

WELCOME TO MORETON ISLAND (MULGUMPIN)

MULGUMPIN IS THE TRADITIONAL NAME FOR THE LAND OF THE NGUGI PEOPLE.

The Ngugi people from *Mulgumpin* form a part of the traditional estate of the Quandamooka peoples and are known as *cungen zungun* people, people of the dugong. Quandamooka people maintain a continuous connection with the land and seaways around *Mulgumpin*.

“On the side of a ridge next to a swamp is the island’s biggest and oldest bloodwood tree. Under the tree is an old camp where the Quandamooka people have left three uneaten sand crabs atop a small midden.

In a small patch of embryonic rainforest a community of elkhorn and crow’s nest ferns grow as tall as a man and carpet pythons hunt the frogs and bandicoots that live there.

In the valley of a sand blow stands a sculpted city of petrified tree stumps. Felled by a raging storm their twisted, bleaching roots reach like slender towers towards the sun. These are just three of *Mulgumpin*’s special places and three reasons why I feel so lucky to be a ranger on Moreton Island.”

Ranger Peter



Uncle Bob Anderson
Ngugi Elder

Sourced: Robert Anderson

DISCOVER MORETON ISLAND

Cross Moreton Bay and discover an island paradise filled with freshwater lagoons, spectacular wildflowers, historic buildings and endless sandy beaches.

Stand in the shadow of Queensland’s first lighthouse, built in 1857 from island sandstone. Feel the cool sea breezes as you stand atop the island’s headland soaking up breathtaking island and bay views. Keep an eye out for migrating humpback whales (July to November), turtles, dolphins and other marine animals in the surrounding waters.

Climb the southern hemisphere’s tallest vegetated sand dune, Mount Tempest towering 280m above sea level, and be rewarded with panoramic views out over the bay as far as the Glass House Mountains.

Wander through the ruins of Rous Battery, a frontline defence in World War II, and imagine being a soldier living among the sand dunes. Stroll over vast sand blows created over thousands of years by currents and prevailing winds moving individual sand grains.

Cool off in Blue Lagoon, a freshwater oasis set amid flowering heathland.

Come for the day or take your time on an extended camping adventure. Leave the mainland behind and explore all that Moreton Island has to offer.

EXPLORE NATURALLY

Walking is one of the best ways to see the island. Grab your binoculars and your camera to capture those special moments. Don’t miss these short walks showcasing the island’s attractions.

Cape Moreton circuit 1.3km (30mins)

Walk in the shadow of Cape Moreton’s lighthouse. Take in the stunning island scenery and spot marine life in the ocean below. Wind around the headland where signs provide you with insights into the island geology, whaling, lighthouse operation, and the families who lived here. Before heading back, pop into the information centre and discover more about the island and its fascinating past.

Mount Tempest lookout 2.2km return (2hrs)

After a slow climb to the summit of Mount Tempest you will be rewarded with 360 degree views of the island, Moreton Bay and, on a clear day, the Glass House Mountains. Catch your breath and take in the scenery at seats along the way. Learn about the island’s indigenous people and compare Moreton Bay’s indigenous placenames with their European ones.

Five Hills lookout track 1km return (30mins)

Climb through low heath until you reach the top of a large sand dune and enjoy the views over Heath Island, the Five Hills area and coastal swamps. Birdwatchers, this track offers a great vantage point to spot shorebirds.

(Left) Ranger Peter;
(right) Blue Lagoon;
(far right) North
Point beach looking
south to Five Hills.

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SCENIC TOURING

With more than 70km of sandy beaches, why not explore Moreton Island's sights in your 4WD. You can try our two suggested routes or create your own self-guided journey. Remember to check the tides and avoid beach travel 2hrs either side of high tide.

Southern Island discovery drive is a circuit exploring the southern part of the island with stops at The Desert—a popular sand tobogganing site, the Big and Little Sandhills and Mirapool Lagoon—a sanctuary for migratory and resident shorebirds. Take a longer break to see the sights of Rous Battery—a WWII military defence base or climb up Mount Tempest. Allow 6hrs to complete including stops and time to explore.

Northern Island discovery drive covers the northern section of Moreton Island. You'll discover highlights including the Tangalooma Wrecks, the Five Hills lookout track featuring scenic views, North Point beach and

headland, the lighthouse and Champagne Pools. Visit Cape Moreton, explore the rocky headland, see the historic lighthouse and wander through the information centre. Have a refreshing dip in picturesque Blue Lagoon before climbing Mount Tempest. Allow 6hrs to complete including stops and time to explore.

