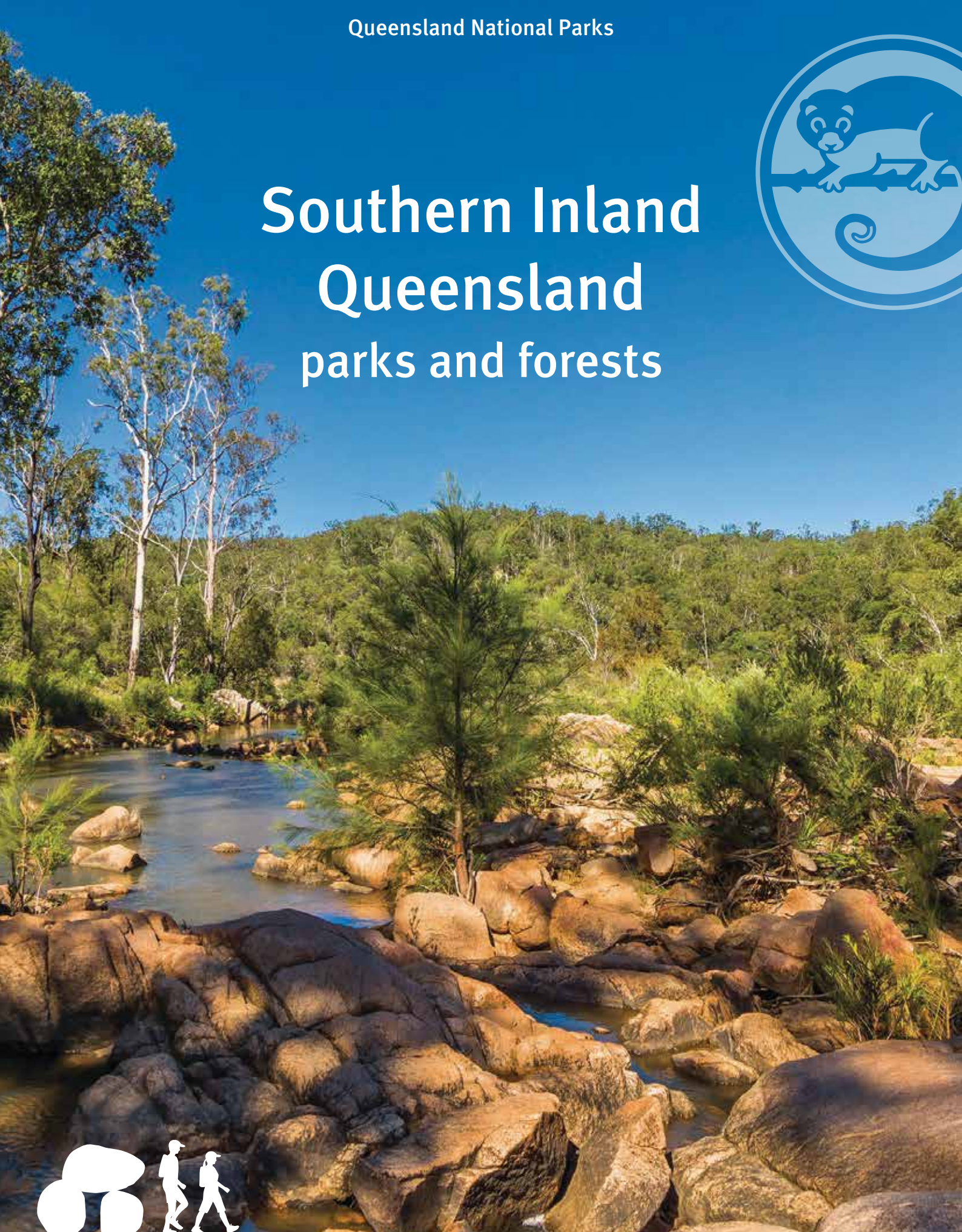














Southern Inland Queensland parks and forests



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Parks at a glance

	Wheelchair access	Toilets	Camping	Wood barbecues/ open fires	Picnic/day-use area	Short walks	Long walks	Dogs (on leash)	Scenic lookout	4WD access
										
Girraween National Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	*
Sundown National Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	*
Ravensbourne National Park		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Crows Nest National Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Bunya Mountains National Park	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Benarkin State Forest		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		*
Yarraman State Forest		✓		✓	✓			✓		
The Palms National Park					✓	✓				
Boat Mountain Conservation Park					✓	✓			✓	
Lake Broadwater Conservation Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Barakula State Forest			✓	✓						*

*in some sections of the park or forest



Welcome to Southern Inland Queensland

Make memories!



B

Share
stunning sunsets with a friend and your camp site with parrots, possums and other colourful and curious creatures of the Australian bush.



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Travel
ancient pathways tread by Aboriginal peoples to sacred mountain-top meeting places. Connect with an ancient landscape, with nature and with yourself.

Stop
and smell the wildflowers—wattles, daisies, banksias, bottlebrush, orchids and more. Let your thoughts wander as you rest beside a trickling stream or gaze across mountains and valleys far away from the everyday.

Crunch
fallen leaves and sometimes frost beneath your feet. Turn a corner and catch sight of a balancing boulder, wondrous panorama, soaring eagle, towering forest giant or delicate fungi, fruit or frond.



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(A) Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt
(B) Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt
(C) © Tourism and Events Queensland
(D) Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt

Season
your escape. Breathe crisp cold air beneath clear winter skies. Witness colourful autumn leaves or stunning spring-time wildflowers. Stroll through the rainforest or refresh in a rock pool on a scorching summer's day.

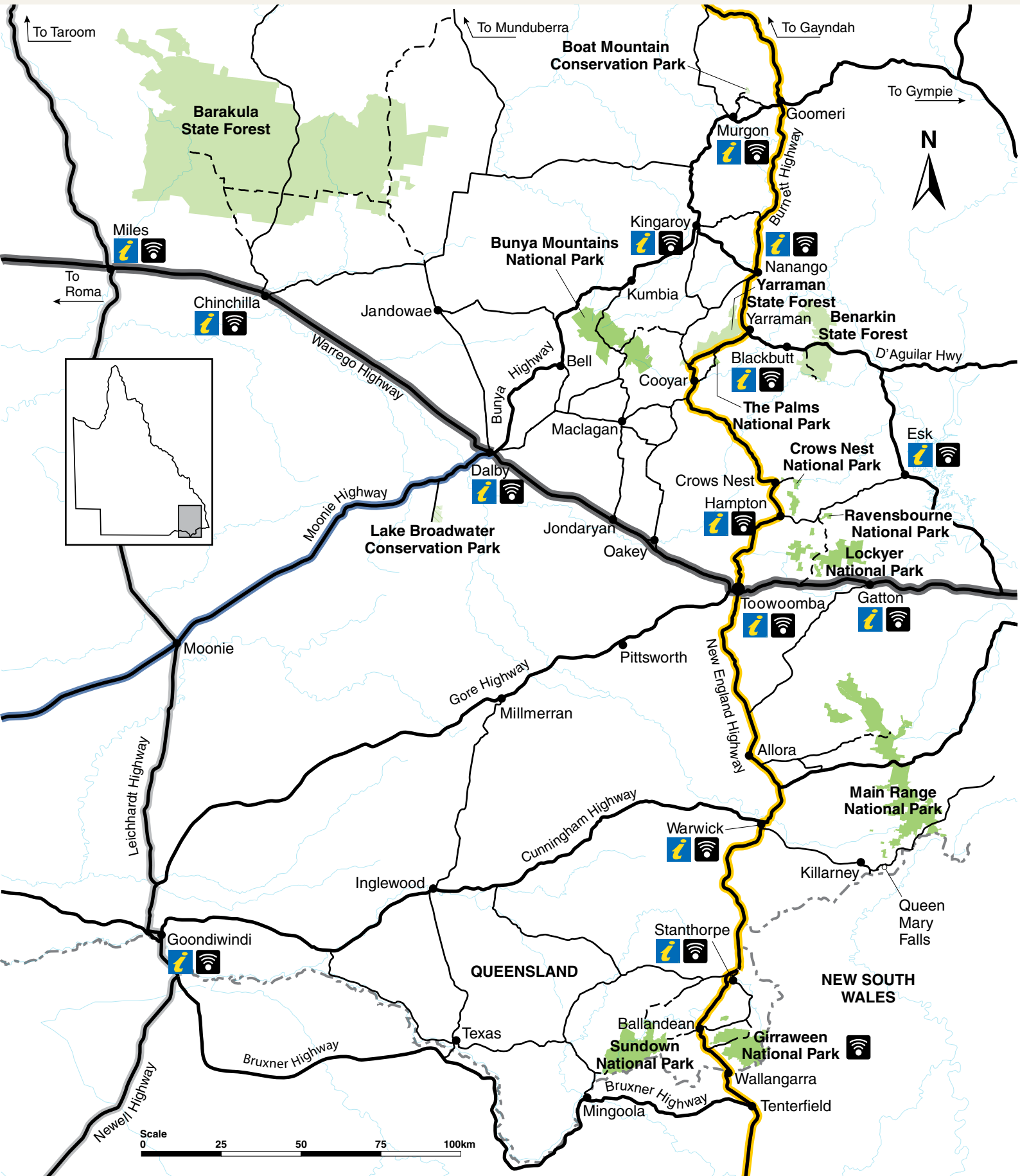


“If you are chasing variety, coupled with beauty, our parks and forests are the place to be. Boulders and wildflowers of the Granite Belt are absolutely spectacular while the giant bunya pines, and picture-postcard views from mountain ranges are nothing but impressive. From parks brim-full of incredible birdlife, to little-visited hidden gems and extensive forests, you'll find much to admire and the perfect spot to relax or be active—no matter the season.
Ranger Claire, on behalf of the Park Rangers of Southern Inland Queensland

Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt

Bald Rock Creek, Girraween National Park © Sarah Haskmann

Parks and forests of Southern Inland Queensland



Track and trail classification

Class	Symbol	Suits	Track description
2 Easy		Families with young children.	No bushwalking experience required. The track has a compacted surface and may have gentle incline sections, some steps and a ramp. May be suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them.
3 Easy to moderate		Most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience.	Well-defined tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps. Tracks may have obstacles and be partly overgrown. Ankle-supporting footwear required.
4 Moderate		Experienced bushwalkers with moderate levels of fitness.	Tracks may be long, rough, very steep and potentially overgrown. Caution is needed on creek crossings, loose surfaces, steep rock inclines, cliff edges and at exposed naturally-occurring outlooks. Directional signs may be limited. Ankle-supporting footwear required.
Easy		Beginner mountain bikers with basic mountain-bike skills.	Wide trail with gentle gradient and some obstacles such as roots, logs and rocks.
Intermediate		Skilled mountain bikers.	Trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. May have steep sections.

