehicle registration: _____ Vehicle make/model/colour: _____

Vehicle parking location: _____

Remote bushwalking experience level:

Beginner / inexperienced

Some experience

Skilled / very experienced

Proposed bushwalking route: (provide GPS points of proposed route and camping locations—attach map)

Start date: _____ Start time (am/pm): _____

Intended finish date: _____ Intended finish time (am/pm): _____

Emergency contact person (visitors from overseas must provide an Australian contact)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ Phone Daytime: _____ A/hrs: _____

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you are prepared to undertake your remote walk.

- I am aware that there is little to no mobile phone reception in the national park or State forest.
- I am not walking alone (a party of at least three people is desirable).
- Someone will miss me if I don't return at the expected time. I have nominated an emergency contact person (details above) and will let them know when I return. They understand they should contact emergency services if I am hours/days overdue.
- I am fully briefed on where I am going and have planned my route.
- I am carrying a map and compass and know how to use them.
- I am carrying a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). I know how to use the PLB and will activate it only in a life-threatening situation or to aid a search that has already commenced.
- I am carrying a GPS (Global Positioning System).
- I am carrying a satellite phone.
- I am carrying extra food and water in case of delays.
- A member of my group is carrying a first-aid kit and there is at least one first-aider in the group.
- All group members have suitable hiking gear, including warm and waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.
- I understand what hazards I might encounter by walking in this area and how to minimise the risks. I know that I should:
 - Check for any Park Alerts relevant to the area, at <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/park-alerts/>.
 - Check the local weather forecast before commencing on your walk.
 - Avoid snakes (detour around them; do not provoke them).
 - Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
 - Wear a hat and sunscreen.
 - Never feed wildlife.
 - Never jump or dive into water.
 - Do not attempt to cross flooded creeks or rivers.
 - Keep clear of cliff edges and waterfalls.
 - Walk in the cool parts of the day.
 - Treat any water sourced from creeks, dams or taps.
- As designated group leader, I have ensured that all walkers in the group are aware of the remote nature of the walk and the physical demands that will be required.

Signature of group leader

Date

Remote hiking conditions:

- Ensure all signs, conditions and restrictions are followed.
- Access is prohibited in restricted access areas.
- Remote walking groups must be no larger than **6 people**.
- Camping permits are required for all remote overnight camping.