

Campground Host Information Pack

Girraween National Park



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Welcome to Girraween National Park

The Traditional Custodians of Girraween National Park, the Kambuwal, People, welcome you to country and ask that you treat the country that you are travelling through with respect and care.

Information about Girraween National Park

Girraween is situated approximately 260km by road south-west of Brisbane. To reach the park, turn off the New England Highway 26km south of Stanthorpe or 30km north of Tenterfield. The winding bitumen road continues a further 9km east through the Wyberba Valley to the park information centre. The alternative road from Stanthorpe to Girraween via Eukey and Storm King Dam has some gravel sections. The road is sealed all the way into the park from New England Highway.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service ranger station is located on site at the Girraween Visitor Centre and rangers are rostered on duty most days of the year except Christmas day.

Campground host program

The main role of a campground host is to greet visitors at Girraween National Parks' camping areas. Campground hosts camp for free in return for performing these duties.

What is expected of a campground host?

- Hosts will be required to commit to a two-week hosting period over the Easter or September Queensland school holidays.
- Hosts are expected to work a maximum of two hours a day, six days a week for the specified timeframe.
- Hosts are encouraged to welcome visitors to Girraween's' camping areas (Kambuwal, Castle Rock and Terrawambella) and assist campers with any general enquires regarding the camping and visitor areas.
- Hosts will be required to assist with the cleaning of the Girraween visitor area facilities.
- Hosts are required to maintain contact with rangers in case of emergent situations.
- Hosts are not required to undertake any compliance duties nor handle any money.
- Hosts will need to be self-sufficient and be equipped to camp in all types of weather.
- A dedicated host camping site will be provided which will be suitable for a camper trailer.
- Rangers will be close by daily to perform essential maintenance tasks and available to assist hosts with any practical issues.

What will QPWS provide the campground hosts?

- Free camping while engaged as a host.
- Use of QPWS barracks accommodation to store food in refrigerators, shower and wash clothes.
- QPWS volunteer shirt and badge.
- A First Aid Kit
- A dedicated host camping site which is suitable for a camper trailer.
- A Volunteer agreement, Statement of duties and Campground host information pack.
- An induction will be held onsite to ensure you are familiar with the role and duties of the position including Workplace Health and Safety policy and procedures.
- All cleaning equipment and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- A UHF radio for the sole purpose of communicating with ranger staff.
- Folding table and chairs, A frame notice board, visitor surveys and pens.

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- Information handouts such as park brochures and maps.
- Short term loan material such as animal reference books

What equipment will I need to bring?

Campground hosts are required to be self-sufficient and equipped to camp in all types of weather conditions.

Essentials to bring are:

- Own camping accommodation.
- Adequate food and drinking water (while there are taps that provide unfiltered water from Bald Rock Creek, we advise to bring their own drinking water or boil/treat water before use)
- Warm clothing and bedding (for cool nights) and sturdy footwear.
- Rubbish bags (Rubbish bins are not provided. Please bring rubbish bags and take all recyclables and rubbish with you when you leave).
- A fuel stove (preferably use fuel or gas). Communal Electric barbecues are provided in the day-use area. People can use their own campfire/ fuel stove, as long as it complies with the Department's policy on Camp fires, fuel stoves and barbecues | Recreation, sport and arts | Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au)
- Adequate fuel. Fuel and supplies are available Stanthorpe and Tenterfield with limited supplies and fuel at Ballandean and Wallangarra.
- Insect repellent.

How to apply?

If you would like to apply, be become a Campground Host, please contact Visitor management on visitormgtswr@des.qld.gov.au. You will be emailed out a questionnaire to complete and asked to supply two current referees.

How are campground hosts selected?

Suitable applicants will be chosen through a selection process and will be notified via email/phone if they have been successful.

Selection criteria

- A valid driver's licence.
- A current Senior First Aid Certificate (recommended)
- Sound knowledge and experience of camping and environmental practices associated with camping in national parks.
- Prior camping experience at the relevant site, or experience in remote, isolated environments.
- An ability and willingness to carry out the required duties.
- A Campground host couple is preferred and over the age of 18 years is essential.

Additional Information about Girraween's Terrawambella camping area

Camping area:	Has open sites suitable for various-sized camper trailers, caravans and mobile homes. There is also a group site for large, organised groups to tent camp only. When booking, you must choose either the group, camper trailer or large trailer/tent site. Sites are not numbered and available on a first come basis.
Location:	300m from the Girraween Visitor Centre, on the southern side of Pyramids Road (refer to map on page 5)
Access:	The camping area can be reached by conventional vehicle. Bus parking is available for the large group site.
Camp site surface:	hard decomposed granite soil, dirt, grass
Facilities:	Water (unfiltered creek water), toilets, picnic tables, shower cubicles (BYO Shower) and free electric barbecues.
Bookings:	Book online. The maximum length of stay at this camping area is 29 nights.
Open fires:	Permitted in QPWS barbecues only (except when fire bans or prohibitions apply). Ground fires are not permitted.
Generators:	Not permitted
Mobile phone coverage:	Limited phone reception in the park. There is a public telephone in the Girraween Visitor Centre carpark.
Pets:	No pets allowed within the national park, nor at any of the camping areas.

Girraween's camping areas map

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