

Calliope Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Calliope Regional Park was formally gazetted as Calliope Forest Reserve in 2000. In 2006 it was gazetted as Calliope Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Park size	698ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland Brigalow Belt
Local government area	Gladstone Regional Council
State electorate	Gladstone
QPWS region	Central
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Calliope Regional Park has been assessed as having a medium priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The medium level means that it will receive a minimum of quarterly routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving a proactive management effort at a moderate level to understand or protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to understand and protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS). Ongoing consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to support broader continuing park management programs.

This park currently has low levels of visitor use and has no visitor facilities. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. The park has limited access opportunities and no specific visitor infrastructure.

Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through ongoing local consultations with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

Calliope Regional Park is crossed by 66 kV and 11 kV electricity power-lines. Three 275 kV structures are also located within the park.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects seven regional ecosystems, of which one has an endangered biodiversity status and three have of concern status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

There are currently no records of species of conservation significance on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this park.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The four regional ecosystems of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these ecosystems through fire and pest management.

Management actions will aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the condition of these regional ecosystems.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.3.4	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. woodland on alluvial plains	Of concern
12.3.3	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> woodland on Quaternary alluvium	Endangered
12.11.14	<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> , <i>E. tereticornis</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> woodland on metamorphics +/- interbedded volcanics	Of concern
12.11.17	<i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i> or <i>E. portuensis</i> open forest on metamorphics +/- interbedded volcanics	Of concern