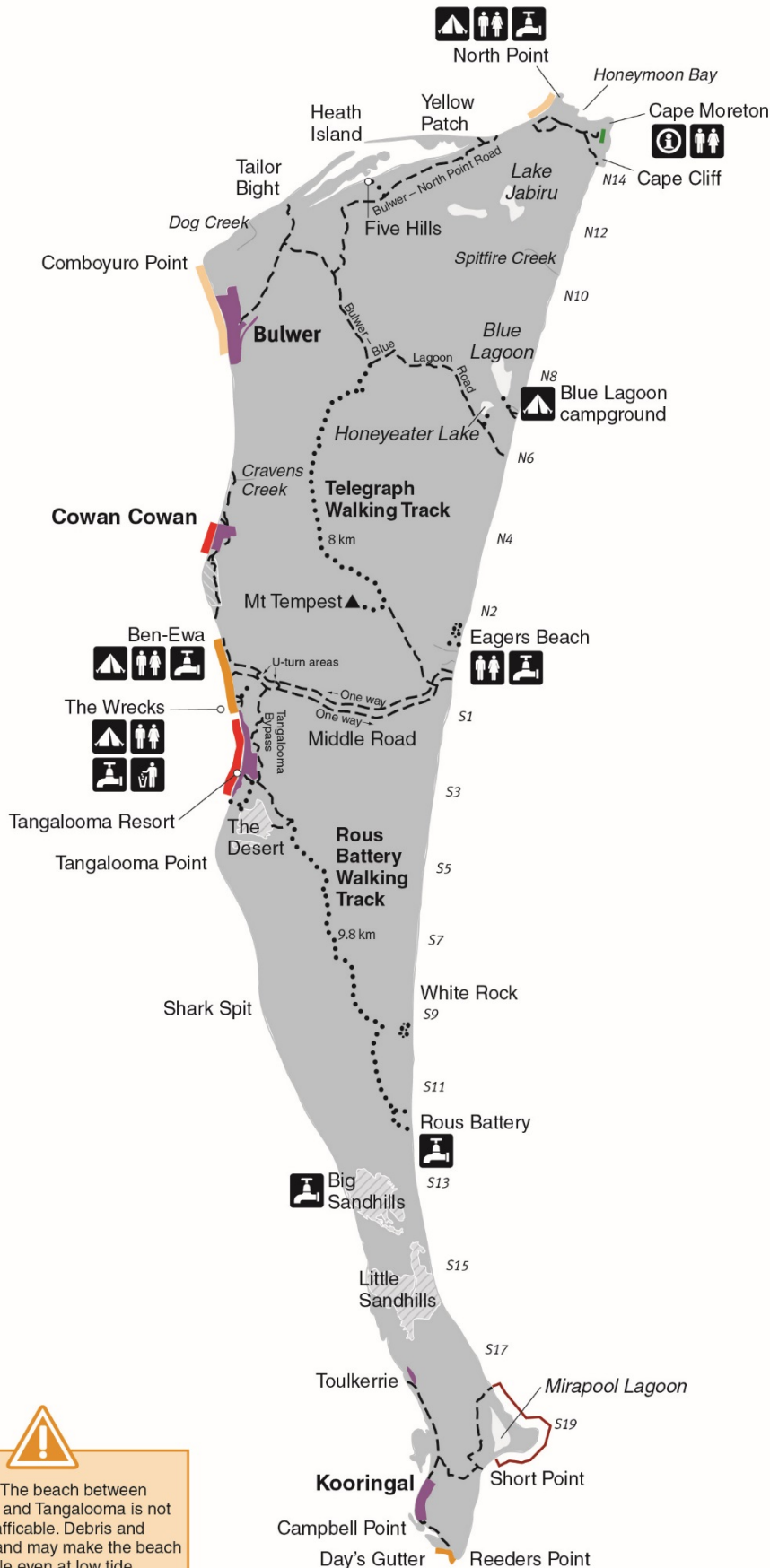
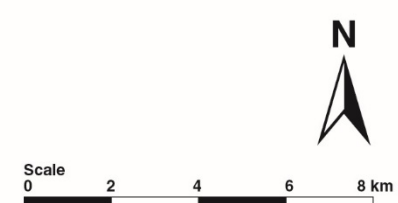


