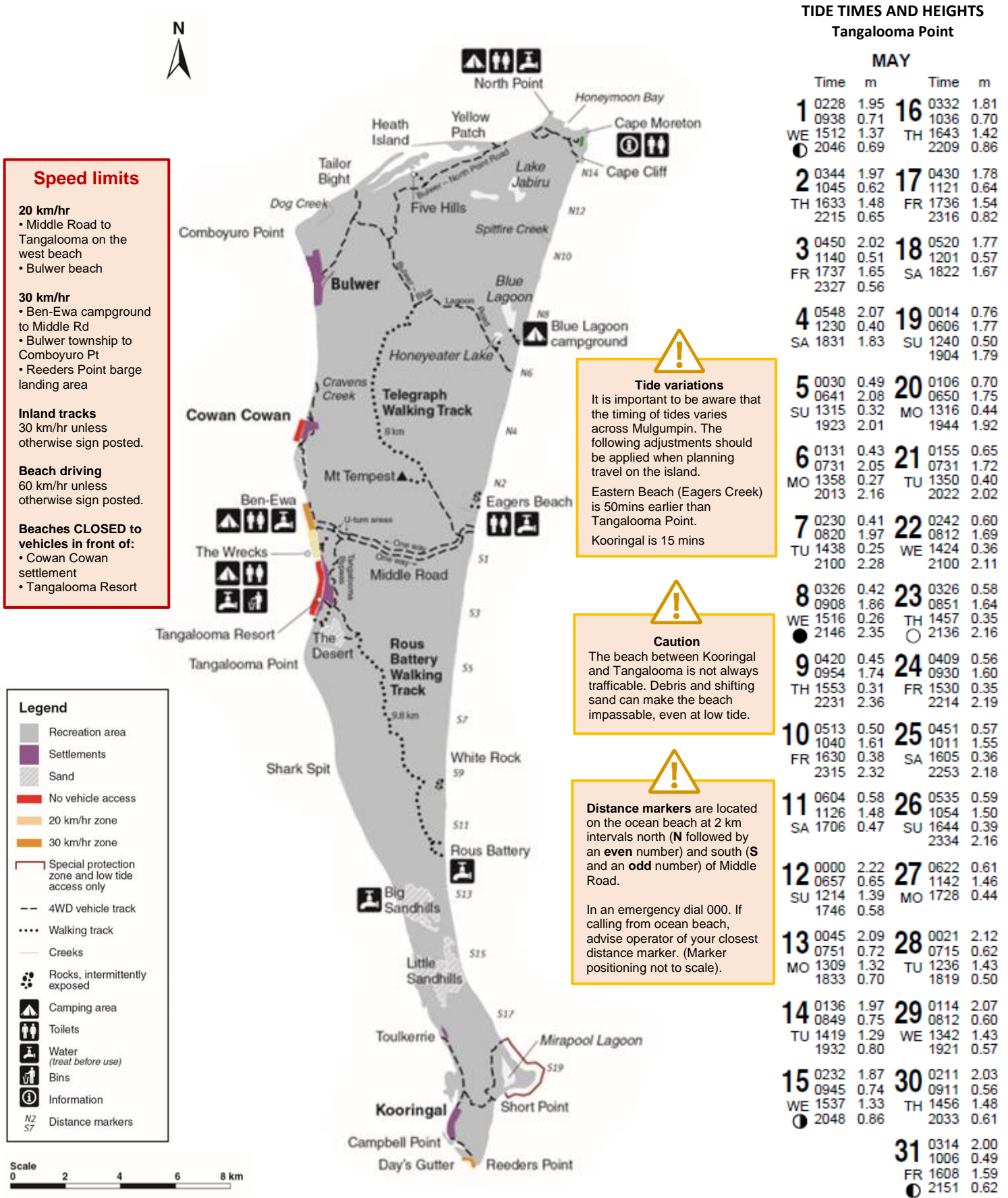


Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Conditions Report

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GENERAL ALERTS

QLD road rules apply and are enforced on all island tracks and beaches. Always wear a seatbelt when travelling and ensure that you acquire & display a valid vehicle access permit.

Low clearance and all-wheel drive vehicles are not suitable for Mulgumpin (Moreton Island). Four-wheel-drive vehicles with high clearance and low range function are strongly recommended. Ensure your vehicle is in 4WD and freewheeling hubs (if fitted) are in the locked position. AVOID TRAVELLING IN 2WD AS THIS CAUSES DAMAGE TO ROADS.

Only drive on officially constructed roads, tracks and beaches. Driving on dunes, vegetated areas and on unofficial tracks is an offence and fines can apply.

Reducing your tyre pressure will assist when driving on soft sand. Remember to keep within the tyre manufacturer's specifications.

