

Welcome to Bribie Island National Park and Recreation Area, and Buckleys Hole Conservation Park

Replace the city bustle with an island paradise complete with stretches of white sandy beaches, azure waters and stunning wildlife. Explore precious havens of open woodlands, scrubby coastal heaths bursting with spring and autumn wildflowers and fragrant paperbark wetlands. Stretch out on golden beaches with curving sand dunes offering picturesque sea views and the chance to see dolphins frolicking in the water. Paddle a kayak past black-necked storks and mangrove honeyeaters in the coastal lagoons or throw a fishing line among the sandbars and tidal flats of this ever-changing sand landscape.

“Bribie Island National Park and Recreation Area is a great place to take your family and friends camping and it's only 1.5hr by road from Brisbane. The surf beach and calm waters of Pumicestone Passage are ideal for keen anglers and boaties. For wildlife enthusiasts, the island offers a rich array of birdlife, wallabies, kangaroos, possums and bandicoots with the surrounding marine park home to turtles, dugong, dolphins and migratory shorebirds.
Ranger Leanne




Coastal cruising

Take your 4WD for a day trip or last-minute, beach getaway. Tour the beautiful expanse of beach, passing freshwater lagoons that are a perfect spot to stop and cool off.

Pull over, sit back, relax and enjoy the sun and sand with family and friends. Keep your eyes peeled for a glimpse of the island's birdlife—osprey, sea eagles, brahminy and whistling kites—soaring along the coastline. Enjoy a game of beach cricket before indulging in a sleepy picnic on the sand, watching the waves roll into the shore.

For keen fishers, there are many ways and places to make that memorable catch. Launch your boat and fish the Pumicestone Passage or, cruise the beach in your 4WD and stop to wet a line in the surf along the wide expanse of ocean beach.

 North Spit (below),
WWII southern searchlight (right).

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Feel the history

Scattered along the sand dunes near the island's northern tip are a series of World War II-built forts and gun emplacements facing Moreton Bay. Fort Bribie was vital to the defence of Brisbane, guarding the strategically important North West shipping channel that runs close to the island.

Walk in from the beach to discover the hidden relics. A walking track, behind the dunes, from the southern water tank links the World War II relics. Follow in the footsteps of the men and women that defended our coastline and get a glimpse into life during the war.



 Shifting sand has left some structures exposed on the beach and weathering has made them unstable. For your safety, admire the structures from a distance. Keep behind the barriers and **do not climb** on or over the unstable ruins.

Take a walk

Go for a leisurely walk to discover Bribie Island's relaxed natural beauty. The Bicentennial bushwalks are a selection of easy-grade walks beginning near the Community Arts Centre on Sunderland Drive. Amble through eucalypt forests, wallum heathlands and paperbark wetlands to escape the heat and delight in the peaceful surrounds. Enjoy the wildflowers and look for colourful birds like rainbow bee-eaters, red-backed fairy-wrens and eastern yellow robins flitting through the trees.

Begin near the waterhole, and take a stroll through wallum heathland species, including grass trees and banksias, on the **Banksia Bicentennial bushwalk** (500m one way, allow 15min walking time).

Enter a slice of tropical paradise where cabbage tree palms and tassel cord-rushes fringe the walking tracks on the **Palm Grove Bicentennial bushwalk** (1.3km return, allow 1hr walking time). Not far from here, you can find blueberry ash with seasonal fruits and flowers, twig rush and the swamp water fern.

The **Melaleuca Bicentennial bushwalk** (1.5km return, allow 1.25hr walking time) will have you wandering through a paperbark wetland and bloodwood forest with vanilla lilies, wallum wedge pea and grass trees scattered in the understorey. Look up into the canopy and gaze into the 'arms' of beautiful bloodwood trees.

If you prefer to be out in the open soaking up the sunshine, hit the beach for a soul cleansing walk. Let the cool water lap over your feet as the waves crash on the shoreline. Feel the holiday buzz rubbing shoulders with dozens of beachgoers enjoying family time by the surf.

Shorebird hotspot


Visit the sandbanks of **Buckleys Hole Conservation Park** to meet the park's most well-known and mesmerising visitors—the migrating shorebirds.

