

How to get there

You'll find the park entrance on Loman Lane—off West Burleigh Road—in Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, Queensland. The park is 15mins from the Gold Coast Airport, 25mins from Surfers Paradise and 1hr south of Brisbane.

By car

Travelling on the Pacific Motorway, take the Tallebudgera Creek Road turn-off (exit 89)—just 2mins from the park entrance. Parking is free.

By bus

From Broadbeach South Station on the Gold Coast, take bus 756 to the intersection of West Burleigh Road and Loman Lane—about 330m walk from the park. Visit translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

Opening hours

Open daily from 9am–5pm (closed Christmas Day and ANZAC Day morning). Due to unforeseen circumstances our opening hours may change without notice.

Admission can be purchased at the park and also online. Visit qld.gov.au/DavidFleay for ticketing options and conditions of entry.





Fleay's Cafe opens daily from 9am–4pm (closed Christmas Day and ANZAC Day morning).



One day wasn't enough?

For around the cost of just two visits to David Fleay Wildlife Park, you can enjoy unlimited entry for a year. See the ticket counter on the way out to purchase your Annual Pass.

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Welcome to David Fleay Wildlife Park

Nestled in the heart of Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast, David Fleay's is the place to meet the special resident wildlife of some of Queensland's most iconic natural habitats—a wildlife park with a difference!

Wander along a network of boardwalks and paths, winding through tranquil wetlands, rainforest and open eucalypt forest in search of koalas, cassowaries, dingos, crocodiles and more. Visit the Nocturnal house to get up close with some of Australia's rarely seen creatures of the night, such as mahogany gliders, greater bilbies and tiny Julia Creek dunnarts. Be entertained by Wally, our playful platypus, at the only platypus display on the Gold Coast.

Explore the park at your own pace or join a dedicated Park Ranger at one or more of the daily shows. Reconnect with nature and the history of this land through their stories, as animals swoop, jump, slither and glide around you.

“*Jingeri Jingeri Walla wallul jimbalang na Kombumerri jagan. Yanbay ngamaweh baya Kombuermmi jagan.*

Greetings greetings great many friends to Kombumerri country. Please walk gently within Kombumerri country. *Ranger Clinton—on behalf of the Kombumerri Aboriginal people.*



Steven Browne © Qld Gov



Dr David Fleay is favourably known as Australia's 'father of conservation'. He was the first to successfully breed powerful owls in captivity. Photo courtesy of Rosemary Fleay

The man behind the park

Established in 1952, this park was founded by world-renowned naturalist Dr David Fleay. Among his many achievements, David Fleay was the first to successfully breed platypus, wedge-tailed eagles and powerful owls in captivity. Ahead of his time, Fleay insisted that park animals should be kept in as natural a habitat as possible.

“It's a place where the animals are kept in conditions as close as possible to the natural environment, where they can breed freely and be studied.

Dr David Fleay

In the early 1980s, David Fleay sold this park to the Queensland Government to be protected in perpetuity as a natural Australian habitat. His legacy lives on here today—the natural enclosures reflect his philosophy and the park continues his work of research, breeding and education.



Photo courtesy of Rosemary Fleay



Visit the koalas, spot the cassowary in the rainforest or discover our cute wallabies.

Photos (clockwise from above): Robert Ashdown © Qld Gov; Robert Ashdown © Qld Gov; Chris Whitelaw © Qld Gov



More than a wildlife park

David Fleay Wildlife Park is unique. As the only Queensland Government owned and operated wildlife park, you will discover not only our Australian wildlife but learn about their habitats in Queensland's national parks. Home to many endangered wildlife, behind the scenes we also rehabilitate and release (where possible) injured and orphaned animals and we captive breed species like the vulnerable Richmond birdwing butterfly. Conservation and education about Australia's threatened species is at the heart of what we do.



Resident platypus Wally is one of our rehabilitation successes. Maxime Coquard © Qld Gov

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Clockwise is COVID-wise!

Visitors are asked where possible to travel in a clock-wise direction around the Park.



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| Car park | Information | Barbecue |
| Wheelchair accessible* | Picnic area | First aid |
| Drinking water | Sheltered picnic area | Canoeing/kayaking |
| Cafe and gift shop | Toilets | |

*Most of the park is suitable for wheelchairs, prams and for those who find walking difficult.