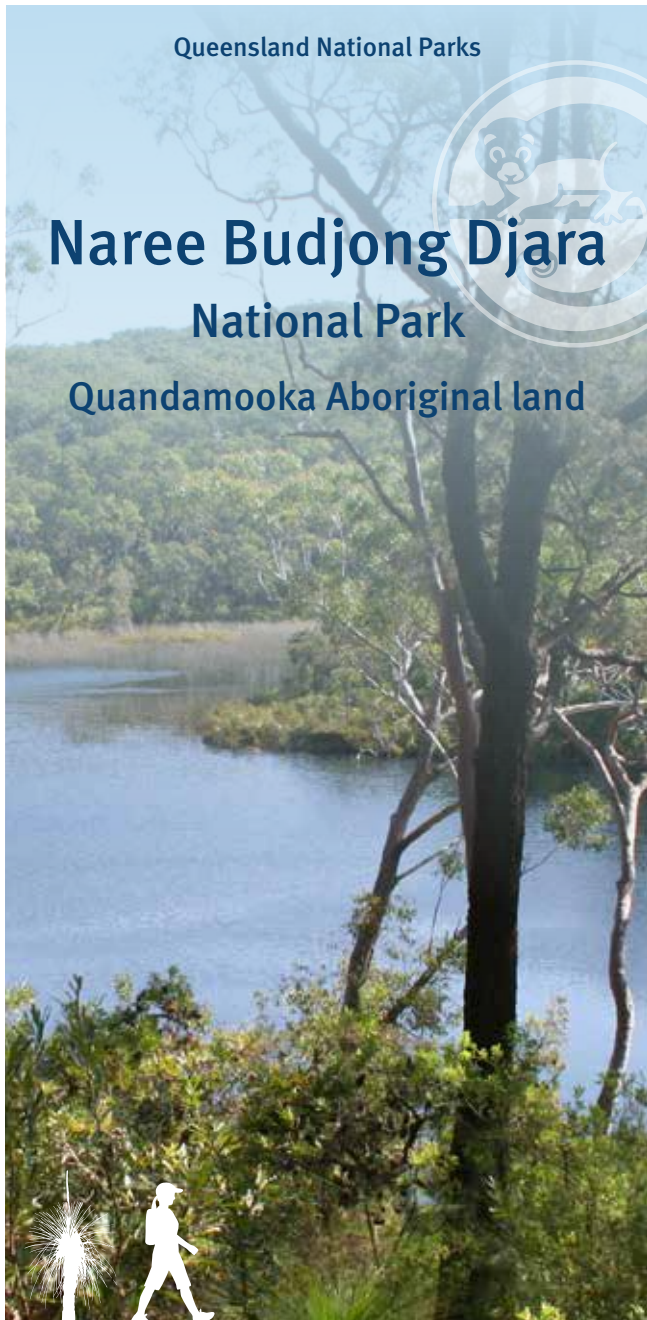


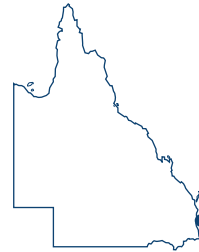
# Naree Budjong Djara National Park

Quandamooka Aboriginal land



## Welcome to Naree Budjong Djara National Park

Naree Budjong Djara National Park is located on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). This picturesque island features spectacular rocky headlands with stunning ocean views, long stretches of white sandy beaches, freshwater lakes, rolling surf and tranquil, bayside waters.



The park boasts an incredible diversity of plants and animals and a variety of habitats that are home to many threatened and endangered species. Rich in traditional culture, the Quandamooka people's relationship with the island dates back thousands of years.

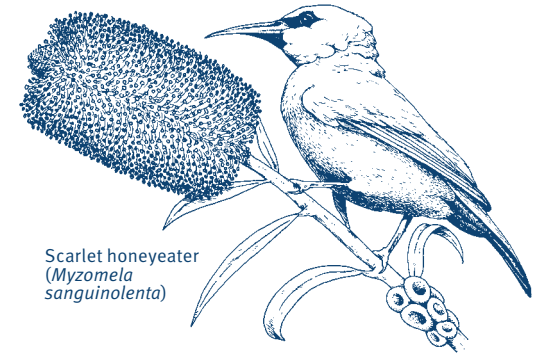
Kaboora on the eastern side of the island is a perfect place to explore Naree Budjong Djara (My Mother Earth). Choose from a range of bushwalks that lead you up to ridgelines offering stunning views out to the ocean and down to the pristine waters of Kaboora.

The Aboriginal groups of Quandamooka have great spiritual feelings for Kaboora. This is one of the most sacred water bodies on Minjerribah. Local stories abound in this area ever since the Dreamtime began in Quandamooka. Our people respect their laws to preserve the culture and traditional ways in Kaboora sacred grounds.

Thank you for respecting the cultural significance of this place by not swimming in the lake.



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Scarlet honeyeater (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)

## A place to reflect

Kaboora, meaning deep, silent pool, is a window lake formed by a depression in the land where the water table is exposed. It forms part of a much larger watercourse with the overflow feeding Eighteen Mile Swamp.

