

# 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.

**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.** View dingoes from at least 20 metres away.

**Seasonal activity** – Following the autumn mating season, many female dingoes will be pregnant. Gestation takes about 63 days and litters of 1–10 pups (normally 4–6) are born and cared for (whelped) during the winter months.

Once new born pups arrive, their mothers may be aggressive. They need to find food for themselves and their pups.

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.

**Let young dingoes grow up wild - not reliant on handouts. Do not feed dingoes or leave food available. Please save the dingoes from relying on people for food (habituation).**

- **NEVER feed dingoes.** It's bad for the animal's health as well as placing people in danger. People found attracting dingoes for photographs or leaving food available put other people and dingoes at risk and may face heavy penalties.
- **Always stay within arm's reach of children, even small teenagers.** DINGOES MOVE QUICKLY! KEEP CHILDREN CLOSE.
- **Walk in groups.** Carrying a stick or object may discourage a dingo from approaching you.
- **Do not run on Fraser Island** – running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- **Camp in fenced areas where possible.** Ensure all gates are securely closed.
- **Lock up food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat)**
- **Never store food or food containers in tents** - Dingoes will seek out food, rubbish, fish and bait, and can chew through light plastic containers.
- **Secure all rubbish, fish and bait** – Please use wading bags to store fish and bait. Bait buckets must be fitted with a secure lid, preferably stored in a vehicle, not accessible to dingoes. Observe no fish offal areas. Bury fish remains at least 50cm deep, just below the high tide mark.

**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](mailto: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.

- Wathumba Campground – we are currently experiencing issues with water supply, there may be some disruptions to supply.



## 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 10 April – 31 July, 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.



## Walking track conditions

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

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**Speed limits**  
 Unless otherwise signposted:  
 30km/h – inland roads  
 40km/h – beach pedestrian areas  
 80km/h – beach  
 50km/h – Hook Point inland road

**Waddy Point Tide times**

July	Time	M	
18	0253	1.49	
	0919	0.65	
	TU 1811	1.58	
	2211	0.90	
19	0402	1.44	
	1017	0.80	
	WE 1708	1.73	
	2327	0.82	
20	0508	1.42	
	1110	0.53	
	TH 1758	1.89	
	21	0025	0.71
21	0605	1.43	
	FR 1159	0.46	
	1845	2.03	
	22	0118	0.61
22	0859	1.47	
	SA 1247	0.39	
	1933	2.16	
	23	0203	0.53
23	0752	1.52	
	SU 1337	0.35	
	2022	2.23	
	24	0251	0.48
24	0843	1.55	
	MO 1427	0.37	
	2111	2.23	
	25	0339	0.49
25	0934	1.57	
	TU 1518	0.44	
	2159	2.16	
	26	0427	0.54
26	1024	1.55	
	WE 1605	0.55	
	2246	2.04	
	27	0514	0.62
27	1114	1.51	
	TH 1854	0.70	
	2329	1.88	
	28	0600	0.70
28	1206	1.48	
	FR 1746	0.83	
	29	0011	1.73
	29	0848	0.78
SA 1308		1.46	
1848		0.95	
30		0057	1.59
30	0737	0.79	
	SU 1419	1.47	
	2008	1.01	
	31	0151	1.47
31	0834	0.80	
	MO 1536	1.52	
	2133	1.02	

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Be dingo-safe!**
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  - 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.
- Campfires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of Fraser Island**
- WARNING:** 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.

**August**

Time	M
1	0254 1.37
	0932 0.79
	TU 1639 1.59
2	2249 0.97
	WE 1728 1.67
	2348 0.90
3	0515 1.29
	1107 0.71
	TH 1810 1.74
4	0034 0.81
	0612 1.29
	FR 1146 0.65
	1847 1.80

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