Legend for publication

	National park		Accredited visitor information centre		Car camping
	State forest		Wi-Fi access		Camper trailer
	Conservation park		Parking		Motorhome/campervan
	Restricted access area <i>do not enter</i>		Toilets		Caravan
	Water		Park office		Showers
	Waterway		Information		Accommodation
	Cliff line		Short easy walks		Restaurant
	Highway		Longer, more difficult walks		Telephone
	Sealed road		4WD access		Boat ramp
	Unsealed road		Wheelchair access		Mines
	4WD road		Interpretive trail		Water— <i>treat before drinking</i>
	Class 2 walking track		Dogs on leash permitted		Shallow water
	Class 3 walking track		Horses permitted		Unstable cliff
	Class 4 walking track		Fishing permitted		Diving prohibited
	Shared trail		Swimming		Jumping prohibited
	State boundary		Canoeing/kayaking		Camping prohibited
	Town		Picnic area		Fishing prohibited
	Rail Trail		Sheltered picnic table		
	Bicentennial National Trail		Barbecue—wood	Drive Queensland routes	
	Gate		Barbecue—electric or gas		Warrego Way
	Mountain peak		Natural viewpoint		Leichhardt Way
	Waterfall		Constructed lookout		Adventure Way
			Camping		Australia's Country Way



(Top): Wyberba Walk, Girraween
 Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt
 (Above): On the Peak Trail, Girraween National Park
 © Jolene McLellan



In the wild at Girraween National Park

Photo: © Lachlan Gardiner

Plan your escape

Swap the bustle of Queensland's busy south-east for a taste of country air and stunning locations that delight the senses. Find inspiration on a rainforest-clad peak or beneath awe-inspiring balancing boulders. Venture across grasslands, through towering forests, past tumbling waterfalls, along meandering streams or to unexpected lakes and waterholes.

Best time to visit

In a region that experiences four distinct seasons, it's always a good time to visit.

On icy winter mornings temperatures fall below freezing, followed by clear blue skies and the promise of colourful wildflowers bursting into blossom in spring. Simmering summer days reaching 35-40°C make escaping to cool streams and rainforest-clad mountain tops an enticing prospect. Most rain falls from November to March, often as heavy storms that send water rushing down creeks and streams. Then, as days shorten into autumn, leaves may fall and the forests and woodlands ring with the songs of migrating birds.

Walking is best in the cooler months from April to September when skies are clear and rain is less likely.

Best ways to visit

Enjoy the freedom of a scenic country drive. Most parks are accessible in a car, but some areas require a 4WD. Use the map, itineraries and access details provided in this brochure to help plan your journey—please don't rely on your mobile phone or GPS for navigation as they may be unreliable.

Add some local flavour

Savour the tastes of Queensland's premium wine and fresh food region. Take a meandering route through farmland to peaceful country towns and stop for a chat, shop from local producers and check out the sights. Snuggle up beside a wood fire at a mountain retreat, holiday cottage, B&B or farm stay.

With a year-round festival calendar featuring food and arts, rodeos, country shows and culture, there's something for everyone. Find out more at southernqueenslandcountry.com.au



Stroll meandering forest tracks
Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt



All the family will love walking at
Bunya Mountains National Park
© Tourism and Events Queensland

Choose your adventure

Find that perfect picnic spot, quiet camp or secluded fishing hole. Explore the bush on a short stroll or long hike, take off on a mountain bike trail to a new favourite destination or bump along rough 4WD roads.

Amazing park adventures await on an easy road trip into Southern Inland Queensland.

Wildflowers and wilderness along the border

Let the promise of icy-cold winters, vibrant spring-time wildflowers, tantalising summer rock pools and the chorus of autumn woodland birds entice you to the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

In addition to four distinct seasons, this region is renowned for its wineries and locally grown produce. Taste the flavours of nature on a day-trip or weekend adventure sampling an abundance of tempting on and off-park experiences.

Turn off the New England Highway between Stanthorpe and Tenterfield to **Girraween National Park** and a stunning landscape unlike any other. Relax or go wild amid the balancing boulders, eucalypt forests, cascading creeks and colourful wildflowers. From sedate strolls to challenging hikes and fun rock scrambles, there's something for everyone.

Sundown National Park south-west of Stanthorpe is the place to head off the beaten track and find seclusion. Find a quiet spot to camp or fish. Hike, 4WD or simply enjoy the views and isolation of rough and rugged range country surrounding the picturesque Severn River.

High country and foothills of the Great Divide

Take the Great Bunya Drive from the South Burnett or Darling Downs and escape to cool, lush rainforests and panoramic views at **Bunya Mountains National Park**. Connect with nature and your spirit amid ancient bunya pines or at lookouts on open grassy 'balds'. Mountain-top camp sites, shady picnic spots, winding walks and cheeky, colourful birdlife will enthrall.

Stop in at other parks and forests in the foothills along the way.

Detour off the D'Aguiar Highway for a picnic or scenic drive admiring long straight rows of hoop pine at **Yarraman** and **Benarkin state forests**. You can camp at Benarkin, and walk or ride sections of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and Bicentennial National Trail.

Heading from Gympie and the Wide Bay region? Stop in to **Boat Mountain Conservation Park** near Murgon for a picnic, walk and to admire the views.

Travellers on the New England Highway near Cooyar can take a quick side-trip to **The Palms National Park**—a hidden gem of unexpected beauty and diversity.



Escape the city and see the stars
© Lachlan Gardiner

Let your legs (and thoughts) wander in the high country north from Toowoomba.

Crows Nest National Park has a meandering creek with rock pools, cliffs, gorges and 20m waterfall. It is popular for bushwalking, seasonal wildflowers and for cooling off in warmer months. You might even spot a brush-tailed rock-wallaby.

Ravensbourne National Park is loved for its lush rolling hills, scenic lookout and shady rainforest walks. Tune in to the sights and sounds of forest birds and frogs in the creek.



Enjoy a picnic with a view at Ravensbourne
Karen Smith © Qld Govt

Woodlands and wetlands in the western downs

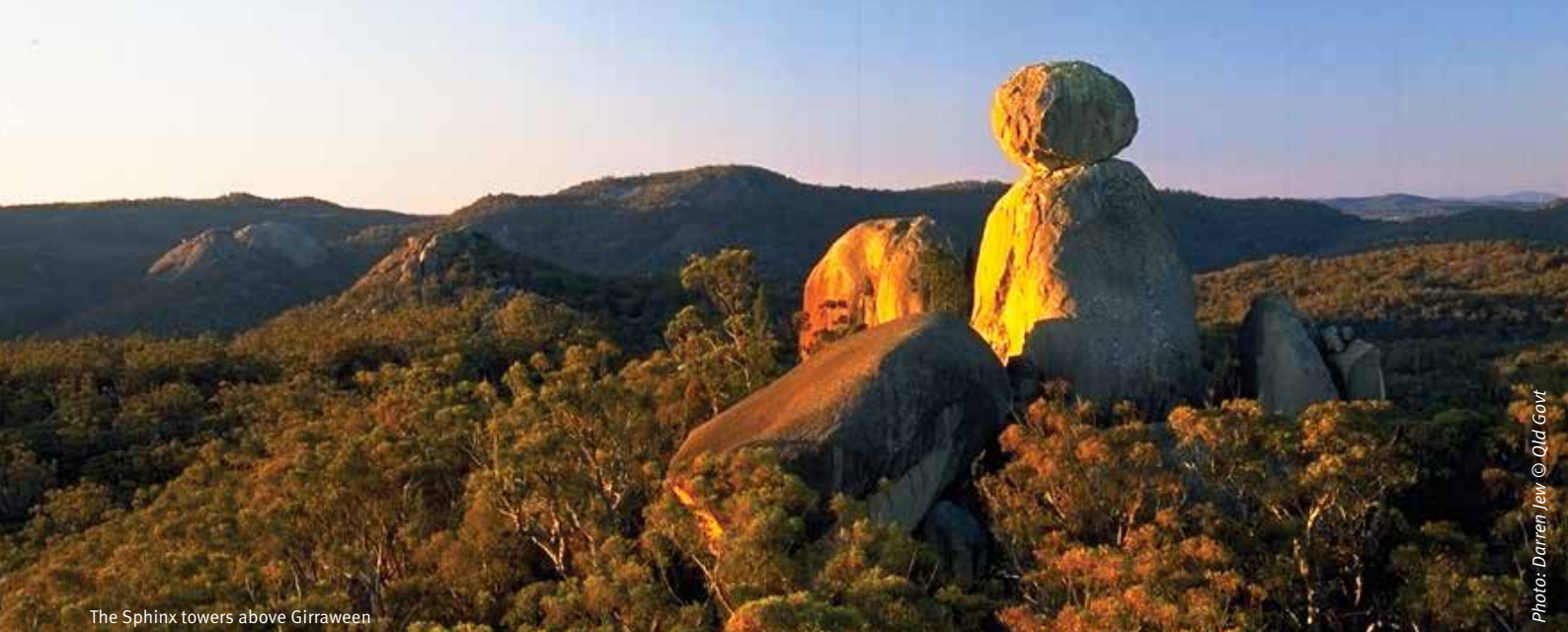
West along the Warrego Highway, country towns lead to wild adventures far from cities and the coast.