This beautiful and diverse area is of national and global significance for shorebirds, with thousands returning in summer to roost and feed in the wetlands following their annual migration from breeding areas in Alaska, Siberia and China.

Grab your binoculars and sit quietly in the bird hide overlooking the lagoon to get a close-up view of the astonishing variety of birds. Watch these winged marvels taking to the skies with incredible acrobatics, or feeding on yabbies, worms and pipis from the water.

Shorebirds can be adversely affected by human activities such as fishing and dog walking on sandbanks in the intertidal zone. With more than tens of thousands of kilometres to cover on the wing, the summer months of rest and relaxation are crucial to their survival.

Please ensure you do not disturb shorebirds or their chicks. Enjoy them from a distance and give them a wide berth when passing. Leave domestic animals at home as they are not permitted in Buckleys Hole Conservation Park.

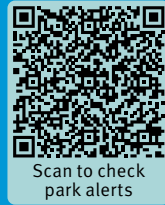
 Buckleys Hole Conservation Park (below), Eastern curlews (inset).

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Further information

-  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)



This brochure is also available online at qld.gov.au/ParkBrochures
For more information visit qld.gov.au/BribieIsland

Marine park zoning maps

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



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Getting around

Ensure you bring your high clearance 4WD to get the best out of Bribie Island National Park and Recreation Area. Some areas are accessible only by boat and others by high clearance 4WD. Conventional 2WD and all-wheel-drive vehicles are unsuitable for travelling off road through the park and along Ocean Beach.


Be self-sufficient. Take plenty of drinking water and supplies to enjoy your trip and make sure your vehicle or boat is in good working order.

No 4WD?

While you need a high clearance 4WD to explore the park, sealed roads will take you to the Bicentennial bushwalks next to the Community Arts Centre on Sunderland Drive, and to the bird hide in Buckleys Hole Conservation Park near the end of The Boulevard at Bongaree.

 Washouts can make the beach and inland roads impassable during and after heavy rain. Tracks are closed occasionally due to weather conditions and for management purposes. Check current conditions at qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts before you travel. Road condition signs at the park entrances indicate if the beach and inland tracks are open to visitors.



 (clockwise from left) Ocean Beach; Mission Point camping area, Ocean Beach camping area.

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Coastal camping

Stay overnight and watch the sun slip behind the distant Glass House Mountains, waking up to the sound of crashing waves. Enjoy a variety of coastal camping experiences. Some areas are accessible by 4WD, others only by boat.

4WD camping areas

Gallagher Point camping area

Limited bush camp sites without facilities beside Pumicestone Passage. Bring your own portable toilet.

Poverty Creek camping area

This large camping area on Pumicestone Passage has open grassy sites and shady trees. Suitable for car and group camping.



Camp lightly

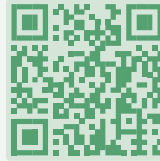
- Protect the island, camp only in designated camp sites. Do not camp on the beach foredunes, northern spit or on nearby islands within the surrounding marine park.
- Generators are not permitted anywhere in the national park or recreation area.
- Leave all pets at home—domestic animals (cats, dogs, birds etc.) are prohibited in the national park, recreation area and Buckleys Hole Conservation Park.
- Keep Bribie Island clean for everyone to enjoy—remove all rubbish from the park for appropriate disposal.
- Avoid bush toileting—use toilets provided or bring your own portable toilet.
- Empty any portable toilet waste only at the disposal sites shown on the map, not down the public toilets.
- Bring plenty of drinking water for your group—no drinking water is available in the parks or recreation area and all water collected from taps must be treated before use.
- Firewood is not provided—pack untreated, clean milled firewood as collection of bush timber is prohibited.
- During fire bans, self-contained fuel stoves are essential.
- Only use QPWS provided fire rings. Never leave a campfire unattended and always use water, not sand, to put your fire out—fires extinguished with sand retain their heat and can cause serious burns hours afterwards.
- Bring extra tarpaulins to protect tents and vehicles from flying-fox droppings as you may share the island with foraging flying-foxes.
- Marine turtles nest on Bribie Island beaches—keep off the dunes and only use beach umbrellas well below the dunes so you don't crush their nests.
- Do not dispose of non-combustible or toxic material (e.g. glass, cans, plastics) in a campfire.

