

# K'gari Conditions Report

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Follow dingo safety advice provided with permits and on signs throughout the island.

## Speed limits

- Unless otherwise signposted:
- 30km/h – inland roads
  - 40km/h – beach pedestrian areas
  - 80km/h – beach
  - 50km/h – Hook Point inland road

## TIDE TIMES

April

TIME	M	
24	0154	0.71
	0747	1.66
	WE 1343	0.51
	○ 2033	2.00

25	0234	0.74
	0822	1.60
	TH 1411	0.53
	2108	2.05

26	0319	0.80
	0900	1.53
	FR 1441	0.58
	2145	2.05

27	0409	0.86
	0941	1.45
	SA 1514	0.66
	2226	2.02

28	0506	0.91
	1025	1.37
	SU 1551	0.76
	2312	1.96

29	0612	0.95
	1117	1.29
	MO 1636	0.84

30	0009	1.90
	0729	0.94
	TU 1238	1.25
	1740	0.91

May

1	0123	1.87
	0844	0.88
	WE 1415	1.28
	● 1905	0.93

2	0236	1.88
	0944	0.77
	TH 1534	1.37
	2041	0.89

3	0340	1.93
	1033	0.65
	FR 1637	1.52
	2204	0.79

4	0437	1.96
	1114	0.54
	SA 1728	1.68
	2306	0.70

5	0526	1.96
	1150	0.45
	SU 1812	1.84
	2358	0.63

6	0612	1.91
	1224	0.40
	MO 1855	2.01

7	0049	0.61
	0656	1.83
	TU 1258	0.39
	1938	2.14



Caution: Moon Point to Towoi Creek—soft boggy sand and deep creek crossings; potentially dangerous.

Caution: Eastern beach may be impassable during higher than normal tides combined with large ocean swell.

Caution: Deep wash-outs at mouth of Eli Creek. Beach passable 2 hours either side of low tide.

Caution: Beach is only passable at low tide.

**Campfires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of Fraser Island** (except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas)

**Caution:** Look and listen for aircraft landing and taking off on the eastern beach.

Mobile phone reception is limited. Contact your mobile network provider for service coverage.

Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off Fraser Island. Swimming is not recommended.

**Legend**

Recreation area	Central Lakes scenic drive	Ranger station
4WD track	Southern Lakes scenic drive	Camping
Walking track	Lake Garawongera scenic drive	Barge landing
No vehicle zone—hazardous beach	Northern Forests scenic drive	Police station
Great Walk	Beach camping area	Ambulance

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## GENERAL ALERTS

- **Fire Prohibition:** Open fires must not be lit on QPWS managed areas of K'gari, 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.
- **Swimming:** Swimming in the ocean off K'gari is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. Beaches of K'gari 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, avoid submerged vegetation. Even a great swimmer can get into trouble - **always swim with a buddy.**
- **Marine stingers:** Marine stingers and other dangerous marine life are present, especially during the summer months, in the waters off K'gari and the Great Sandy Strait. Marine stingers can cause serious injury or death. Swimming is not recommended.
- **Beach driving – low tide only:** Exposed beaches on K'gari are experiencing very large tides with some sections of beach impassable within 2 hours either side of high tide. Motorists should always exercise caution, and plan to travel only at low tide if safe to do so. Driving over vegetated sand dunes is dangerous and prohibited.
- **Stay safe at Lake Wabby:** DANGER – Running, jumping, boarding, sliding down dunes or diving into the lake can cause serious injury or death. Serious spinal injuries have occurred, as a result of these activities.
- **Stay safe at Eli Creek:** DANGER - digging into creek banks can cause serious injury or death.
- **Beach waterholes/creeks:** Check depth of creek crossings and waterholes as they may be deeper than you think and may cause damage to your vehicle.
- **Fenced Areas:** If dingoes are observed inside a fenced area, or fence or gate damage is observed, please email [dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au), tell a ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150.

## TRACK AND BEACH CONDITIONS

**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. Heavy and prolonged rain can potentially cause localised washouts and minor flooding on the inland roads. Take extra caution on the inland roads and account for longer estimated travel times in your trips. Always drive to conditions [Driving on sand safety guide](#) (PDF, 2MB)

- **Eastern beach south of Eurong:** Sections of beach have large washouts and are only passable at low tide. Washouts are causing beach erosion and tides are pushing up to the foredunes. Beach travel is recommended two hours either side of low tide. Travelling three hours either side of high tide should be avoided. **Driving over vegetated dunes is not permitted despite conditions.** Penalties apply.
- **Ngkala Rocks to Sandy Cape Lighthouse:** due to changing conditions rocks and beach sections may be impassable - please exercise caution and travel only 1 hour each side of low tide.
- **Northern Scenic Road:** partial closure from the junction of Bullock link Road and Northern Road, and Woralie Road and Northern Road. A detour is in place via Bullock link Road and Woralie Road.
- **Eastern and Western beaches:** conditions change daily with tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs, beach debris and wash outs are common hazards.
- **Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all traffic:** access via boat to facilities is currently unsafe.
- **Cornwells Road (between Wabby scenic Rd and Northern Rd):** will be closed to heavy traffic from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 until further notice for maintenance and repairs.

## WALKING TRACK CONDITIONS

- **Tukkee Wurroo (Indian Head) walking track:** Access to Tukkee Wurroo (Indian Head) walking track is closed until further notice.
- **Northern Scenic Walking Track:** Access to the Northern Forests walking track is closed until further notice.
- **Markwells Break feeder track:** Markwells Break great walk feeder track will be closed from 18 March 2024 until further notice due to track damage and water inundation. Access between Lake Boomanjin and Eurong remains open.

View <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/kgari-fraser> for further updates.

## WONGARI (DINGO) WARNINGS: BE DINGO-SAFE!

**Give wongari (dingoes) space, K'gari is their place.** View wongari from at least 20 metres away. **It is illegal to disturb or feed dingoes on K'gari, which includes attracting them with food or food waste. On K'gari, increased maximum fines of \$12,384 and on-the-spot fines of \$2,476 are now in place for people who break the law and engage in this dangerous behaviour.**

The likelihood of negative dingo-human interactions is greatest during dingo mating season, particularly during the Easter school holiday period when there are a high number of visitors on K'gari (Fraser Island).

Dingo mating season means:

- Increased dingo activity and a higher chance of dingo-human interaction.
- Dominance testing behaviour—often misinterpreted as 'playing'.
- Unpredictable behaviour.
- More howling at night.
- Last year's pups being forced to find new territory to avoid more dominant dingoes, and to find their own food.

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to be dingo-safe! on K'gari. It is recommended that families with young children camp in [fenced QPWS camping areas](#) at Lake Boomanjin, Central Station, Dundubara, Waddy Point and eastern beach fenced areas (Wongai, One Tree Rocks, Cornwells, Eli), or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

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**Areas of concern – Beach and camping zones between Wongai and Dundubara, Eli Creek, Maheno, Waddy Point beachfront and camping area, Beach Camping Zone 8, Western beach camping and Wathumba.**

Due to increased human-wongari interactions, extra vigilance is required in these areas.

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

**Report wongari interactions or people feeding wongari –** Photos and videos may assist us; take note of location, ear-tag colour, number, and which ear. Email [dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au), tell a ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150. For emergencies requiring urgent medical assistance, call 000 immediately.

## TEMPORARY CLOSURES CAMPING AND DAY-USE AREAS

- **McKenzies Jetty:** Due to management activities McKenzies Jetty and access roads to the jetty, will be closed until further notice.