When driving with reduced tyre pressure, avoid sharp turns, sudden braking, high speeds and driving over rough surfaces. Trailers will also be assisted by tyre pressures being reduced.

For beach driving, it is best to travel at low tide or within two hours either side of low tide.

Vehicle recovery equipment is essential. Know where your vehicle's recovery points are and how to use your recovery equipment.

Tangalooma Wrecks - Visitors should obey all warning signs and avoid getting too close to the wrecks due to sharp, rusty edges.

Swimming in the ocean off Mulgumpin is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk.

Beaches of Mulgumpin are unpatrolled (other than the Wrecks during Summer and Easter Holidays only) with strong ocean currents – drownings have occurred. Take care around all lakes and creeks and at rocky shores with unpredictable waves and depths, avoid submerged vegetation. Even a great swimmer can get into trouble - always swim with a buddy. Children should always be supervised by a responsible and capable adult when near water.

Do not climb or sand toboggan on the sand dunes just north of the barge landing area. Obey all warning signs.

Private Vehicle Recovery Service - Moreton Island Recovery Service on 07 3408 3545 (0414 949 876) or (0475 563 642).

Marine Animal Strandings - Contact 1300 130 372 to report any injured or dead dugong, turtles, whales, or dolphins.

Additional Information - Check Park Alerts for updates and information regarding changes to park conditions.

Report all bushfires to 000 (triple zero) emergency services.

CAMPING AND FACILITIES

For all camping or vehicle access permit enquiries visit mulgumpincamping.net.au or phone (07) 3506 2371.

Ensure you have checked barge operation times and tidal conditions to allow for safe travel to and from the island.

The Department of Environment Science and Innovation (DESI) continues to monitor and receive guidance in relation to COVID-19. All visitors should practice social distancing and hygiene protocols in line with advice provided by the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

BEACH DRIVING CONDITIONS

Take care when driving from Tangalooma to Comboyuro Point as some sections are soft due to high rainfall. Very high tides and storm activity will cause creek washouts and many benches to

form, creating steep drop offs on eastern and western beaches. Drivers should use caution and plan their trip around lower tides. **Migratory shorebirds** are resting on Mulgumpin's beaches, please do not drive through flocks as they feed and rest. Disturbing them burns vital energy needed for their onward journeys. Disturbing shorebirds or their habitat can attract an on-the-spot fine. **Tangalooma to Koorinal** (western beach) is only accessible 2 hours either side of low tide.

Tangalooma to Bulwer (western beach) access is between mid to low tide; be aware of washouts and use caution when crossing creeks.

Bulwer to North Point (via northern beach) is constantly changing and is often not trafficable due to the natural outflow of the Heath Island tidal system at Main Creek. Beach erosion has exposed sections of coffee rock south of Yellow Patch and caution is required before attempting any water crossings.

Cape Moreton to Mirapool Bypass (eastern beach) – Travel is recommended 3 hours either side of low tide. Never drive on dunes, or on exposed sand ledges as they can slump away causing vehicle roll over. Be aware of quicksand near Mirrapool lagoon.

North Point – Highly changing beach lagoon and creek environment with shifting lagoon and drainage lines between Northpoint and Main Creek. Some access challenges are present in this area where hazards such as deep water crossings, steep drop offs, soft sand and washouts are likely. Visitors are advised to proceed with caution on any water crossings and travel two hours either side of low tide only.

Yellow Patch – beach lagoons and waterways are constantly changing. Access to Bulwer via the Five Hills Road is currently only available 2 hours either side of low tide. Caution: expect unstable edges, deep waterholes and sand dunes along shoreline that have slumped due to erosion.

INLAND TRACK CONDITIONS

Roads and tracks are currently reasonably firm and remain trafficable.

Cowan Bypass has some deep waterholes in the northern section following recent rainfall and care in crossing is recommended.

Bulwer-North Point Road (via Five Hills) is firm with some rough sections. Suitable for high clearance 4WD vehicles only.

Bulwer-Blue Lagoon Road is trafficable. This is a two-way road, please allow for vehicles travelling in both directions. You may need to stop prior to bends to check the road is clear before proceeding.

Blue Lagoon day-use access track and carpark all roads and walking tracks are currently open.

Middle Road is regularly graded but quickly becomes rough and corrugated with some soft and boggy sections.

Mirapool Bypass Road is firm and suitable for high clearance 4WD vehicles.

Tangalooma Bypass Road is rough with some soft boggy sections.

Mt Tempest Road is open and in good condition, until the next heavy rainfall.

WALKING TRACK CONDITIONS

Telegraph, Five Hills, the Rous and Tempest walking tracks are open and in reasonable condition. Take your own water and stay hydrated. **Note:** there are no water points along these walks. Check for Park Alerts before setting out and obey all signage.