Waterbirds and people flock to **Lake Broadwater** south-west of Dalby—the largest naturally occurring body of water on the Darling Downs. Relax lake-side, get wet (either in or on the water), watch birds, savour a picnic or camp.

Chinchilla is the gateway to **Barakula**—Queensland's largest state forest. You'll find no facilities or crowds when you head bush to this working state forest brimming with eucalypts and cypress pines, forest birds and wildflowers.



See Mt Kiangarow splashed with colour at sunset, Bunya Mountains National Park
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt



The Sphinx towers above Girraween

Photo: Darren Jew © Qld Govt

Girraween National Park

Must dos

- Stroll to Granite Arch **2** or hike through jaw-dropping scenery of rocky outcrops amid forests of eucalypts.
- Climb The Pyramid **3** and snap a photo beside Balancing Rock.
- Dip your toes in or laze like a lizard beside Bald Rock Creek **4**.
- Stop in at the visitor centre **1** to learn about the nature, history and walks of Girraween.

Getting there

Girraween is on the Queensland–New South Wales border 260km south-west of Brisbane.

Turn off the New England Highway 26km south of Stanthorpe (or 30km north of Tenterfield) and follow the sealed road 9km east to the park visitor centre.



Granite Arch
Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt

Longing for a nature escape? Precariously balanced granite boulders, mesmerising rock pools and spectacular spring-time wildflowers create a stunning backdrop for many memorable adventures.

Set your heart racing, or simply relax! Laze by the creek or climb a granite monolith to gaze over rugged scenery eroded by water, wind and ice. Discover sunlit outcrops, deep waterholes and countless feathered, furred and scaled creatures of woodland and forest.

Visit in spring and early summer when wildflowers set Girraween’s forests, woodlands and heathlands ablaze with colour.

Girraween is an Aboriginal word meaning ‘Place of Flowers’ and its changing seasons will lure you back time and time again.

Things to do

Picnicking

Bald Rock Creek day-use area **2** has free electric barbecues close to walking tracks and the visitor centre. Secluded Mount Norman day-use area **5** is set deep in the forest and reached via unsealed roads.

Wildlife spotting

Spot wrens, robins, thornbills, firetails, honeyeaters, warblers, parrots and flycatchers. Come face-to-face with Cunningham’s skinks on sunlit rocks and eastern water dragons by the creek. By night, shine a light on bold brushtail

possums, tiny sugar or feathertail gliders, and maybe a well-camouflaged leaf-tailed gecko.

From wattles to banksias, pea-flowers to flannel flowers, be enthralled by displays of more than 700 species of wildflowers.

Bushwalking and mountain biking

Take a short or long walk or challenging overnight hike. Feel the freedom of pedalling through the forest along shared trails and rough tracks.

Places to camp

Book well in advance for school holidays and long weekends to make sure you don’t miss out on a site (see page 22).

3 Bald Rock Creek camping area



Choose a shady or sunny camp site from which to explore the creek nearby.

4 Castle Rock camping area



Share the large, open camping area with woodland birds and grazing kangaroos.

Remote bush camping

Several remote, walk-in bush camping sites without facilities are available for fit, experienced and well-equipped bushwalkers. Pack a topographic map or GPS, camping permit, plenty of water and a fuel stove.



Places to go

1 Wyberba walk
280m one-way (15mins).

Stroll by the creek admiring wildflowers, views to The Pyramid, reflections in the water and maybe even a shy Bell's turtle.

2 Granite Arch
1.6km return (30mins).

Cross Bald Rock Creek, wind through woodland and under a natural stone archway. Perfect for families or if time is short.

3 The Pyramid
3.6km return (1.5–2hrs).

Class 3 to base. Class 4 to summit.

If the climb up the final rock face doesn't take your breath away, the unforgettable views will. Only for the brave and sure-footed—wear shoes with good grip and take time to rest and soak up the scenery.

4 Bald Rock Creek circuit
2.2km return (1hr).

Drink in the sights and sounds of the cascading creek—sun-seeking lizards, butterflies, bush birds, and the swirling eddies of a rock pool.

5 The Junction
5.2km return (2hrs).

Follow Bald Rock Creek to its junction with Ramsay Creek. A must for wildflower lovers in spring.

Eastern and southern tracks

6 Dr Roberts Waterhole
1.2km return (30mins).

Contemplate nature reflected in still, deep water. Discover ground orchids, conesticks, geebung and banksias.

7 Underground Creek
2.8km return (1–1.5hrs).

Be mesmerised by burnished-gold, water-sculpted rocks where Bald Rock Creek disappears mysteriously underground.

8 Castle Rock
5.2km return (1.5–2hrs).

Class 3 to base. Class 4 to summit.

Rise above the tree-line for spectacular 360 degree views and great birdwatching.

9 The Sphinx and Turtle Rock
7.4km return (3–4hrs).

Mostly Class 3. Class 4 at very end.

See for yourself if a towering pinnacle with balancing rock, and a huge granite monolith, resemble their name-sakes.

10 Mount Norman

11km return (4–5hrs) from visitor centre.
4km return (1.5–2hrs) from Mount Norman day-use area. Class 3 to base. Class 4 to final approach.

Trek through Girraween's heart to this imposing granite monolith. Reaching the absolute top requires rock climbing experience—never rock climb alone.

11 Creek Trail
3.5km circuit.

Take a leisurely cycle or walk discovering spring-time wildflowers and views of Bald Rock Creek.


12 Peak Trail
10.6km return.


Use your off-road cycling skills or hike this rough trail with stunning vistas of Mount Norman.

Combine several tracks or trails for outstanding, longer journeys in nature.

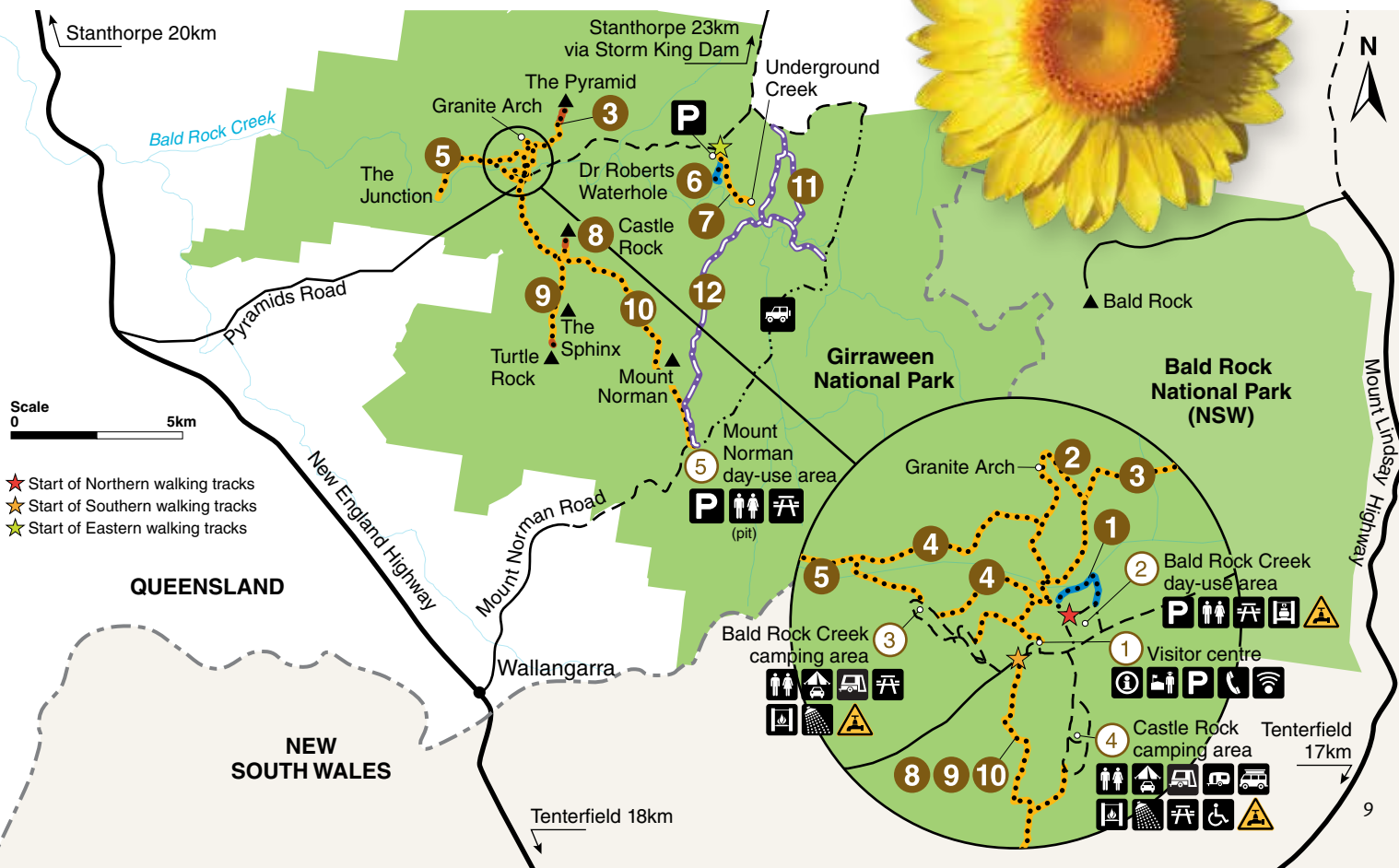
Be safe

Supervise children closely.

 Watch your step. Granite rocks become very slippery when wet and decomposed granite on tracks can also be slippery. Stay well back from rock edges and cliff faces.