Permits

Before you head off, book your vehicle access permit and camping permit.

Purchase your vehicle access permit or camping permit

- Online using the Queensland National Parks booking service qld.gov.au/Camping
- Over-the-counter at a booking office. Visit qld.gov.au/CampingBookingOffices for locations.
- If you cannot book through one of these channels, phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68). Mobile phone charges may apply.




Scan for Queensland National Parks booking service





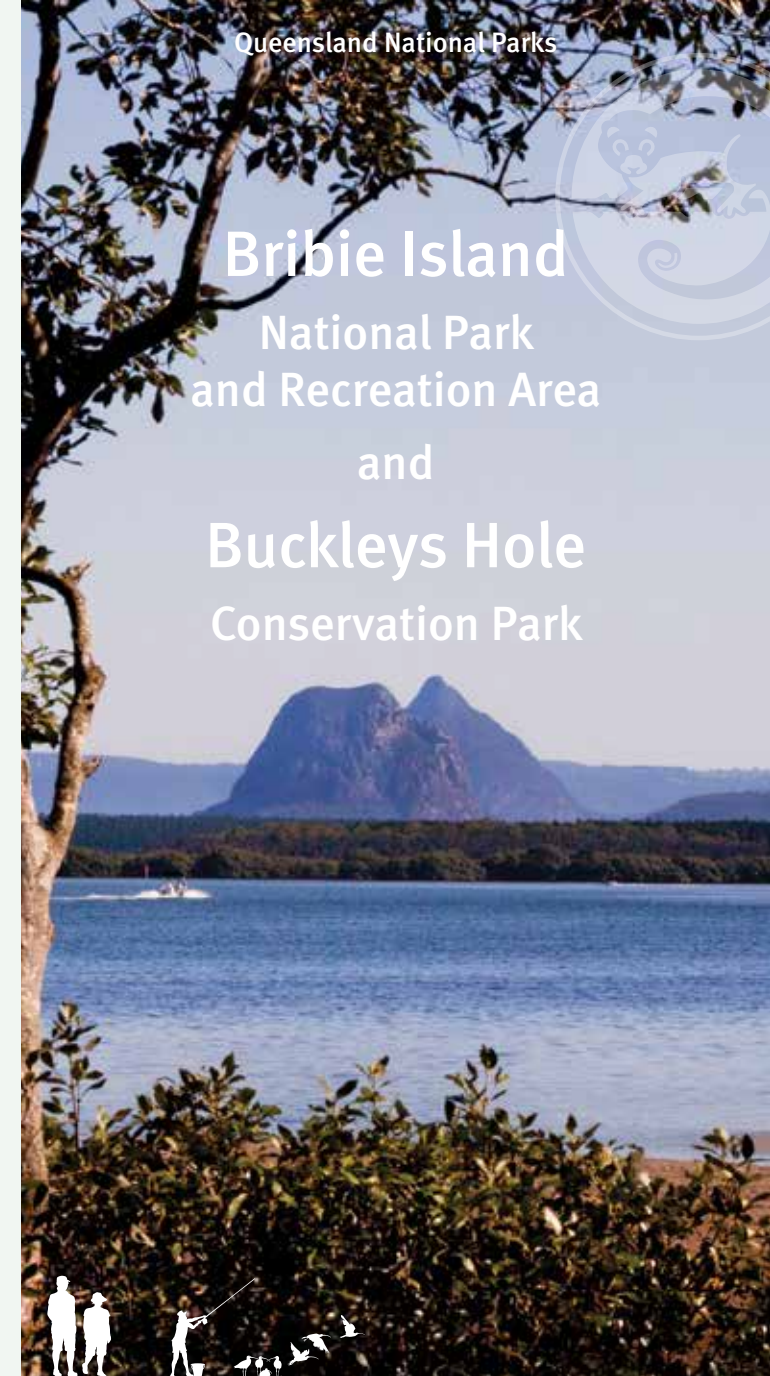
24hr surveillance cameras in use

All vehicles entering and exiting the recreation area will have their vehicle number plates recorded. Vehicle registration details are checked against the Queensland National Parks booking service and a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) will be issued to the registered owner of any vehicle that does not have a valid vehicle access permit.

