

K'gari (Fraser Island) conditions report

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General alerts

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Since 1 February 2017 smoking restrictions have applied in Queensland national parks. Smoking is banned within 10 metres of in-use campsites and any public facilities such as picnic tables, toilet blocks, barbecues, visitor information centres, shelters, jetties and boat ramps.

Recreational Fishing Closure: The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has a regulated closure in place for the taking of finfish between Indian Head and Waddy Point from midday 1 August to midday 30 September. During the closure, fishing (other than the collection of worms and pipis by hand) is prohibited within an area from a point 400m north of Waddy Point to a point 400m south of Indian Head, and 400m out to sea from low water.

Swimming: Swimming in the ocean off Fraser Island is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. The beaches of Fraser Island are unpatrolled with strong ocean currents – drownings have occurred. Take care around all lakes and creeks and at rocky shores with unpredictable waves – spinal injuries have occurred in these areas.

Stay safe at Lake Wabby: DANGER –Running, jumping, boarding, sliding down the dunes or diving into the lake can cause serious injury or death. Serious spinal injuries have occurred as a result of these activities.

Planned burns: QPWS rangers will conduct planned burns in the Fraser Island Recreation Area until September 2017. The precise timing of burns cannot be predicted as these are weather-dependent operations. People with respiratory or other health problems should seek medical advice on mitigating the effects of smoke inhalation. Observe all signage, barriers and directions from rangers, and do not enter closed areas.



Dingo warnings – Be dingo-safe!

<http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/dingo-safe.html>

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Feeding dingoes is just wrong. A small number of visitors have fed dingoes resulting in them becoming habituated. Unfortunately, because of the irresponsible behaviour of these people, habituated dingoes are less likely to learn essential survival skills and more likely to be struck by vehicles or show aggression to people. Some habituated dingoes are fitted with GPS tracking collars to help with identification and management – be extra vigilant and avoid interaction with all dingoes. Respect for this wild predatory animal is the best way to ensure the safety of dingoes and people.

Give dingoes space, K'gari is their place. Limiting dingo-human interaction, particularly during dingo whelping season, is critical to the welfare of pups. This is a particularly important time for pups to learn natural hunting and survival skills and to avoid habituation towards people.

Dingo whelping season means:

- Dingo pups will venture out of their dens and explore their surroundings
- Adult dingoes will be teaching their young natural hunting and survival skills
- Dingoes may be determined and aggressive in their search for food
- Females will aggressively defend their young
- Female dingoes that are feeding young can lose condition and become naturally lean during this time

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to follow dingo safety advice provided, remain vigilant with dingo safety and avoid interaction with dingoes at all times.

Areas of concern – due to increased human-dingo interactions extra vigilance is required in the following areas:

- **Dilli Village to Poyungan Rocks including Eurong beachfront** – Extra vigilance is required in the area due to habituated dingoes.
- **When visiting lake shores, take no food or drinks (except water).**

If you feel threatened by a dingo – STAY CALM; maintain eye contact and do not turn your back on the dingo; alert other people; back away to a safe area, preferably a vehicle or fenced area.

Report dingo interactions or people feeding dingoes – Photos and videos may assist us; take note of location, ear-tag colour, number and which ear. Email dingo.ranger@npsr.qld.gov.au, tell a ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150. For emergencies requiring urgent medical assistance, call 000 immediately.



Camping and day-use areas

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Camping zone bookings: All QPWS beach camping areas on Fraser Island are now bookable in camping zones.

- The following camping areas are temporarily closed between 29 August 2017 and 20 September 2017 due to fire activity:
 - Lake Boomanjin walkers camp and Lake Benaroon walkers camp.



Track and beach conditions - warranting caution

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- **Remember:** Sand tracks are only suitable for high clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles with low-range capacity. All-wheel drive vehicles, low-clearance trailers and caravans are not recommended. Always drive to the conditions.
- **Eastern and Western beaches** – conditions change daily with the tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs and other beach debris are common hazards. Always drive to conditions.
- **Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all vehicles and pedestrians until further notice**
- **Northern Scenic Drive** – will be partially closed from 31 July – 30 Oct, for Woralie Creek bridge repairs. Closure will be from North of Coomboo Lake access track through to Woralie Road – Detour will be in place, please observe and follow all signage.
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Walking track conditions

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Fraser Island Great Walk: There is a seasonal block on advance bookings from 1 November 2016 until 28 February 2017 however rangers will monitor conditions on ground and open when conditions are assessed to be suitable.

The following sections of the Fraser Island Great Walk are currently closed:

- Eurong to Central Station feeder track between 21 August 2017 and 30 September 2017
- All tracks between Dilli Village and Central Station from 29 August 2017 to 20 September 2017.