 Take care near water. Never dive or jump into the water as it may be shallow or have hidden rocks or objects.

 Golden everlasting daisy
© Qld Govt





Red Rock Gorge Lookout

Photo: © Ben Blanche

Sundown National Park

Must dos

- Drop a line into the Severn River and catch a yellow-belly or eel-tailed catfish for dinner.
- Rock-hop along the river, delve into a gorge or take a refreshing rock pool dip.
- Imagine stories behind the old mines, scattered diggings, wells, fences, yards and other remains of past mining and pastoral eras.
- Marvel at the view and watch peregrine falcons soaring over Red Rock Gorge **3**.

Getting there

Sundown is about 250km south-west of Brisbane and has three entrances via unsealed roads.

The Broadwater is accessible by car. From Stanthorpe: take Texas Road for 62km, then Glenlyon Dam Road for 14km. Turn left at the park signs into unsealed Permanents Road and continue 4km to the camping area. From Tenterfield: head north for 5km along the New England Highway, then west along the Bruxner Highway 52km to Mingoola. Turn right and travel 12km to the park turn-off (Permanents Road).

Sundown's eastern entrance is 16km west of Ballandean via Curr Road and Sundown Road. From there you need a high clearance 4WD for the rough 20km (allow 2 hours) drive to camp sites along the river.

To reach Nundubbermere Falls, travel 8km along Texas Road from Stanthorpe, then 20km along Nundubbermere Road before following Falls Road for 4km in your 4WD to the park entrance.

Sundown means seclusion. Few facilities, few people—just rugged ranges, meandering watercourses and space to escape and breathe in the sights and sounds of the bush.

Surrounded by hillsides clothed in eucalypts, the Severn River and its tributaries carve away at wild 'traprock country' along the Queensland–New South Wales border. Drift off to sleep near the river under twinkling stars and wake with the morning chorus of woodland birds. You'll feel like you're 'out west' even though you are only a few hours' drive from the coast.

Things to do

Wildlife spotting

Look along the river for turtles, frogs, water dragons, waterbirds and honeyeaters feasting on colourful bottlebrush flowers. Sundown is known for its woodland birds, so listen for white-throated tree-creepers, spotted pardalotes and red-capped robins. Watch red-winged and turquoise parrots in southern areas. See grey kangaroos, wallaroos on steep slopes and if you're lucky, brush-tailed rock-wallabies hiding among rocks near Nundubbermere Falls.



Four-wheel driving

Engage 4WD for the narrow 20km track from Sundown's eastern boundary (via Ballandean) to Red Rock Gorge and camp sites along the Severn River. You'll need a high clearance 4WD vehicle and to check the weather first as creeks rise rapidly after rain. The track is very rough with steep, single-lane sections. It is not suitable for trailers.

Adventurous mountain bikers experienced in remote terrain sometimes cycle these tracks. Riders must watch for and give way to vehicles.

Fishing and paddling

You can fish in the Severn River. Deeper waterholes are also great for canoeing, kayaking and swimming.



 (Above): Severn River
© Ben Blanche

(Left): Eastern grey kangaroos
Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt

Places to camp

- 1 The Broadwater camping area**


Find individual sites and a large group area close to a waterhole. Use the donkey heater to warm water for showers.

- 2 Red Rock Gorge camping area**


Capture the changing hues of sunset from cliffs near this small camp site surrounded by fragrant eucalypt forest.

- 3 Reedy Waterhole camping area**


Devour your freshly-caught fish then sleep under the stars beside the Severn River.

- 4 Burrows Waterhole camping area**


Rugged ranges clothed in woodland surround this attractive river flat. Relax or wander downstream to Rats Castle—a distinctive granite outcrop.



 Burrows Waterhole makes a peaceful camping spot
 © MJL Photography

- 5 Nundubbermere Falls camping area**


Admire views from your peaceful, semi-shaded tent site set a safe distance back from the steep drop into the Severn River. Keep watch for brush-tailed rock-wallabies living among the cliffs.

- Remote bush camping**
 Some opportunities for remote, walk-in bush camping are available. There are no facilities and walkers need to be well-equipped, physically fit, have a camping permit, topographic map and carry plenty of water. Please use fuel stoves and leave no trace of your visit.

Places to go

- 1 Western circuit**
 4.5km return (1.5hrs).

Ramble along an open ridge for extensive views up the valley. Keep watch for golden whistlers, spiny-cheeked and yellow-faced honeyeaters and other woodland birds.

- 2 Permanent Waterhole**
 2km return (1hr).

Even in the driest of times, Permanent Waterhole is a haven for wildlife and perfect for a swim. Spot wildlife coming to drink at dawn or dusk.

- 3 Red Rock Gorge Lookout**
 500m return (15mins).

Gaze to granite cliffs stained red by lichen. Listen out in winter for the mimicking calls of superb lyrebirds in the thick vine scrub in the gorge far below.




 Cunningham's skink
 Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt


Did you know?


Tin, copper, arsenic and other minerals were mined sporadically in the Sundown area from the 1870s to the 1950s. You can see remains of mines from the 4WD track—but stay safe and keep out of fenced areas.



 © Qld Govt

Be safe

 **BYO drinking water.**
 River water is not suitable for drinking without purification. Never drink from watercourses near Sundown's old mines.

 **Take care near water.**
 Never dive or jump into the water as it may be shallow and have hidden rocks or objects.





Buaraba Creek

Photo: © Brett Roberts

Ravensbourne National Park

Must dos

- Take in the splendid panorama from Gus Beutel Lookout **1**.
- Linger in cool, shaded rainforest where dangling palm fronds reach down to embrace you.
- Spot topknot pigeons feeding on piccabeen palms or in the huge fig tree at Cedar Block **1**.

Getting there

Ravensbourne is 50km north-east of Toowoomba.

Travel 17km east of Hampton (32km north of Toowoomba) or 33km west of Esk via the Esk-Hampton Road, then turn south at the sign and continue 1.3km to the park.

Be enticed from a sunny hill-top picnic spot into cool, lush rainforest teeming with birds. Wander amid ancient forest giants, past palm groves and trickling streams.

Tiny jewelled fungi, ferns and birdsong from the canopy help us to appreciate the little that is left of the remnant rainforests and wet eucalypt forests along the Great Dividing Range. See how rainforest is slowly taking over the open forest: gullies are moist and inviting, while exposed ridges are warm and dry.

Aboriginal people gathered food, lived and travelled through here for generations. In the 1860s logging of rainforest hardwoods, red cedar and other timbers began, followed by the clearing of scrubs for farming and grazing from 1889.

Places to go

1 Gus Beutel Lookout

Gaze over the Lockyer Valley towards Brisbane and the Scenic Rim.

2 Cedar Block circuit

500m return (15mins).

Learn about the rainforest and its use by Aboriginal people and timber-getters long ago.

3 Rainforest circuit

1.7km return (40mins).

Admire ferns, vines, epiphytes and giant Sydney blue gums emerging above the rainforest canopy.

4 Palm Creek circuit

3.6km return (1.5hrs).

Descend into a steep, palm-filled creek then out into the open forest. Don't miss the side-track to a sandstone overhang.

5 Buaraba Creek

6.2km return (2-2.5hrs).

Birdlife is most abundant where rainforest merges with open eucalypt forest as you descend towards the creek. Carry drinking water for the climb back up hill.

Things to do

🦋 Wildlife spotting

Ravensbourne is known for its birdlife. Hear green catbirds, wompoo fruit-doves, noisy pittas and eastern whipbirds in the rainforest. Watch for wrens in sunny open forest; see red-tailed black-cockatoos and glossy black-cockatoos feeding on casuarina seeds in winter.

🏕️ Picnicking

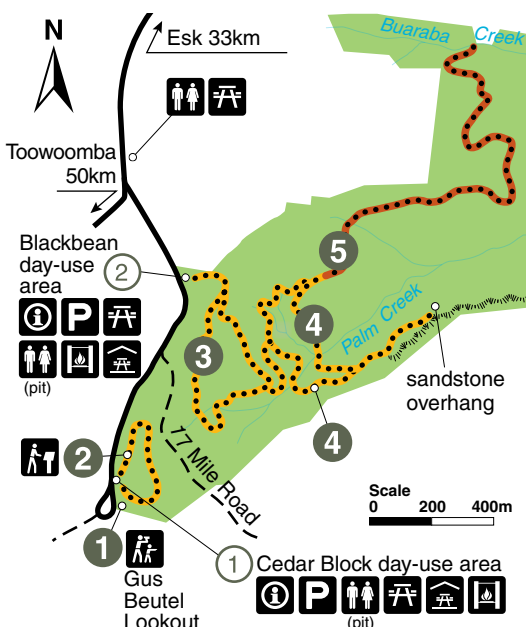
Spread out your picnic rug at Cedar Block **1** in the shade of a giant fig or in a sun-drenched spot near the lookout. Relax to the notes of birdsong in the dappled shade at Blackbean day-use area **2**.

Places to stay

You can't camp in this park. Visit southernqueenslandcountry.com.au for places to stay nearby.



Topknot pigeons savour forest fruits
© Bruce Thomson



Bottlebrush Pool

Crows Nest National Park

Must dos

- Be mesmerised as water plummets 20m over Crows Nest Falls **1**.
- Let your spirits soar like an eagle at Koonin Lookout **3** when you gaze across the Valley of Diamonds.
- Chill out on a granite boulder watching brush-tailed rock-wallabies watching you.

Getting there

Crows Nest National Park is about 56km north of Toowoomba. Turn off the New England Highway at the Crows Nest Police Station and take the sealed road 6km to the park.

Boulder-strewn cascades, a waterfall, tranquil waterholes and a gorge rimmed by towering granite cliffs are just some of the reasons to visit.

See water and rock battle for supremacy. Together they create a magnificent landscape of exposed cliffs, meandering streams, moist shaded gullies and bottlebrush-fringed rock pools. Walk to lookouts, explore the creek, spy turtles, birdwatch and admire wildflowers in spring.