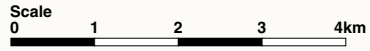
Boat-accessible camping areas

Area	Ocean Beach camping area
Pumicestone beaches and camper trailers	Access the beach from North Street at Woorim and drive 16km north to the designated camping area. Numbered camp sites are located just behind the dunes with track entrances defined by letters.
 cold	 cold

Mission Point camping area	Lime Pocket bush camping sites
A relatively protected boat anchorage is located at the northern end of the camping area in Pumicestone Passage.	Six bush camp sites are provided here. Bring your own portable toilet. Be aware, that this camping area may be closed during very high tides. Check qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts for closure dates.
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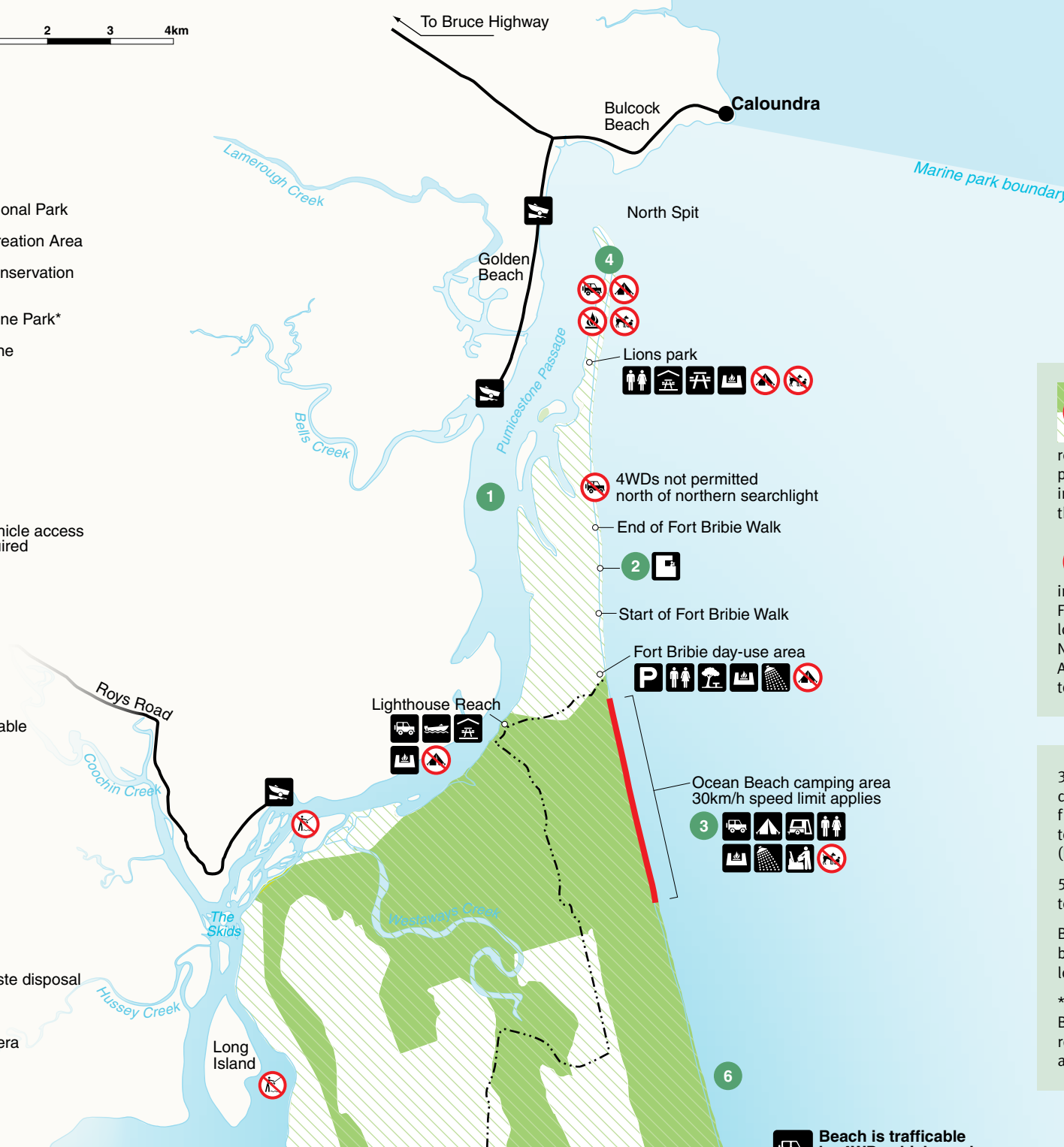
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Legend