DRIVE SAFELY

Long stretches of beach sound like the perfect highway but beaches have natural hazards. Washouts, exposed rocks, and very soft sand can make four-wheel driving more challenging particularly after heavy rain and rough seas. Stay alert, drive to conditions, stick to normal road rules and don't take any careless risks.

Use the distance markers (yellow triangles) every 2km along the eastern beach to work out your location. If you need urgent medical assistance, call Triple Zero (000) and give the operator the letter and number; north of Middle Road—'N' with even numbers and south of Middle Road—'S' with odd numbers.

STARTING YOUR JOURNEY

Escape the urban grind and experience an island paradise on Brisbane's doorstep.

Reach the island by boat from Brisbane or Victoria Point. Four-wheel drives are a must for driving on the beach and sand tracks. Don't have a 4WD? Book a tour—for one day or combine an overnight stay—to see the island sights. Explore the bay and its majestic marine life on a chartered boat tour.

For boaties, the Tangalooma Wrecks and western beach south of Big Sandhills are popular anchorage sites offering shelter in most weather conditions.

FERRY TRANSFERS

MICAT

From Whyte Island (Brisbane River southside) to Tangalooma Wrecks
Pedestrian and vehicle transport.

moretonislandadventures.com.au

Bookings: (07) 3909 3333

Tangalooma passenger launch

From Pinkenba (Brisbane River northside) to Tangalooma Resort (daily). Pedestrian only transport. For Tangalooma guests and day trippers only. **tangalooma.com**

Bookings: 1300 652 250 or (07) 3637 2000

Amity Trader

From Victoria Point to Koorinal (holidays & peak times only).

amitytrader.com Bookings: (07) 3820 6557

PERMITS


Buy your camping and vehicle permits before visiting Moreton Island. You can book camping up to six months in advance from:


- **mulgumpincamping.net.au**
- Moreton Island Adventures when booking your barge from Brisbane to the island (07) 3909 3333.

CONNECT WITH QUEENSLAND NATIONAL PARKS

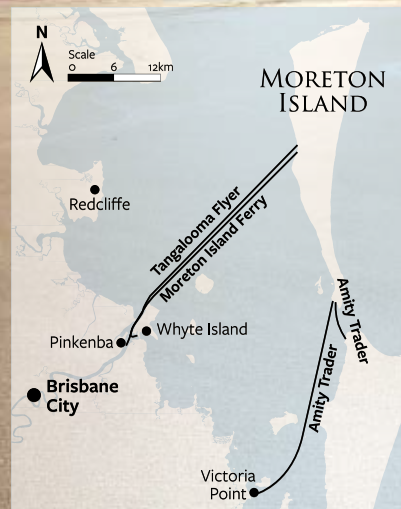
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Marine park zoning maps

Moreton Bay Marine Park surrounds Moreton Island. For information about marine park rules and permitted activities, visit qld.gov.au/MarineParks

Marine animal strandings

Contact **RSPCA Qld** on **1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)** to report any injured or dead dugongs, turtles, whales or dolphins.

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CAMP RELAXINGLY

From social camping areas with facilities to secluded beach camp sites with no facilities, there is a Moreton Island camping experience to suit you. Remember to bring everything you need for your style of trip, including a portable toilet and fuel as facilities are limited. All camp sites are marked with a totem.

Enjoy having a campfire; check where fires are permitted before booking your camp site.

WATER POINTS

You can collect fresh water from the Big Sandhills on the western beach, Rous Battery and Eagers Beach on the eastern beach and all five camping areas. Be sure to boil or treat the water before drinking.

FERAL FOES—CAMP PIG-SAFE

Feral pigs have an acute sense of smell making them highly efficient scavengers. They easily find and scatter rubbish and will eat anything including bread and biscuits. Help rangers control these pests by keeping your camp site tidy. Pack food, bait and rubbish in strong lockable containers, bury fish offal below the high tide mark and clean up after you've finished eating.

