Welcome to K’gari

K’gari is the traditional land of the Butchulla people.

Why World Heritage?
World Heritage areas protect the best examples of natural and cultural heritage on Earth. K’gari’s outstanding natural features include:

- long uninterrupted sweeps of ocean beach and strikingly coloured sand cliffs
- continually evolving complex coastal dune formations
- unusual and diverse plants and animals.

Discover the island
Relax into island time and experience a getaway adventure on a sand island paradise. This, the world’s largest sand island, has something for almost everyone. Discover exquisite views, treks over snow-white sandblows, and forest drives. Enjoy springtime wildflowers, lakes, beaches and wildlife. With so much to see and do you’ll want to come back again and again.

Getting there and around
You'll need a 4WD with high-clearance and low-range capacity to drive on the island. Not keen to take the wheel? Sit back and enjoy a guided tour by vehicle, boat or plane. Choose from plenty of day and overnight tours all offering glimpses of the island’s countless attractions.

Bookings essential for River Heads barges (ph: 1800 227 437) and plane flights (ph: 07 4125 3600) from Hervey Bay. No bookings required for the Inskip barges (near Rainbow Beach), which operate 6am to 5.30pm (busy periods have extended hours and are published on their website).

Be a World Heritage hero
Thanks for caring enough to prevent weeds and pests damaging this beautiful island. Before you visit:

- wash your car tyres and walking shoe soles
- sweep or vacuum camping equipment and car interiors
- bring no pets, soil or plant materials to the island.

Bush walks galore!
There’s a walking experience for everyone’s capabilities, even a 90km, 6–8 day, Great Walk adventure with secluded walkers’ camp sites along the way. Walk around freshwater lakes and under arching canopies of lush rainforest and feel the warmth of the subtropical sun on a beach that goes on forever.

Great Walk planning information and maps: search for 'Fraser Island Great walk' on qld.gov.au
Rangers’ picks

There are more than 30 walks you and your friends can enjoy. Here are some of the best.

**Pile Valley**

4km circuit. Class 4. Allow 2hrs from Central Station
Breathe ‘fresh air’ as you walk through rainforest and along crystal-clear Wanggoolba Creek silently flowing past rainforest giants.

**Kirrar Sandblow**

1.9km return. Class 3. Allow 1hr from eastern beach
See striking ‘sandscapes’ at Rainbow Gorge, where layers of ochre reds, yellows and browns swirl into the sand profiles creating earthy-coloured artpieces. The gorge opens up to Kirrar Sandblow, an awesome, lunar-like landscape.

**Lake Allom**

1.4km circuit. Class 2. Allow 1hr from Lake Allom day-use area (off Northern forests scenic drive)
An easy stroll with picture-perfect water reflections mirroring the towering brushbox and satiny trees. On warm days the air is scented with the spicy fragrance emitted by the leaves of the carrol shrubs that grow close to shore.

### Best walks at a glance

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<td>90km one way Allow 6–8 days 8 walkers’ camps along the way</td>
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### Walking track classification

- **Class 2**
  Formed track. May have gentle hills and some steps. Clearly signposted. No experience required.
- **Class 3**
  Formed track, some obstacles, 20km or less. May have short steep hills and many steps. Some experience recommended.
- **Class 4**
  Rough track. May be long and very steep with few directional signs. For experienced bushwalkers.

Find out more ways to explore on foot—search for Fraser Island walking tracks on qld.gov.au

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**Choose your camp site**

With 45 camping areas across the island you are bound to find some to suit your style.

**Beach camping**

Unfenced beach camping areas are located behind the foredunes at specific sites along the eastern beach. Use the access tracks. Don’t drive on the dunes—the vegetation is quickly damaged but slow to recover. This is camping in the rough, so bring everything you need, including a portable toilet to make your stay more comfortable. Portable toilet waste disposal facilities are marked on the map.

Get away from the crowds and camp on the western beach. Boaties love these camp sites and so do mosquitoes and midges. Camping here is best in the cooler, drier months of August–October, but always bring insect repellent.

Small generators—sound-rated at 65 decibels or about 2.0Kva—are permitted (9am–9pm) where indicated on the map.

**Large groups and schools**

Camping with your friends is lots of fun. Four group camping areas—Dundubara, Waddy Point (top), Central Station and Cornwells—cater for 20–40 people.

**Family-friendly camping**

Choose a camping area with a dingo deterrent fence.

Highly recommended if you have children 14 years and under. Select from Central Station, Dundubura, Waddy Point (top) and Lake Boomanjin.

**Campfires**

Enjoy a campfire? Use communal fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas, when no fire prohibitions are in place. Only untreated milled timber (or mill off-cuts) can be used. Supervise children around the fire and put it out completely with water not sand, when you leave your camp site or retire for the night.

Campfires are not permitted anywhere else on K’gari (Fraser Island) Recreation Area. Collecting bush wood and kindling is not allowed. Penalties apply for campfires and collecting.

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**Most popular camping at a glance**

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Look up and look out

The eastern beach is Queensland’s sandiest national highway. Some parts are also a landing strip for authorised small planes. Give way to planes landing or taking off. Aircraft landing zones are clearly marked with cones and signs and ground crew will direct you if required. Walkers on the beach may not hear cars approaching over the sound of wind and waves. People, especially children, can move unexpectedly. Drivers, please remember that ‘slower is safer’ and all Queensland road rules apply.

Venture safely

Make your visit memorable for all the right reasons.

Let dingoes live wild

DINGOES: DINGOES are protected by law on K’gari and are significant to Butchulla people. You might see these wild predatory animals any time of day or night. Follow these simple rules to stay safe around dingoes.

