

Campground Host Information Pack

Bunya Mountains National Park



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Welcome to Bunya Mountains National Park

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

Information about Bunya Mountains National Park

Bunya Mountains is about 200km or three hours' drive north-west of Brisbane, the final mountain ascent is via steep, narrow and winding roads.

Campground host program

The main role of a campground host is to greet visitors at Bunya Mountains 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 Bunya Mountains Dandabah camping area and assist campers with any general enquires regarding the camping and visitor areas.
- Hosts will be required to assist with the cleaning of the Bunya Mountain visitor and camping 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 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).
- Folding table and chairs, A frame notice board, visitor surveys and pens.
- 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.
- Bring drinking water, a fuel stove to boil water for drinking and/or chemical tablets to treat water.
- Food (a restaurant, bistro, café, general store with basic supplies can be found at Dandabah).
- Warm clothing and bedding (for cool nights) and sturdy footwear.
- Rubbish bags (centralised industrial bins are provided at Dandabah).
- 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 is not available on the mountain).
- Bring insect repellent to ward off ticks and ether-containing spray to freeze and remove ticks from skin.

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 Bunya Mountains' Dandabah camping area

Dandabah Camping area:	Large, open grassy area with vehicle access to sites. Open area without separately defined sites for up to 70 people.
Location:	Dandabah camping area is near information centre located on Bunya Avenue (refer to map on page 5)
Access:	The camping area can be reached by conventional vehicle. The open campsites are available to trailers, caravans and buses. All roads to the Bunya Mountains are steep, narrow and winding. The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that all access roads are unsuitable for travel by long and/or heavy vehicles. Discretion is urged with respect to caravans, large motorhomes and large buses.
Camp site surface:	Grass.
Facilities:	Picnic tables, shelter sheds, rubbish bins, flushing toilets, hot showers, water (treat before drinking), and electric barbecues. Information is available from the QPWS information centre and staff on-site.
Bookings:	Book online. The maximum length of stay at this camping area is 29 nights.
Open fires:	Not permitted.
Generators:	Not permitted.
Mobile phone coverage:	Poor. A public phone is available nearby.
Pets:	No pets allowed within the national park, nor at any of the camping areas.

Bunya Mountains National Park map