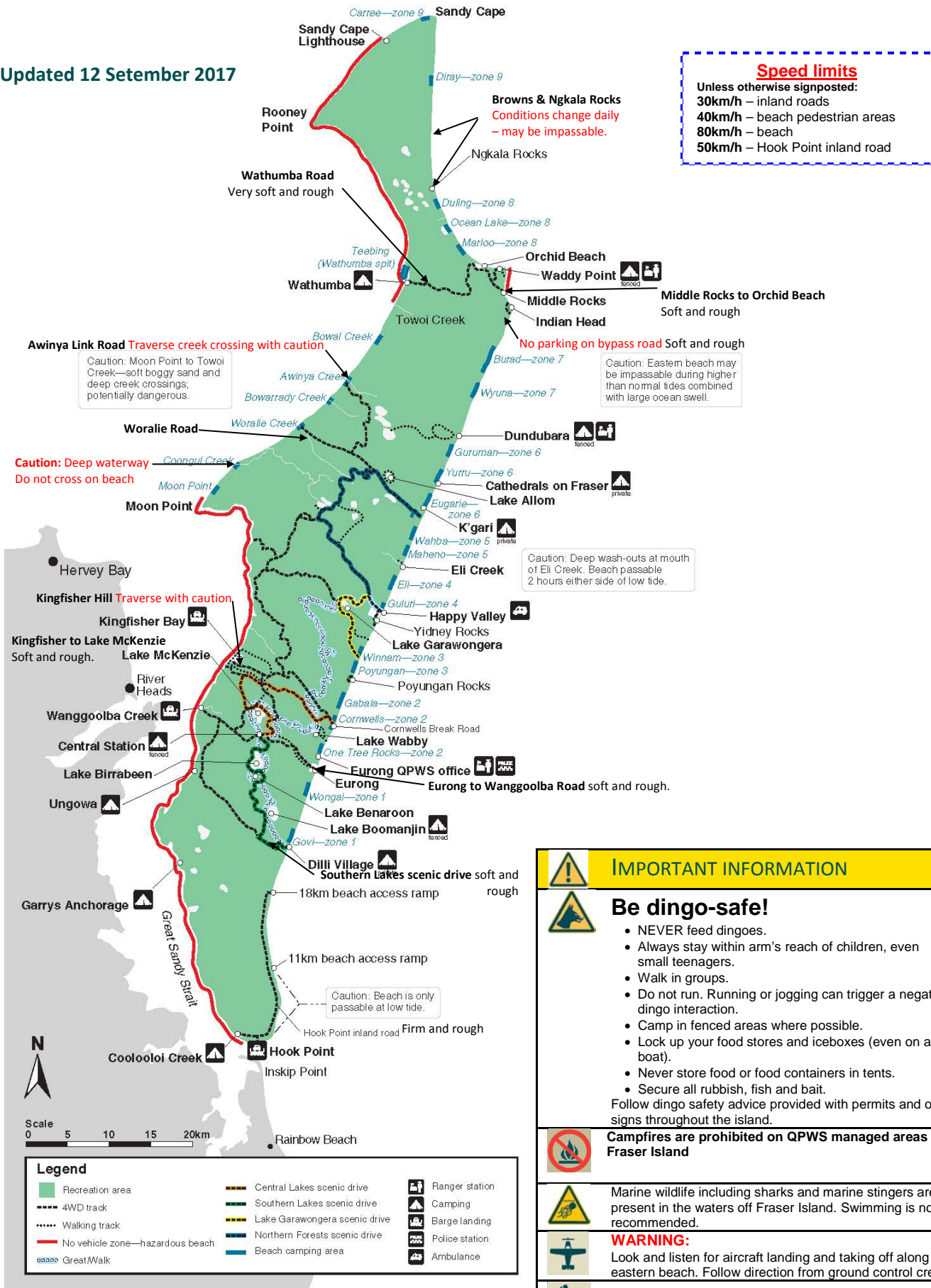
All other tracks are currently open. Please check Park Alerts online (<http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/>) for updates.

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Waddy Point Tide times

September	Time	M
12	0549	0.60
	1241	1.66
	TU 1901	0.83
13	0100	1.34
	0649	0.68
	WE 1401	1.67
	☉ 2048	0.84
14	0231	1.27
	0807	0.71
	TH 1519	1.73
	2216	0.76
15	0354	1.28
	0936	0.69
	FR 1625	1.82
	2316	0.65
16	0506	1.34
	1045	0.61
	SA 1722	1.89
17	0002	0.55
	0601	1.43
	SU 1139	0.52
	1811	1.95
18	0040	0.47
	0646	1.53
	MO 1224	0.44
	1854	1.98
19	0116	0.41
	0725	1.62
	TU 1307	0.39
	1935	1.97
20	0150	0.39
	0804	1.69
	WE 1349	0.39
	☉ 2013	1.91
21	0224	0.40
	0842	1.73
	TH 1430	0.45
	2050	1.83
22	0258	0.44
	0920	1.74
	FR 1511	0.54
	2125	1.72
23	0327	0.51
	0957	1.73
	SA 1553	0.65
	2159	1.60
24	0356	0.58
	1035	1.71
	SU 1642	0.75
	2237	1.49
25	0428	0.65
	1119	1.68
	MO 1743	0.84
	2320	1.37
26	0508	0.73
	1209	1.63
	TU 1855	0.89
	27	0012
0555		0.79
WE 1311		1.59
2019		0.90
28	0119	1.18
	0658	0.84
	TH 1424	1.56
	☉ 2139	0.86
29	0248	1.15
	0814	0.84
	FR 1534	1.58
	2237	0.77
30	0414	1.18
	0933	0.79
	SA 1631	1.62
	2317	0.66

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Be dingo-safe!

- NEVER feed dingoes.
- Always stay within arm's reach of children, even small teenagers.
- Walk in groups.
- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- Camp in fenced areas where possible.
- Lock up your food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.

Follow dingo safety advice provided with permits and on signs throughout the island.

Campfires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of Fraser Island

Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off Fraser Island. Swimming is not recommended.

WARNING:

Look and listen for aircraft landing and taking off along the eastern beach. Follow direction from ground control crew.

Mobile phone reception is limited. Contact your mobile network provider for service coverage.

While this information was prepared with care, it is based on the best available information at the time and is indicative only. Visitors are reminded that conditions change constantly due to climatic fluctuations and other factors. No liability is accepted by the Queensland Government for any decisions or actions taken on the basis of this information.