Be dingo-safe!

• NEVER feed dingoes.
• Always stay within arm’s reach of children, even small teenagers.
• Walk in groups.
• Do not run or jog.
• Camp in fenced areas where possible.
• Lock up food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
• Never store food or food containers in tents.
• Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.

Report dingo interactions:

• email: dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au
• ph: (07) 4127 9150

Stay safe!

• Never dive or jump into Lake Wabby or other lakes and creeks—they are often more shallow than they look and have hidden obstacles. Spinal injuries have resulted from these actions.
• Do not run, roll, board, slide or jump down the sand dunes. Spinal injuries have resulted from these actions.
• Do not swim in the ocean; rips and sharks are common and it’s not patrolled by surf lifeguards. Marine stingers can be present and have extremely painful stings.
• Take care! Serious injuries occur at Champagne Pools.
• Where campfires are permitted, put your campfire out with water, not sand. Children have suffered terrible burns walking over fires covered with sand.
• Beach driving is best 2hrs either side of low tide.
• Avoid night driving—obstacles and wash-outs are very difficult to see especially when sea mists blow onshore.
• Do not take trailers on inland roads in dry conditions. Bogged vehicles can hold up traffic for hours. Be self-sufficient with vehicle recovery gear. QPWS Rangers, if nearby, can offer some assistance, but they cannot pull you free.
• Tune into local radio stations for weather updates.
• Best walking conditions are in the cooler months from May to September and in the cooler parts of the day, especially over sandblows.
• For the longer walks, let someone know where you’re going, when you plan to return and what to do if you fail to return.
• In case of bushfires, stay away from thick bushland, and stay low to the ground where the air is coolest.

Permits

Book your vehicle and camping permits online before your visit to avoid disappointment at qld.gov.au/camping
Ranger Jason

My favourite? Eli Creek—a great cooling-off place for families!

Ranger Carree—zone 9

Caution: Browns rocks

Ranger Rooney

Point 30

North Ngkala rocks

Platypus Bay

South Ngkala rocks

Ranger Dan

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Ranger favourites

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I love to freeze time with my camera and capture the action when waves foam and fizz into Champagne Pools between half and full tide.

Ranger Zoe

On days off I love to join my mates for a bit of fishing. We throw our catch straight onto the barbecue and savour the fresh sea taste.

Ranger Daniel

Emergency! Call triple zero (000).

Emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au

Vehicle recovery and assistance

On-island towing 0428 353 164

Fraser Island taxi (07) 4127 9188 and 0429 379 188

Ranger Kim

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**Scenic drives at a glance**

Drive times vary depending on track conditions and your driving ability. Always allow extra time for stops and drive along the beach around low tide.

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<td>Central lakes scenic drive</td>
<td>27.2km</td>
<td>Through tall forest and open banksia woodland to eastern beach with a stop at Lake Wabby Lookout.</td>
<td>Peak visitor numbers between 10am–3pm daily. Consider car pooling with others in your group to improve chances of getting a car park.</td>
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<td>Start at Central Station and head north</td>
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<td>Southern lakes scenic drive</td>
<td>27.6km</td>
<td>Through scribbly gums and banksia to lakes Birrabeen and Boomanjin.</td>
<td>Experienced four-wheel drivers in high clearance 4WDs only.</td>
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<td>Lake Garawongera scenic drive</td>
<td>19km</td>
<td>A remote rough drive through tall closed forest with a stop at tannin-stained Lake Garawongera. Head to Poyungan Valley and back to the eastern beach.</td>
<td>Good recovery and communication equipment essential. No mobile phone reception. Sections may be overgrown or blocked by recent tree falls.</td>
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<td>Northern forests scenic drive</td>
<td>42.4km</td>
<td>Remote driving experience through Yidney Scrub's huge brush box and kauri trees. Short walk at Lake Alom and great viewpoint at Knifeblade Sandblow and finish near the ochre red sandcliffs at The Pinnacles.</td>
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What diversity! Stingrays, sharks, dolphins, and in spring, whales cruising around Hervey Bay.  
_Ranger Sven_
Ranger tips on staying safe!

“Driving on all beaches is best around low tide on the harder sand surface. Driving is easier on you, your passengers and your car.”

_Ranger Jim_

“Bring metal, or very hard plastic, food storage boxes with strong latches or flat straps. Fishers, you should use a bait bucket with a tight-fitting lid, so dingoes can’t get into them while you’re watching your line.”

_Ranger Jenna_

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Ranger Sandy Cape lighthouse

Walk-in access only up to Sandy Cape lighthouse precinct. No access into lighthouse.

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Waddy Point (Wathumba Spit)

Ranger Dan

This World Heritage Area Marloo—zone 8

Ocean Lake is managed under relevant legislations as a recreation area and a national park.

Wan'gul

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Ranger favourites

Toowai Creek

Indian Head

Bowal

Corroboree

Awinya Creek

As Irukandji jellyfish and other dangerous marine life are present, especially during the summer months, in the waters off K'gari, Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Strait.

Wun'gul

Woralie Creek

Remote driving experience through Yidney Scrub’s huge brush box and kauri trees. Short walk at Lake Allom and great viewpoint at Knifeblade Sandblow and finish near the ochre red sandcliffs at The Pinnacles.

Caution:

Lake McKenzie

Recommended for experienced kayakers, canoeists, and Port William dinghy sailors. Excellent area for swimming, paddling, and fishing, with good viewing from Lake McKenzie lookout.

Caution:

Wahba—zone 5

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K'gari camping area

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