THE ESSENTIAL PACKLIST

- Untreated, clean milled firewood as collecting bush timber is not permitted.
- Drinking water or storage containers and sterilisation tablets if collecting water on the island.
- Sealable containers and strong plastic bags to bag your rubbish for disposal.
- Generator if staying in a camping zone (optional). Make sure it's sound-rated at 65 decibels or less.
- Portable toilet if camping away from facilities.
- Vehicle spares, extra fuel, water, tyre gauge, air pump, snatch strap and tow rope.
- First aid kit.
- Mobile phone—keep in mind that reception may be poor in places.
- Insect repellent, sun-smart clothing and sunscreen for protection.



CAMPING AT A GLANCE

Comboyuro Point camping area

Large camping area with shady camp sites within walking distance of Bulwer township. Located on the western beach with sheltered bay waters.



Ben-Ewa camping area

Set in a valley, with medium-sized, shady camp sites. Good protection from strong winds. Located on the western beach with sheltered bay waters.



The Wrecks camping area

Medium-sized, defined sites set next to a sheltered bay. Popular with campers without vehicles as located next to barge landing point and within walking distance of Tangalooma Resort. No vehicle access to camp sites.



Blue Lagoon camping area

Large selection of medium to large sites, some with shade. Easy beach access to the ocean surf beach. Walking track from the camping area to Blue Lagoon. Located on the eastern beach north of Middle Road.



North Point camping area

Large grassy area with many shady sites. Camper trailers and caravans sites are available. Walking track from camping area to North Point beach and Honeymoon Bay. Vehicle parking in bays near sites.



MORETON ISLAND

NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION AREA

STAYING SAFE

Moreton Island has many natural hazards for the unwary visitor. Although it's just a stone's throw from Brisbane, this sand island is remote with limited facilities and no resident doctor. Medical assistance may be hours away so you need to be self-sufficient and plan ahead for any contingency.

- Beach driving is best within 2hrs of low tide.
- Avoid night driving—obstacles and wash-outs can be very difficult to see.
- Sand slips are silent. Exposed sand dunes and sand cliffs are unstable and can collapse without warning. Serious injury or death can result. **Never climb or dig into exposed sand dunes or sand cliffs.**
- Always use water not sand to extinguish your fire and never leave campfires unattended. Kids have suffered serious burns walking on fires covered with sand.



Western beach—a place to relax and unwind (far left); for thrill seekers join a sand tobogganing tour at The Desert (left).

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- Don't climb on the shipwrecks at Tangalooma or Bulwer. They may collapse causing serious injuries.
- Stay away from beach rocks—surf and swell can wash you away.
- Keep behind the fence on the Cape Moreton walking track as the cliff edge can be unstable.
- Take care if swimming in the ocean—it's not patrolled and may have strong currents, rips and sharks.
- Never dive into water as sandbanks and submerged objects can be hard to see.
- Supervise your children at all times especially near water and around vehicles on the beach.
- Do not sand toboggan on the western facing dunes between The Wrecks and Ben-Ewa. There is a high risk of injury from buried debris and collision with vehicles driving along the beach.
- Tune into local radio stations for weather updates.
- Check Park Alerts on the website before you head to the island for the latest information about any closures or issues for visitors.

EMERGENCIES!


Call Triple Zero (000) or text 106 for speech or hearing impaired.



UNWIND Leisurely

North-west camping zone

Various sites ranging from secluded sites to close, social camping areas. Many sites have sea views and shade. Located on western beach between Ben-Ewa and Comboyuro Point camping area. Sheltered bay waters.

No facilities. 


North-east camping zone

Sites vary in size and range from secluded sites to close, social camping areas. Many sites have sea views and shade. Eastern beach between Middle Road, heading north to Spitfire Creek, excluding sites in the Blue Lagoon camping area. Exposed surf beaches.

No facilities. 


South-west camping zone

Sites on western beach from Tangalooma Bypass to Toulkerrie. Sites range from secluded sites to close, social camping areas. Many sites have sea views and shade. Sheltered bay waters.

No facilities. 


South-east camping zone

Located on eastern beach from Middle Road, south to Rous Battery. Various sites, many with ocean views and shade. Exposed surf beaches.

No facilities. 

Yellow Patch camping zone

Small number of sites, most with sea views and shade. Located on western beach in the Yellow Patch area, between North Point and Heath Island. Surf beach with large tidal lagoon.

No facilities. 



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MORETON BAY MARINE PARK



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Tangalooma Resort



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The Desert

Tangalooma Point

7 Rous Battery Walking Track

9.8KM

Shark Spit

White Rock

Caution: The beach between Koorlingal and Tangalooma is not always trafficable even at low tide.