The edges of Kaboora are thickly vegetated with eucalypts, banksias and sedges, making it a haven for birds such as honeyeaters and lorikeets. It supports a variety of water birds like grebes and ducks, as well as longfin eels and several species of native freshwater fish including rainbowfish and gudgeons. On overcast days, listen for the call of the near-threatened Cooloola sedgefrog *Litoria cooloolensis* hiding in the sedges at the water's edge.

## Getting there

From the township of Dunwich on Minjerribah, follow Alfred Martin Way south-east for 9km, past the Brown Lake turn-off, to reach Kaboora in Naree Budjong Djara National Park. There is a car park at the entrance to the Kaboora walking tracks.

## Find out more

Check the **Naree Budjong Djara National Park** web page for park alerts before you go; there is important safety information, maps, access details, things to do and learn a little about the wildlife that make this park special.



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## Walk and explore

Quandamooka people invite you to walk country that once only our people traversed. We share our country and culture in the hope that you may appreciate and will care for it as we do.

A network of walking tracks allow visitors to explore the area around Kaboora. Tracks are one-way, but can be combined to form a circuit. Take a map, snacks and drinking water, plus sun protection and insect repellent for your comfort and safety.

## Track standards

 Grade 3	Formed track with short steep hill sections, rough surface and many steps. Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended.
 Grade 4	Formed track with long, steep sections, rough surface and natural obstacles. Bushwalking experience recommended.

### Neembeemba (to see) track

3km one way. Allow 2hr.

The track winds uphill through coastal wallum woodland to a sandy ridge where the ocean can be glimpsed through the trees. The vegetation is more stunted here with distinctive scribbly gums a feature. Take a breather at the viewing platform and enjoy the magnificent views over the southern part of the island, the South Pacific Ocean and the Gold Coast. To continue, take the Dakabin track downhill for 1.8km through grass trees to the edge of Kaboora. Walkers, expect a gradual climb with sandy sections. In summer it can be arduous and hot.

### Dakabin (grass tree) track

1.8km one way. Allow 45min.

Starting from either the Neembeemba lookout or the shores of Kaboora this track winds through tall grass trees, heath species, and pockets of ferns and native grasses. Look out for skinks and the abundant birdlife living in the understorey. This track has limited shade and is best walked in the cooler part of the day.

### Kaboora (deep silent pool) track

3km one way. Allow 1.5hr.

Walk through wallum woodland and see dwarf eucalypt trees with oddly twisted branches, wallum banksias and grasstrees. You'll pass by Tortoise Lagoon—a perched lake that sits high above the water table—before winding downhill to Kaboora. The track has gentle rolling hills with sections of loose sand. The open canopy makes this track hot during the day. Best time to walk is early morning or during the cooler months.

### Kabul (carpet snake) track

3km one way. Allow 1.5hr.

Starting from the western side of the day-use area, the track climbs uphill through dwarf eucalypts to a ridge top offering spectacular views of Mount Vane and the ocean. Stop and look carefully in the thick vegetation for golden wallabies *Wallabia bicolor*—a form of swamp wallaby found only on North and South Stradbroke islands. The track follows the ridge line, then drops downhill to join up with the Kaboora track. Continue along this track for a further 700m to reach Kaboora. With steep, long, sections, this track is for walkers who want a challenge. Hint: the best way to walk this track is from the car park downhill to the lake.

### Jarlo beetle (fire beetle) track

3km one way. Allow 1.5hr.

Commencing after the steepest section of the Kabul track, continue west along the ridge line amongst twisted scribbly gums. Keep an eye out for the beautiful and distinctive purple flowers of the Forest boronia as the track gently undulates before turning south and beginning an uphill climb to the summit. Climbing this 500m section will reward you with spectacular views south to the Gold Coast, west to Brisbane and north to the Glass House Mountains and Sunshine Coast.

### Mt Bippo Penbean track

3.2km one way. Allow 2hr.

Beginning from the car park located 10km north-east along the East Coast Road, the walking track gently climbs in elevation through dry open heath vegetation. Be on the lookout for glossy black cockatoos *Calyptorhynchus lathamii* as they feast on the cones from the black she-oaks *Allocasuarina littoralis*, an important foraging habitat for the species. At the summit, be rewarded with stunning vistas south over Minjerribah's heath covered sand dunes. On clear days, the panoramic views stretch into New South Wales, north to the Sunshine Coast and out to the Border Ranges.

## Staying safe

- Always supervise children; they may be unfamiliar with natural hazards: water hazards, wildlife, and loose and uneven surfaces.
- No diving into water; water depth varies and there may be submerged objects.
- Always carry plenty of drinking water; no water available on the tracks.
- Protect yourself from the elements; wear protective clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Stay on the walking tracks at all times.

## Caring for the park

- No swimming in the lake; protect the water quality of our drinking water and the cultural significance of the lake to the Quandamooka people.
- No dogs; domestic animals are prohibited in national parks. Penalties apply.
- Take your rubbish home; littering is prohibited.

## Further information

-  [qld.gov.au/NationalParks](https://qld.gov.au/NationalParks)
-  [qld.gov.au/Camping](https://qld.gov.au/Camping)
-  [qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts](https://qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts)  
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