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

General alerts
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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.

Since 1 February 2017, smoking restrictions have applied in Queensland national parks. Smoking is banned within 10 metres of in-use campsites and any public facilities such as picnic tables, toilet blocks, barbecues, visitor information centres, shelters, jetties and boat ramps.

Swimming: Swimming in the ocean off Fraser Island is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. The beaches of Fraser Island 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 and water temperature may be lower than expected, 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.

Dingo warnings – Be dingo-safe!
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Give dingoes space, K'gari is their place. View dingoes 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 dingoes is wrong. Due to a few people feeding or behaving inappropriately some dingoes have become habituated. These dingoes are less likely to learn essential survival skills and are more likely to be struck by vehicles or show aggression towards people.

Following the autumn mating season, many female dingoes will be pregnant. Gestation takes about 63 days and litters of 1–10 pups (normally 4–6) are born and cared for (whelped) during the winter months.

Once new born pups arrive, their mothers may be aggressive. They need to find food for themselves and their pups.

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to be dingo-safe on Fraser Island.

Let young dingoes grow up wild - not reliant on handouts. Do not feed dingoes or leave food available. Every time a dingo receives food from people, its chance of survival is reduced.

- NEVER feed dingoes - You may face heavy penalties; attracting dingoes or leaving food available puts people and dingoes at risk.
- Always stay within arm’s reach of children, even small teenagers - DINGOES MOVE QUICKLY! KEEP CHILDREN CLOSE.
- Walk in groups and carry a stick - This may discourage a dingo from approaching you.
- Do not run – Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo 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 - Dingoes 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 and townships.
- When visiting lakeshores, take no food or drinks (except water).

Areas of concern – Eurong beachfront, Eli Creek, Lake McKenzie, Waddy Point beachfront, Orchid Beach and Kingfisher Bay Resort. Due to increased human-dingo interactions, extra vigilance is required in these areas.

If you feel threatened by a dingo – STAY CALM; maintain eye contact and do not turn your back on the dingo; alert other people; back away to a safe area, preferably a vehicle or fenced area.

Report dingo interactions or people feeding dingoes – 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 zone bookings: All QPWS beach camping areas on K’gari (Fraser Island) are now bookable in camping zones.

- One Tree Rocks (zone 2) is closed until 31st July, Cornwells and Gabala (zone 2) remains open.

Track and beach conditions - warranting caution
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- 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.
- Browns and Ngkala Rocks: is only passable 2 hours either side of low tide, experienced drivers only.
- Eastern and Western beaches – conditions change daily with the tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs and other beach debris and wash outs are common hazards. Always drive to conditions.
- Poyungan Rocks - Please exercise caution when traversing this section as the coffee rock is currently exposed.
- 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.
- Northern Scenic Drive – is partially closed until further notice, for Woralie Creek bridge repairs. Closure will be from North of Coomboola Lake access track through to Woralie road – Please observe and follow all signage.
- McKenzie’s Jetty Road – is currently closed from Bennetts Road until further notice.

Walking track conditions
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K’gari (Fraser Island) Great Walk: All tracks are currently open.

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Importantly:

- NEVER feed dingoes.
- Always stay within arm’s reach of children, even small teenagers.
- Walk in groups.
- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- Camp in fenced areas where possible.
- Lock up your food store 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.

Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off 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.

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