Rous Battery

Big Sandhills

MORETON BAY MARINE PARK

Little Sandhills

Toulkerrie

Moreton Island

Koorlingal

Campbell Point

Day's Gutter

Reeders Point

S19

Mirapool Lagoon

Short Point

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S15

S13

S11

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S5

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Distance markers for emergencies are located on the ocean beach at 2km intervals north (N followed by an even number) and south (S and an odd number) of Middle Road.



Caution: At times, exposed rocks make beaches impassable, especially after rough sea conditions.

Legend

- Recreation area
- Conservation park
- Settlements
- Sand
- Reef
- Private lease
- No vehicle access
- 20km/hr zone
- 30km/hr zone
- Special protection zone and low tide access only
- 4WD vehicle track
- Walking track
- Creeks
- Rocks, intermittently exposed
- Amphitheatre
- Camping area
- Camper
- 4WD access
- Ranger station
- Toilets
- Showers (cold)
- Water
- (treat before use)
- Walking track
- Lookout
- Bins
- Information
- Telephone
- Accommodation
- General store
- Vehicle ferry
- Wreck
- Airstrip
- Emergency Services helipad
- Lighthouse
- Portable toilet waste disposal
- Scuba diving
- Spearfishing prohibited
- Distance markers

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY MEMORABLE!



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1. Refresh yourself with a dip in the cool, fresh waters of Blue Lagoon. Take your kayak or paddle board to explore further afield.
2. Feel the adrenaline rush as you slide down steep sand dunes at The Desert.
3. Paddle at your own pace in the calm waters from Tangalooma south to Toulkerrie. If one day isn't enough, camp at one of the many remote camp sites along this stretch of beach.
4. Be invigorated in this natural spa as water cascades over the North Point rocks on the incoming tide.
5. Soak up some history as you wander through the sand dunes and discover the relics of the Rous Battery—a WWII defence battery built to protect Brisbane from enemy attack.
6. Catch your own dinner. Whether you're fishing for tailor, flathead, dart, bream, whiting or something else, try your luck at plenty of spots from surf beaches to rocky headlands.
7. Enjoy a stunning sunset from Cape Moreton. As the sun's rays disappear over the bay see this majestic sandstone lighthouse illuminate in brilliant orange hues. Once the sky darkens you'll be able to see the rotating light of this active lighthouse.

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WALKS AT A GLANCE

Track name	Track class	Distance	Walk time	Access Point
1 Blue Lagoon track	2	500m return	20mins	Ocean Beach (north of Bulwer-Blue Lagoon Road)
2 Honeymoon Bay track	2	700m return	20mins	Northern end of North Point camping area
3 Honeyeater Lake track	2	60m return	5mins	Car park off Bulwer-Blue Lagoon Road
4 Cape Moreton track (includes information centre)	3	1.5km circuit	1hr	Cape Moreton car park
5 Five Hills lookout track	3	1km return	30mins	Five Hills (off Bulwer-North Point Road)
6 The Desert track	3	1.1km circuit	1hr	Western beach (1 km south of Tangalooma)
7 Rous Battery track	3	9.8km one-way	3.5hrs	The Desert Road
8 Mount Tempest lookout track	4	2.2km return	2hrs	Mount Tempest car park off Middle Road
9 Telegraph Road track	4	16km return	6hrs	Mount Tempest car park off Middle Road



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WALKERS—KEEP IN MIND!

- Walking over sand blows or up steep sections of tracks can be very tiring—plan to do this in the cooler months and the cooler parts of the day. Carry plenty of water and keep to the walking tracks.
- For the longer walks, let someone know where you're going, when you plan to return and what to do if you're late or lost.

DRIVES AT A GLANCE

Drive name	Distance	Drive time	Access Point
Southern Island Discovery Drive	63km circuit	6 hours	Tangalooma Wrecks beachfront or any point south of Middle Road along the eastern or western beaches
Northern Island Discovery Drive	55km circuit	6 hours	Tangalooma Wrecks beachfront or any point north of Middle Road along the eastern or western beaches



WALKING TRACK CLASSIFICATION

Grade	Suits	Track description
2	Families with young children	Track has a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps.
3	People with some bushwalking experience	Track may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.
4	Experienced bushwalkers	Track may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signs may be limited.