Places to camp

Crows Nest camping area



Spot possums and gliders at night and listen for a male koala calling in the eucalypts. Bring a bucket for use at the 'boil-your-own-water' bush showers.

Things to do

Picnicking

Cook lunch on the gas barbecue or savour a sandwich on the grassy creek bank.

Wildlife spotting

Be deafened by the summer-time chorus of cicadas and entranced by the 'tock, tock, tock' calls of striped marsh frogs echoing around boulders. Watch birds of prey soaring above cliffs, lizards scrambling over rocks, and honeyeaters, thornbills and robins flitting among the trees. Sit quietly and your patience might be rewarded with glimpses of rock-wallabies, echidnas, bandicoots and lace monitors.

Places to go

1 Crows Nest Falls Lookout

2.1km return (45mins).

Witness water tumbling over 20m high granite cliffs into the dark pool below.

2 Crows Nest Falls via Kauyoo Loop

2.7km return (1hr). Class 3 to The Cascades. Class 4 to Kauyoo and Bottlebrush Pools.

Wander along the creek, stopping to refresh with a swim at Bottlebrush Pool. Take care exploring as steps, rocks and stepping-stones can be slippery—especially after rain.

3 Koonin Lookout

4.5km return (1.5-2hrs).

Enjoy a bird's-eye view over the Valley of Diamonds—a 100m deep gorge glistening with mineral-flecked granite.



Be safe

Serious injuries and deaths have happened here. Please obey safety signs—never dive or jump into waterholes and take care near cliff edges. **For your safety, stay out of the restricted access area around Crows Nest Falls.**



Bunya pines emerge above the rainforest canopy

Photo: Michael O'Connor © Qld Govt

Bunya Mountains National Park

Enter the world’s largest stand of bunya pines and feel renewed. Your senses will be nourished here, as will your spirit.

Must dos

- Enjoy a mountain-top stroll or picnic at the forest edge; apply the brakes and relish the scenery.
- Catch brilliant flashes of colour as king parrots and crimson rosellas swoop to a nearby branch.
- Reconnect with family, friends and nature where countless generations of Aboriginal people have been gathering for feasts, ceremonies and to receive strength.

Getting there

Bunya Mountains National Park is about 200km north-west of Brisbane and 125km north-west of Toowoomba.

Follow the signed Great Bunya Drive: from the west via Jondaryan (65km) or Dalby (55km); from the north via Kingaroy (50km); or from Nanango (55km) and Yarraman (57km) in the east via Maidenwell. Some routes have short unsealed sections.

All access roads to the Bunya Mountains are steep, winding and narrow and not suitable for long and/or heavy vehicles. Discretion is urged with respect to caravans, motorhomes and buses.

Rangers tip

“ Learn more about the park at the visitor centre and interpretive displays at Dandabah.

Queensland’s second-oldest national park is home to towering forests and ancient grass trees, delicate orchids, paradise riflebirds, flickering fireflies and all things large and small clinging to the moist and fertile mountain slopes. Seek refuge from a busy world or the heat of a summer’s day—wander through mist-filled rainforest, soak in views from high altitude grassland ‘balds’ or sleep atop the mountain under a blanket of twinkling stars.

Places to camp

① Dandabah



Share the grass with red-necked wallabies and let the kids birdwatch or play while you unwind. Close to walks, a small general store, restaurants and a public phone.

③ Westcott



Pitch your tent at the forest edge and watch the sun set over distant plains. See all three of the mountain’s fairy-wren species—variegated, red-backed and superb blue.

⑤ Burtons Well



Wake to spectacular sunrises and the morning chorus of birds sharing your hillside camp site near towering stringybarks and ancient grasstrees.



Rainforest discoveries on the Scenic Circuit © Tourism and Events Queensland

Did you know?

The Bunya Mountains are a spiritual gathering place for Aboriginal peoples from near and far.

Edible bunya nuts were, and remain, a ceremonial food of great significance. Bunya pines produce fruiting cones from mid-summer to autumn. Coinciding with extra large crops every few years, Aboriginal people travelled hundreds of kilometres along traditional pathways to take part in what is today known as the ‘Bunya Festival’. Sometimes lasting several months, this was a time for ceremonies, to share customs, trade, settle disputes, arrange marriages and be nourished by Mother Earth.



Bunya cones can be the size of soccer balls Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt

Things to do

Picnicking

Laze over lunch and enjoy the scenery. Dandabah ① has electric barbecues and is close to walking tracks, the visitor centre and cafes. For less crowds and more sun head to Westcott ③, Cherry Plain ④ and Burtons Well ⑤.

Wildlife spotting

See brush turkeys and satin bowerbirds. Be enchanted by the sights and sounds of green catbirds, noisy pittas and eastern whipbirds in the rainforest; red-browed finches, grey fantails and fairy-wrens in the open forest; and wedge-tailed eagles and peregrine falcons soaring at the mountain edge.

Spot the huge brown tadpoles of great barred frogs in rainforest rock pools. Encounter carpet pythons, Burton's legless lizards and endemic Bunya sunsinks on sunny grassy balds. Keep watch at dusk in warmer months for tiny chocolate wattled bats emerging from the old timber school house at Dandabah.

Places to go

Eastern rainforest tracks

① Bunya Bunya track

500m return (10mins).

Stroll the fern-carpeted forest and be humbled by ancient forest giants.

② Scenic circuit

4km return (1hr 20mins).

Be enticed into the rainforest, past trickling streams and waterfalls beneath enormous bunya pines, hoop pines and strangler figs. Take in picture-perfect views to the east at Pine Gorge Lookout.

③ Barker Creek circuit

10km return (3–4hrs).


Wind through magnificent rainforest and eucalypt forest, then onto a sunny, grassy bald. Take the side track to Big Falls and Barker Creek lookouts.

④ Barker Creek Lookout

5.4km return (2hrs).

Follow tree identification signs past Paradise Falls and Little Falls to Big Falls and Barker Creek lookouts. Big Falls is at its best after heavy rain.



 Satin bowerbird
© Old Govt

⑤ Dandabah to Paradise

3km one-way (1hr 15mins).

Experience arguably the best bunya pine forest on the planet. Do just this walk (6km return) to experience their magnificence, or continue around Barker Creek circuit (10km).

Western walks

⑥ Paradise to Westcott

3.2km one-way (1hr 15mins).

Admire rainforest and Little Pocket (a small grassy bald) on the way to views over the Darling Downs. Arrange to be picked up or retrace your steps (6.4km return).

⑦ Koondaii circuit

2.5km return (1hr).

Zigzag downhill to a lookout giving views towards Bell, Dalby and the open plains. Open forest merges into rainforest as you climb steadily back uphill.

⑧ Westcott to Cherry Plain

4.8km one-way (1.5–2 hrs).

Shady rainforest gives way to sunny eucalypt-clad ridges and views. Marvel at the yellow blossoms of king orchids along cliffs in spring. Retrace your steps (9.6km return), get picked up or continue to a linking track.

⑨ Cherry Plain to Burtons Well

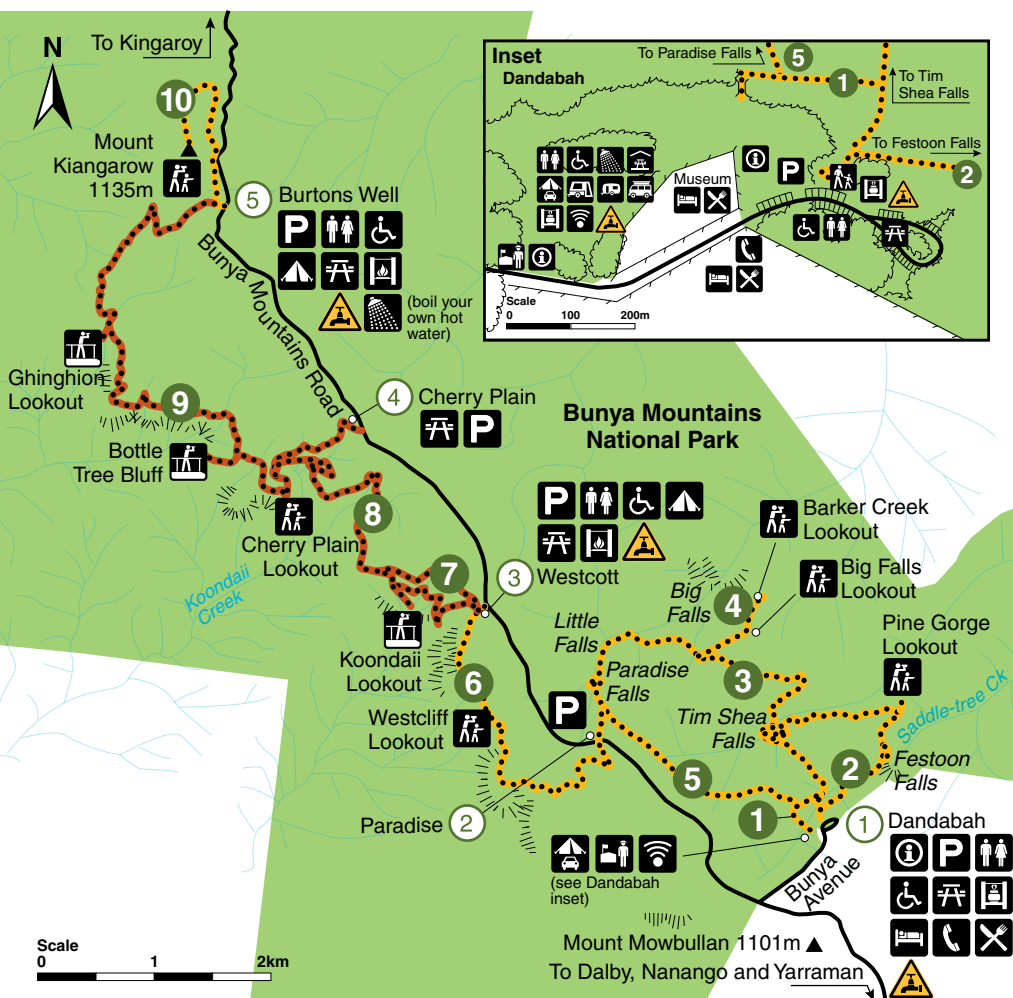
6km one-way (2hrs).

