

Fraser Island (K'gari) conditions report

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General alerts

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From 1 February 2017 smoking restrictions apply 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. Marine stingers may also be present and can cause serious injury or death. 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.

Wangoolba Creek Boardwalk is partially closed due to damage sustained by a fallen tree. Pile Valley and Basin Lake access via the boardwalk is still open. For your safety, please 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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Give dingoes space, K'gari is their place. Due to inappropriate behaviour of some people a small number of dingoes have become habituated and have been fitted with GPS tracking collars – be extra vigilant and avoid interaction with all dingoes. View dingoes from at least 20 metres away. Respect for this wild predatory animal is the best way to ensure the safety of dingoes and people.

Seasonal activity – Autumn marks the beginning of dingo breeding season. Adults are beginning to compete for mates and will fight to protect their territory - to the death if necessary. Some dingoes may try to dominate people, especially children, by snarling, nipping or biting. If feeling threatened it is important to stay calm, confidently call for help and back away to safe area, preferably a vehicle or fenced area. Do not run or wave your arms.

Everyone has a responsibility to follow dingo safety advice, remain vigilant with dingo safety and avoid interaction with dingoes at all times.

- **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.
- **Kingfisher Bay Resort** – Visitors need to exercise vigilance even within all fenced townships and picnic areas, ensuring your food is secure, keep your children close and please ensure gates are secured after use.
- **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 will be temporarily closed for management purposes between 05 May and 22 June 2017:
 - Wongai (Zone 1), One Tree Rocks, Cornwells and Gabala (Zone 2). **Govi (Zone 1) will remain open.**
- 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 May, for Woralie Creek bridge repairs. Closure will be from North of Coomboo Lake access track through to Woralie Road.



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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Waddy Point Tide times

May	Time	M
23	0535	1.75
	1153	0.39
	TU 1823	1.89
24	0021	0.62
	0622	1.75
	WE 1231	0.33
25	1908	2.05
	0112	0.56
	0711	1.74
26	TH 1311	0.31
	1951	2.19
	0208	0.53
27	FR 0802	1.70
	1355	0.34
	2040	2.28
28	0304	0.54
	0858	1.64
	SA 1443	0.42
29	2132	2.30
	0404	0.59
	0954	1.57
30	SU 1534	0.53
	2225	2.25
	0508	0.65
31	1055	1.49
	MO 1629	0.67
	2322	2.16

June Tide times

June	Time	M
1	0121	1.92
	0817	0.81
	TH 1430	1.44
2	1940	0.97
	0222	1.81
	0821	0.80
3	FR 1544	1.51
	2104	1.00
	0323	1.72
4	1014	0.77
	SA 1645	1.60
	2220	0.98
5	0421	1.65
	1058	0.73
	SU 1733	1.68
6	2320	0.93
	0514	1.59
	1132	0.69
7	MO 1814	1.76
	0008	0.88
	0559	1.55
8	TU 1202	0.66
	1850	1.83
	0050	0.84
9	0639	1.51
	WE 1228	0.64
	1923	1.88
10	0130	0.80
	0716	1.48
	TH 1254	0.62
11	1956	1.93
	0207	0.77
	0751	1.45
12	FR 1324	0.61
	2028	1.96

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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.

