

Millstream Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Millstream Regional Park was formally gazetted as Millstream Environmental Park in 1983 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with Herberton Shire Council. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted as Millstream Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Park size	30ha
Bioregion	Einasleigh Uplands
Local government area	Tablelands Regional Council
State electorate	Dalrymple
QPWS region	Northern
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Millstream Regional Park has been assessed as having a basic level priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means that it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving a proactive management effort at a moderate level to understand or protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety. General park information is mainly provided off-site, primarily through the Departmental website.

Informal ad hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects two regional ecosystems, both of which have endangered biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance recorded from this park include the yellow-bellied glider (northern subspecies) *Petaurus australis* unnamed subsp., Table 2.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous heritage places will be managed in accordance with *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The two regional ecosystems and the yellow-bellied glider (northern subspecies) are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of these regional ecosystem and animal species of conservation concern.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
7.12.21a	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> tall open forest and woodland.	Endangered
7.12.22a	<i>Eucalyptus resinifera</i> , <i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus cloeziana</i> , <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> tall open forest to tall woodland with <i>Allocasuarina torulosa</i> and <i>Callitris macleayana</i> .	Endangered

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 status	Back on Track status
Animals				
<i>Petaurus australis</i> unnamed subsp.	yellow-bellied glider (northern subspecies)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Critical