Wind in and out of rainforest, vine scrub and open forest along the mountain edge. Admire soaring birds of prey as well as the view. Get picked up, retrace your steps (12km return), or link with another walk.

⑩ Mount Kiangarow

2.3km return (1hr).

Emerge from an avenue of grasstrees on Bunya Mountains' highest peak. Perfect at sunrise or sunset.



Be safe

Ticks are active all year round and can cause allergic reactions or serious illness. Wear insect repellent and check yourself and children regularly for ticks.



Emu Creek runs according to the season

Photo: Karen Smith © Qld Govt

Benarkin and Yarraman state forests

Must dos

- Kick back at your creek-side camp site. Relax and watch the kids playing in nature.
- Get active and have an adventure—saddle up or jump on your bike to explore forest trails.
- Sneak up on platypus in a rock pool or skinks and lizards basking on warm, sunlit rocks.

Getting there

Benarkin and Yarraman state forests are 150km north-west of Brisbane.

For Benarkin State Forest: turn off the D’Aguilar Highway at Benarkin (3.5km east of Blackbutt) and follow the scenic, winding gravel road 16km down the range. The road is steep and narrow, so take care—especially after rain. A 4WD or high clearance vehicle is recommended.

Yarraman State Forest is just off the D’Aguilar Highway, 1.5km north of Yarraman.

Beware of logging trucks using roads through these working state forests.

Drive, ride or trot through impressive hoop pine plantations, towering eucalypt forests and dense vine scrubs. Find a quiet spot to linger over a picnic, camp by a refreshing stream or simply unwind.

Hoop pines grow naturally along the Blackbutt Range and rolling hills at the head of the Brisbane River, emerging above the canopy of subtropical rainforest and vine forests. Since the 1920s, hoop and other pines have also been planted here in tall straight rows alongside eucalypt forests containing blackbutt, tallowwood, white mahogany, gums and ironbarks.

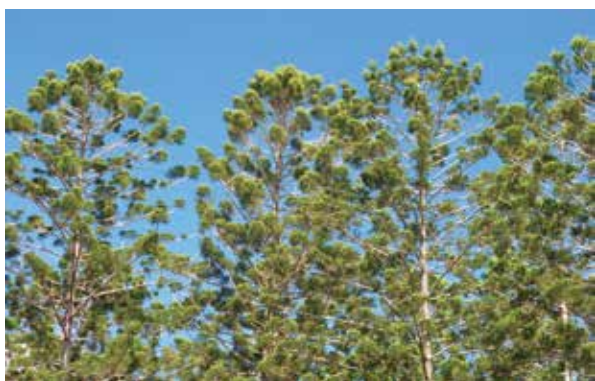
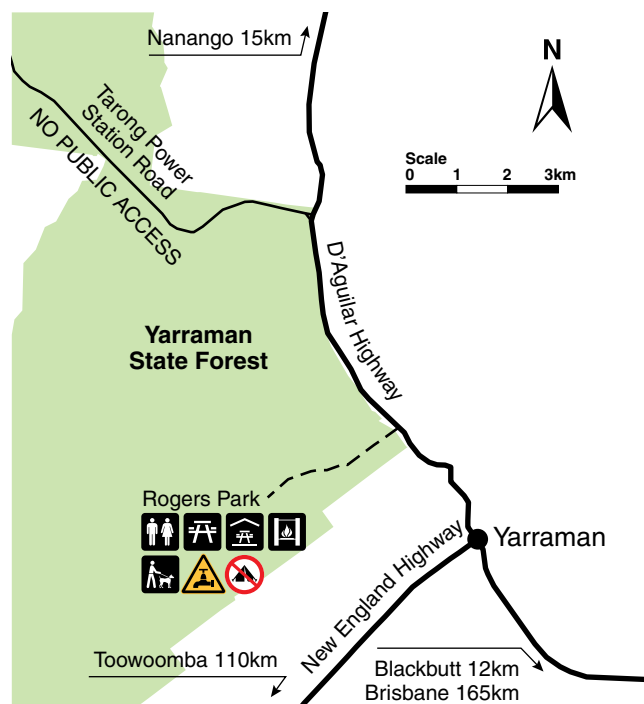
As well as growing timber, these state forests are home to possums and pademelons, birds and butterflies and are great places to visit—even just for a quick look!



Shady Rogers Park is not far off the highway
Karen Smith © Qld Govt



(Above): Lewin's honeyeater
© Robert Ashdown
(Left): Hoop pines dominate the skyline
Karen Smith © Qld Govt



Things to do

Picnicking

Picnic surrounded by pine plantations at Rogers Park in Yarraman State Forest, under tall stringybark and ironbark trees at Benarkin day-use area ① or at a peaceful creek-side spot 16km into Benarkin State Forest at Emu Creek day-use area ③.

Visiting with dogs

You can take your dog to Clancys camping area ②, Emu Creek day-use area ③ and Rogers Park providing it remains on a leash and under control at all times. Dogs are not permitted in any other parts of Benarkin or Yarraman state forests.

Walking, cycling, horse riding and driving

Walk, ride a horse or cycle along logging tracks, or follow the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail or Bicentennial National Trail. You can also ride a trail bike or drive a 4WD along formed roads through the forests providing you are licensed and using a road-registered vehicle. Remember the give-way code: vehicles and bicycles give way to horses and walkers; and walkers give way to horses. Beware of logging trucks.

You are not permitted in harvesting areas—heed the signs and stay on tracks.



 Enjoy a scenic drive through pine plantations
Karen Smith © Qld Govt

Wildlife spotting

Hear the distinctive calls of rufous whistlers and eastern whipbirds ringing through forests and plantations. Dense vine scrub hosts green catbirds, paradise riflebirds, noisy pittas and shy black-breasted button-quails.


Spot waterbirds, water dragons, freshwater turtles and maybe even a platypus at the deeper pools of Emu Creek. Watch kingfishers waiting patiently on overhanging branches, honeyeaters in the bottlebrush and furred and feathered residents coming in for a drink.

Places to camp

② Clancys camping area



Create camping memories in an open grassy area beside Emu Creek and the Bicentennial National Trail. This is an ideal spot for families as the creek is shallow.

 If you have horses, you must tether or yard them uphill from the fenced area and water them downstream or carry water to them.

④ Emu Creek camping area

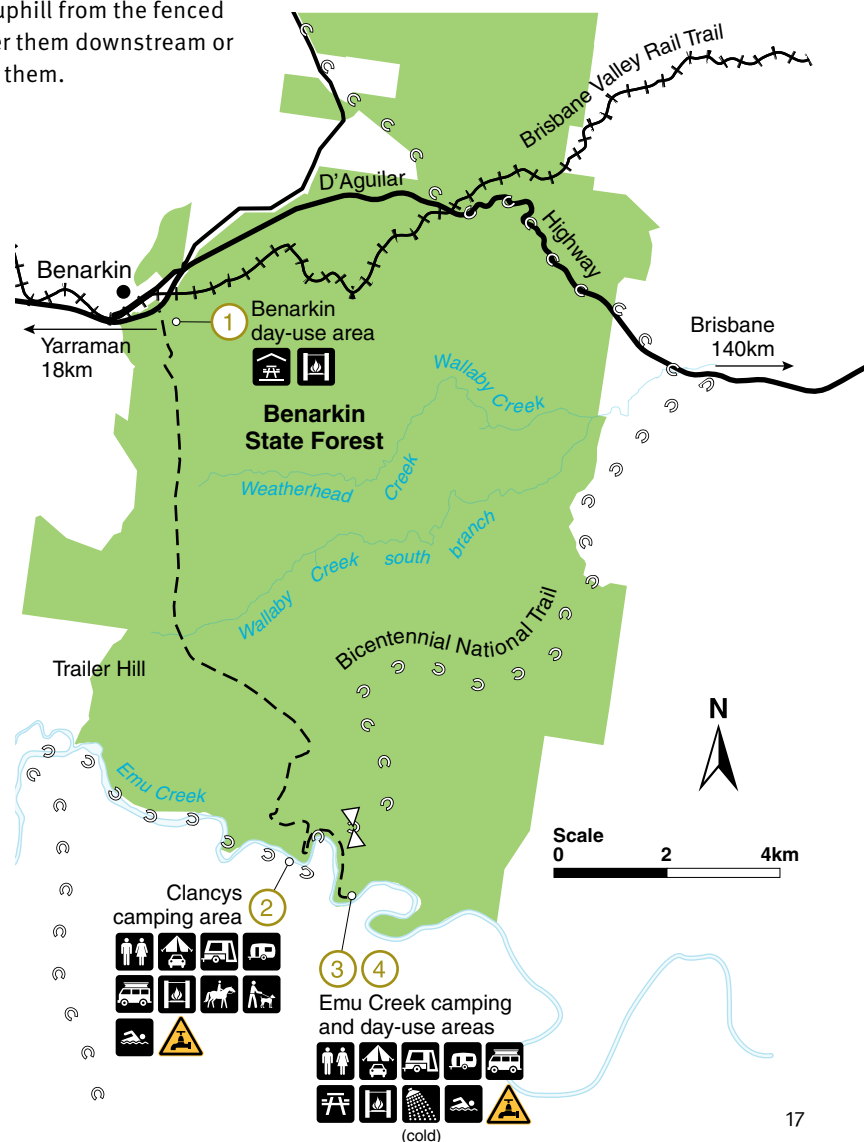


Unwind with family and friends under shady trees on a grassy bank overlooking Emu Creek. Cool off in the waterhole if conditions are right.

