Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

Fire prohibitions and bans

Sometimes despite localised rainfall events, very high fire danger conditions occur in parks or forests or in bushland close to camping areas. For your safety, QPWS may impose a fire prohibition in all or parts of a park or forest. When a fire prohibition is in place, no camp fires are permitted to be lit in the prohibition area.

Some parks and forests may impose lengthy or permanent fire prohibitions to:

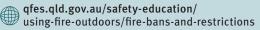
- reduce the risk of bushfires
- protect critical habitat of endangered wildlife from fires
- enhance visitor safety from camp fire related injuries
- reduce rubbish from non-combustible materials being burnt in camp fires.

QPWS-imposed fire prohibitions are advertised on Park Alerts and signs on the park or forest. Information may also be provided in permit packs, located at over-the-counter booking offices and information centres. Fire prohibitions remain in place until cancelled by QPWS.

There will be instances when a QPWS fire prohibition may be imposed when no Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES) fire bans are in place in the same local government area.

For more information:









During a QPWS fire prohibition the following cooking and heating appliances are still permitted, but they must meet the following requirements:

- The appliance must use gas or manufactured fuel (heat beads, briguettes). Manufactured fuel does not include timber or wood.
- It must be used only for cooking and/or heating.
- It must be a minimum of 20cm off the ground and more than 2m from flammable material, which includes vegetation.
- It must not have the potential to generate airborne embers, or possibly ignite nearby ground fuels.
- It must be fully self-contained (heat source enclosed and no exposed flame) and never be left unattended when in use.
- All appliances, materials and burnt fuel must be removed from the protected area on your departure.

Always permissible





Permissible during QPWS fire prohibition (not to be used during QFES firebans)









Not permissable during QPWS fire prohibitions or OFES fire bans