- Bribie Island National Park
- Bribie Island Recreation Area
- Buckleys Hole Conservation Park
- Moreton Bay Marine Park*
- 30km/h speed zone
- Water
- Creek
- Sealed road
- 4WD track

- Ranger station
- 4WD access—vehicle access permit (VAP) required
- Boat access
- Parking
- Toilets
- Day-use area
- Picnic table
- Sheltered picnic table
- Short walks
- Fort relics
- Camping
- 4WD campervan
- Cooking area
- Shower
- Litter depot
- Portable toilet waste disposal
- Boat ramp
- Surveillance camera
- No 4WD access
- No trail bikes
- No camping



No domestic animals allowed in the national park, recreation area or conservation park, including at camp sites or in your vehicle while travelling through these areas.

Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings in day-use and camping areas. Fire is prohibited in all other locations in the Bribie Island National Park and Recreation Area including the beach down to low water mark.

30km/h speed limit applies near camping areas, on inland roads and from the Ocean Beach access track to 300m north of Second Lagoon (Norfolk Creek).

50km/h speed limit applies to all other beach travel.

Bribie Island Recreation Area boundary extends to mean low water mark.

*Moreton Bay Marine Park surrounds Bribie Island. For more information regarding zones and designated areas visit qld.gov.au/MarineParks

Beach is trafficable by 4WD vehicles only.



Bribie Island—hard to resist!

Don't waste another glorious day of sunshine, by staying indoors. Drive to Bribie Island and be relaxing on the beach within just 1.5hr from Brisbane. Bribie Island is the perfect last-minute getaway escape—a world away from the pressures of day-to-day life. A place that can be enjoyed by nature lovers, water sport enthusiasts and families alike.

Top experiences

1 Marine park beauty

Soak up the relaxed beauty of Pumicestone Passage and watch the sun slowly sink behind the distant Glass House Mountains.

2 Historical reminders

Explore weathered gun emplacements and searchlight buildings which were built during World War II.

3 A meeting place

Anchor your boat and spend time with family and friends.

4 Birdwatching havens

Snap a picture of some of the 23 species of migratory birds that visit Pumicestone Passage or Buckleys Hole Conservation Park.

5 Lagoon retreats

Enjoy some respite at one of the four lagoons along the beach.

6 Fish the waters

Delight in catching your own seafood dinner from the shores of Bribie Island.

7 Camping areas


Kick back and relax at the designated camping areas. Note the facilities and access requirements for each area.

8 Off the beaten track

Tour the island's centre along the Northern access track.

Caring for Bribie Island

Protect terrestrial and marine plants and animals. Help keep Bribie Island, and its surrounding ocean and waterways, clean.


- Minimise water pollution—don't use shampoo, soap or detergent in waterways.
 - When boating over seagrass beds, go slow for those below—dugongs and turtles feed in these areas.
 - Protect wildlife—stay on the beach and off the dunes, as they provide important habitat for wildlife and shorebirds that lay their eggs on the sand and marine turtles that bury their eggs in the sand.
 - Enjoy fishing but take only what you need.
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- No fires
- No fishing
- Top experiences

Best travelling time is 2hr either side of low tide. Vehicle access permit (VAP) required.





 Dugong mother and calf surfacing to breathe (top). White faced heron feeding in the rushes (bottom).
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Look, but don't take

Fishing, crabbing, bait collecting and other forms of 'take' are prohibited in the Tripcony Bight–Long Island (MNP02) and Westaways Creek (MNP01) marine national park (green) zones. Important habitats including mudflats, seagrass beds, mangroves, saltmarsh and clay pan communities are protected here. For more information about marine park rules and permitted activities, visit [qld.gov.au\MarineParks](http://qld.gov.au/MarineParks)

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