Did you know?

Benarkin was once considered one of the finest ironbark stands in Queensland. But timber-getting and fires led to their demise.

Re-forestation began about 1920 and experiments determined that hoop pine was the best species to plant. Using seedlings grown at Benarkin, Blackbutt and Yarraman, hoop pine plantations were established by 1926 and expanded to comprise, at one point, 35 percent of Queensland's total hoop pine plantation.





A huge strangler fig towers over piccabeen palms

Photo: © Robert Ashdown

The Palms National Park

Must dos

- Feel re-invigorated as you stretch your legs through shady, densely-packed piccabeen palms.
- Be amused by the antics of noisy flying-foxes in summer.

Getting there

The Palms is about 200km north-west of Brisbane. Turn off the New England Highway just north of Cooyar (94km north of Toowoomba, 28km south-west of Yarraman) and follow the signs 8km along a sealed but narrow road to the park.

Detour for a surprising nature discovery in a small but rich remnant of easily-accessible subtropical rainforest. Picnic with the birds or take an easy stroll—breathe deeply and enjoy the moment.

What this aptly-named park lacks in size is made up for in the diversity of nature within its cool, moist and shady gully filled with piccabeen palms and towering fig trees. Discover wildlife taking refuge where it is moist and thriving at the junctions between rainforest, dry vine scrub and eucalypt forest in this tiny 12.4ha patch of paradise.

Walking

1 The Palms circuit

650m return (15mins).

This short track with boardwalks encircles the palm forest—palms one side, dry vine scrub on the other. Admire piccabeen palms, a large strangler fig, bunya and hoop pines, buttressed trees and more.

Things to do

Wildlife spotting

Listen for the calls of frogs and birds, and watch creatures coming to the spring-fed creek to drink. More than 90 species of birds live here. Hear the repetitive calls of wonga pigeons and brown cuckoo-doves echoing through the forest. Be enchanted by rose-crowned fruit doves and green catbirds feeding in the canopy on the fruits of piccabeen palms and figs, while eastern yellow robins and white-browed scrub wrens flit through the shaded understorey. In sunny patches at the forest edge you might spot buff-rumped and brown thornbills, honeyeaters or even a barking owl at rest. Encounter red-necked pademelons and swamp wallabies thumping noisily along.

Picnicking

Say hello to the resident brush turkeys while you picnic in the patchy shade.

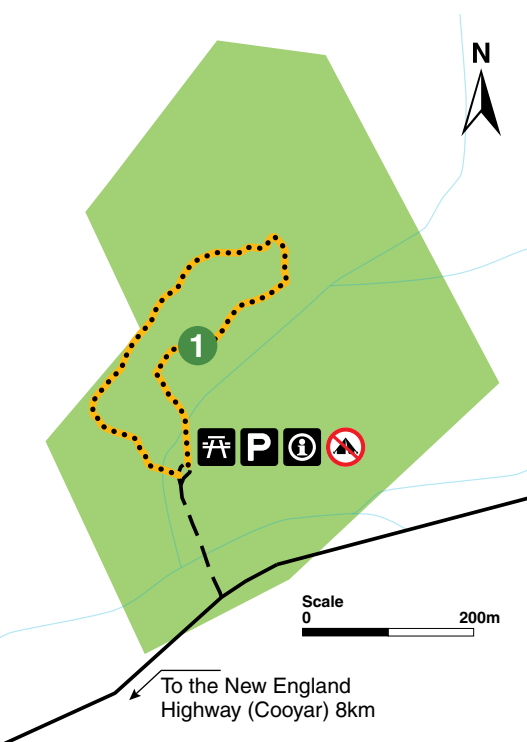
Places to stay

You can't camp in this park.

Visit southernqueenslandcountry.com.au for places to stay in the local area.

Rangers tip

“ Summer is the best time to see grey-headed flying-foxes resting by day in the park before taking to the skies at dusk to feed on forest fruits in the surrounding hills and valleys.



Palm fronds droop under the weight of sleepy flying-foxes
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt



Photo: © Karen Smith



Rest and enjoy the view

Boat Mountain Conservation Park

Must dos

- Snack at the forest edge then head off to explore.
- Gaze to the horizon from Braithwaites **1** or Daniels **2** lookouts and feel like you are on top of the world.

Getting there

Boat Mountain is about 260km north-west of Brisbane. Access is not suitable for buses, caravans and trailers.

Head north out of Murgon along Gore Street (which becomes winding Boat Mountain Road) turning right after 9km into Levers Road. Turn left after 0.6km into Daniels Road, right after 1.4km into Hebbel Drive and continue 1.4km to the park.

From Goomeri, take the Bunya Highway for 6km towards Murgon, and turn right into Manyung Road. After 4.5km veer right into Reifs Road, travel 3.5km then turn right into Daniels Road and follow the signs 2.8km to the park.



Eastern yellow robin © Ken Chapman

Climb through thick scrub to stand at the edge of a distinctive flat-topped basalt ridge taking in charming views over the farmland below.

Shaped like an upturned boat, this local landmark is only 80ha in size but has at least 130 plant and 60 bird species.

Have the park to yourself as you venture up steep stairs through dry rainforest, then into sunny eucalypt woodland towards the mountain edge. Hoop pines grew here before they were logged; but now you see mostly leopard ash, native holly and small-leaved tuckeroo in the softwood scrubs and vine thickets surrounded by mostly cleared farmland.

Things to do

Wildlife spotting

Meet the locals: white-browed scrubwrens and eastern yellow robins in the dense, prickly vine scrubs; and double-barred finches and red-backed wrens in sunny, open woodland. See conical diggings of bandicoots and the dish-shaped scrapes made by black-breasted button-quails spinning on the spot as they feed on ants, beetles and seeds.

Picnicking

Just add food—we've provided tables in a quiet, sunny spot.

Places to go

1 Braithwaites Lookout

500m return (30mins)

Climb stairs hewn into rich, red volcanic soil for expansive views south over Murgon and towards Bunya Mountains in the distance.

2 Daniels Lookout

2.6km return (1–1.5hrs).

Once on top, walking is easy and the stunning 270 degree panoramic views are worth the hike. Look up—you might spot a koala snoozing in a gum tree.

3 Silburns vine scrub walk

940m loop off main track (40mins).

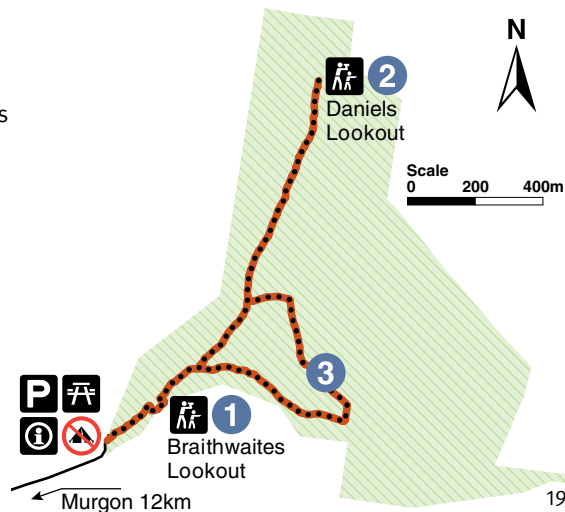
Meander through dense softwood scrub to the calls of eastern whipbirds and thuds of startled black-striped wallabies.

Rangers tip

“ Add Jack Smith Scrub Conservation Park to your itinerary and enjoy another short nature walk.

Places to stay

You can't stay overnight here, but a range of accommodation options are available nearby. Visit southernqueenslandcountry.com.au for details.





Water levels fluctuate at Lake Broadwater

Photo: © Robert Ashdown

Lake Broadwater Conservation Park

Must dos

- Picnic at the lake edge under a huge old river red gum.
- Watch water and woodland birds from the cover of the bird hide.
- Get out on the glistening water in your canoe, kayak or boat.

Getting there

Lake Broadwater is 240km north-west of Brisbane (113km from Toowoomba).

Drive 20km west from Dalby along the Moonie Highway. Turn left into Broadwater Road and continue 9km to the lake.

Watch waterbirds and feel the breeze at the largest natural lake on the Darling Downs. Linger over a picnic, cool off with a swim or enjoy a day of activity out on the water.

River red gums fringe this 350ha tadpole-shaped lake which fills to a mere 3m depth only after heavy rains. It often dries out—sometimes for lengthy periods. Cypress pine, eucalypt and brigalow woodlands surrounding the lake are remnants of vegetation once widespread across this now mostly cleared agricultural region.

Things to do


Picnicking

Find a shady spot under a tree or shelter. Wood barbecues, play equipment, a boat ramp, toilets, showers and small community hall are all nearby. To hire the hall phone (07) 4663 3555.

Swimming and boating

Chill out on a warm summer's day—swim, kayak or canoe. You can use a motorised boat and water ski when the lake is full, providing you have a permit and stay out of the 'neck' area which is a waterfowl refuge.

Contact the Lake Broadwater caretakers on (07) 4663 3562 to check if conditions are suitable for boating, and for details of how to obtain boating permits.

 Fishing is not permitted.

Wildlife spotting

More than 230 bird, 30 mammal, 22 frog, 55 reptile, numerous fish species and invertebrates are on record here. Garrulous galahs and corellas live here, and you might also spot a visiting white-bellied sea-eagle or black-necked stork. Glimpse rainbow-skinks scurrying under leaves or logs, and burrowing frogs after rain.

Places to camp

Camp sites at Lake Broadwater are managed by Western Downs Regional Council. You can pay fees and get your camping permit from self-registration stands when you arrive.

1 Wilga Bush camping area



Escape the crowds at shady, individual camp sites set amid eucalypt woodland.

2 Lake Broadwater camping area



The large, open grassy area beside the lake can be popular in warmer months when the lake is full.

Places to go

1 Wilga campground track

4.4km return (1hr 30mins).

Walk between camping areas, passing remains of a dingo fence built in the 1860s.

2 Red gum track

3km return (1hr).

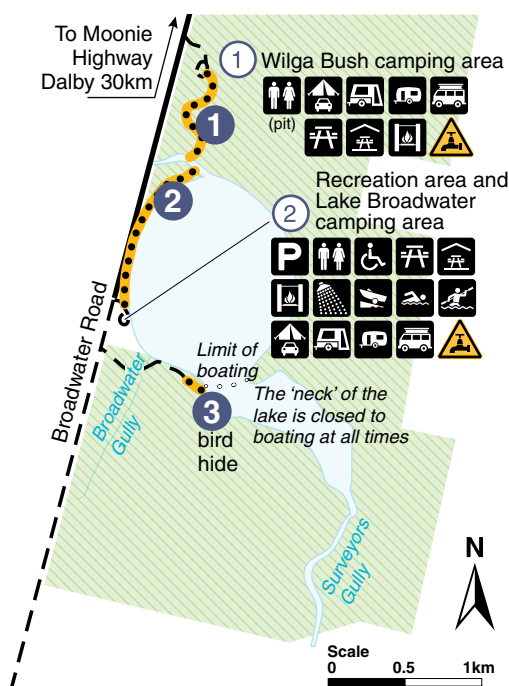
Wander along the lake edge spotting birds on the water and in the bush.

3 Bird hide

200m return (15-30mins).

Grazing grey kangaroos watch unconcerned as you pass through eucalypt woodland to an elevated bird hide over-looking the 'neck' of the lake.

Lace monitor
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt 



Watch for logging trucks on forestry roads

Barakula State Forest

Must dos

- Catch reflections at seasonal waterholes on meandering forest creeks.
- Tick speckled warblers, yellow-tufted honeyeaters and crested hawks off your must-see list.
- Reflect on more than a century of logging history at rusting remains of old fire towers, tramways, bridges, and former sawmills, forestry camps and school sites.

Getting there

Barakula State Forest is 45km north of Chinchilla (about 335km west of Brisbane).

Head west from Chinchilla along the Warrego Highway for 500m, turn right into Auburn Road and follow the signs.

Unsealed gravel and sandy roads are suitable for conventional vehicles in dry weather only. Beware of logging trucks.

Head bush to the largest state forest in the southern hemisphere. Find peace amid towering trees, spot birds and delight in an abundance of wildflowers from late winter to spring.

Barakula—an Aboriginal word meaning ‘Place of Tall Timber’—aptly describes these 283,000 hectares of towering eucalypts, cypress pine forests and brigalow scrubs. Naturalists and lovers of the bush will feel right at home here!

Things to do

Wildlife spotting

Barakula has more than 200 bird species—you might spot a powerful owl, turquoise parrot or glossy black-cockatoo. Wildflowers attract honeyeaters and butterflies while tree hollows are home to bats, possums and squirrel, sugar and yellow-bellied gliders. Look for yakka skinks on logs and golden-tailed geckoes on trunks of cypress pines.

Driving, riding and walking

Drive, ride, cycle or walk roads criss-crossing Barakula. Stay out of harvesting areas—heed the signs and keep to tracks. If driving, or riding a trail bike, you must be licensed and have a registered vehicle.

Be safe

This is a working state forest. Beware of logging trucks and wildlife on roads. Drive with care—turn your headlights on and be cautious at corners, on narrow roads and when visibility is low due to dust.

Plan your route before you leave home. It is very easy to get lost and communication is limited here.

Places to camp

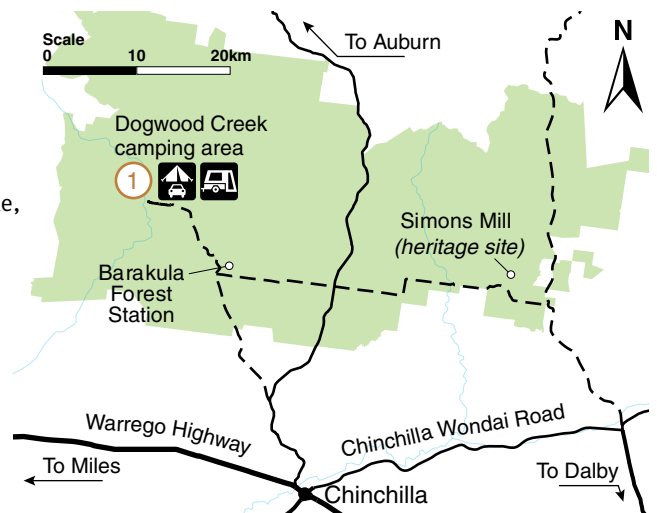
Dogwood Creek camping area



Relax beside a seasonal waterhole 19km north of the Barakula Forest Station. There are no facilities.



 Female orchard swallowtail sips nectar from a blossom
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt





Pine Gorge Lookout, Bunya Mountains National Park

Photo: © Tourism and Events Queensland

How to have a safe and enjoyable visit

Make your visit memorable for all the right reasons. Parks and forests are natural environments and conditions can be unpredictable, so take care and be prepared.

Stay overnight

To stay overnight in Queensland's parks and forests you need to purchase a camping permit for your tent, camper or caravan site, before you arrive. Camp sites in popular parks are in great demand during peak periods such as long weekends and school holidays. It's best to book well in advance.

To make a booking:

- go online at qld.gov.au/Camping
- visit an over-the-counter permit booking office. Locations are listed at qld.gov.au/CampingBookingOffices
- if you can't book online or at an over-the-counter booking office, please phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

For other accommodation options visit southernqueenslandcountry.com.au

Stay informed

Conditions can change rapidly, so regularly check:

- park alerts at qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts for conditions and closures
- current and forecast weather conditions and river heights at bom.gov.au
- bushfire alerts at qfes.qld.gov.au for fire danger and fire bans
- travel and road condition information at qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or phone 13 19 40.



(Above): Scenic Circuit, Bunya Mountains National Park
(Left): *Grevillea longistyla*
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt



Bald Rock Creek camping area, Girraween National Park
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt

Packing checklist

- Adequate drinking water, food and emergency supplies. You'll need at least 7L of water per person per day (for drinking, cooking and limited washing) plus in more remote areas an extra emergency supply for 3–4 days in case of stranding.
- Well-stocked first-aid kit. Include sun and insect protection.
- Reliable walking and camping gear in good working order.
- Portable stove and/or clean, weed-free firewood.
- Sturdy rubbish bags and/or sealable, animal-proof containers. No bins are provided.
- Binoculars for observing amazing wildlife and a camera for recording wonderful memories.
- Detailed map showing travel routes and distances. Signs and printed maps are more reliable than GPS.
- Communication equipment and list of emergency contacts.
- Long distance walkers need a topographic map, compass and personal locator beacon (PLB).



Fishing

You can fish in the Severn River at Sundown National Park. Regulations apply, see daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries for details.

Do the right thing

- Rubbish—bring it in, take it out (including food scraps, cigarette butts, fruit stickers and sanitary items).
- Leave your pets at home.
- Please don't feed wildlife.
- Keep to tracks and obey signs.
- Use a portable stove. Where permitted, light campfires only within existing barbecues and fire rings. Bring your own clean, weed and insect-free firewood; never collect firewood from the park.
- Clean your boots, clothes and equipment of soil and seeds before and after you visit and help to stop the spread of harmful organisms and weeds. Check regularly for seeds—if found, remove and wrap them well, before placing in with your rubbish.
- Wash well away from streams, gullies and watercourses and minimise the use of soap and detergent.
- Use toilets at picnic and camping areas. If you must 'go' in the bush, bury human waste and toilet paper 15cm deep and at least 100m from waterways, tracks and camp sites.
- Never place rubbish or contents of chemical toilet tanks in park toilets.
- Don't use firearms, chainsaws or unregistered vehicles.







Burtons Well camping area,
Bunya Mountains National Park
Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt

Be safe

- Prepare for all weather conditions: days can be hot and nights can be cold (in any season).
- Wear sturdy walking shoes (not thongs), a hat and sunscreen. Put on protective clothing and insect repellent to avoid bites, scratches and stings.
- Stay well back from cliff edges, natural lookouts and waterfalls.
- Supervise children closely and ensure they do not run ahead out of sight. Remind children to wait at track junctions so they don't take a wrong turn; and to stay put if they become lost or unsure of where they are.
- Avoid walking alone. Take extra care in windy or rainy weather.
- Take care near water. Never dive or jump into creeks, waterholes or lakes. Always check water conditions before swimming. Never swim in flood waters.
- Stay on marked tracks, trails and roads. Heed all signs.
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination before dark.
- Carry drinking water. Treat all water (including from taps) before use.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and on the lookout for animals that could scratch, sting or bite.
- Falling trees and branches, flash flooding and landslips occur naturally at any time. Avoid visiting in extreme weather.
- Drive safely and to the conditions; roads may be unsealed. Remember—if it's flooded, forget it!
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Mobile phone coverage is unreliable. Consider carrying a satellite phone or personal locator beacon (PLB) when visiting remote locations.



Connect with Queensland National Parks

-  qld.gov.au/NationalParks
-  qld.gov.au/Camping
-  qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts (access, closures and conditions)
-  [qldnationalparks](https://www.facebook.com/qldnationalparks)
-  [@QldParks](https://www.instagram.com/QldParks); [#QldParks](https://www.instagram.com/QldParks)

For help planning a holiday, visit queensland.com and southernqueenslandcountry.com.au

This brochure is also available online at qld.gov.au/ParkBrochures

Useful contacts

Emergencies: Dial Triple Zero (000)

Road conditions: Visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads at qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or phone 13 19 40.

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Toowoomba Regional Council
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