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**Distance markers** are located on the ocean beach at 2 km intervals north (**N** followed by an **even** number) and south (**S** and an **odd** number) of Middle Road. In an emergency dial 000 or if no mobile reception try 112. If calling from ocean beach, advise operator of your closest distance marker. (Marker positioning not to scale)



Legend	
	Recreation area
	Settlements
	Sand
	No vehicle access
	20 km/hr zone
	30 km/hr zone
	Special protection zone and low tide access only
	4WD vehicle track
	Walking track
	Creeks
	Rocks, intermittently exposed
	Camping area
	Toilets
	Water (treat before use)
	Bins
	Information
	Distance markers

**Caution:** The beach between Koorlingal and Tangalooma is not always trafficable. Debris and shifting sand may make the beach impassable even at low tide.

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*Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.*

Last updated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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## Camping & facilities

**Campfire information** – Campfires are permitted at totem campsites in the five camping zones and in Blue Lagoon, Comboyuro Point and Ben-Ewa camping areas. Fires are **not** permitted on the beach nor at North Point or The Wrecks camping areas. Remember, keep campfires small, **never leave fires unattended** and **always extinguish with water**. Fines apply. **Smoking is prohibited** within 10 metres from most visitor facilities in national parks. **Portable toilet waste** disposal facilities are available at Comboyuro Point and Ben-Ewa camping areas. **A QldParks-Wifi hotspot** is available at The Wrecks to assist finding park and camping information.

## Beach and inland track conditions

### Beach driving conditions

**Tangalooma to Koorinal** (western beach) is accessible at low tide only.

**Tangalooma to Bulwer** (western beach) - access mid to low tide; use caution when crossing creeks.

**Bulwer to North Point** (via northern beach) is constantly changing and is rarely trafficable due to the natural outflow of the Heath Island tidal creek system. Some dune erosion is apparent between Comboyuro Point and Heath Island and caution should be exercised in this area. This route is only occasionally trafficable at low tide only and during a calm sea state. Shallow creeks and draining gutters are boggy in this area and extreme caution should be exercised at all water crossings.

**Cape Moreton to Mirapool Bypass** (eastern beach) – is trafficable for the entire length. High tides can cause unexpected and hidden banks, washouts and gutters. Care should be exercised during incoming high tides around the timbered area north of the Koorinal-Mirapool Road. Remember to keep off the dunes. Birds and shorebirds nest in the fore dunes and are easily crushed by tyres. Fines apply for drivers caught damaging the dunes.

**North Point** – some dune erosion is apparent and caution should be exercised in this area. To avoid getting stranded at North Point and Champagne Rocks, drivers are advised not to traverse the area on the approaching high tide. **Do not** drive or park on the vegetated dunes.

**Yellow Patch** – the beach lagoons and waterways are constantly changing in this area. **Caution:** deep water at some creek and lagoon crossings with quicksand on lagoon edges and shoreline erosion.

### Inland track conditions

Moreton Island has received very little rainfall during November with most tracks soft and at times difficult to traverse. Conditions are likely to deteriorate further if no substantial rain is received over the coming weeks. Delays are likely on Middle Road and the Tangalooma Bypass as traffic increases over the school holidays. Check your tyre pressure, as high tyre pressure can damage roads and vehicles.

**Middle Road** is soft and boggy in sections. **Mirapool Bypass Road** is firm but rough in some spots.

**Cowan Bypass** is soft but trafficable. **Bulwer – Blue Lagoon Road** is soft but trafficable with care.

**Bulwer - North Point Road** (via Five Hills) is firm with some rough sections. Suitable for high clearance 4WD vehicles only. **Blue Lagoon day-use access track and carpark** is soft but trafficable. High clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended. Alternative access to Blue Lagoon is possible via the walking track from Blue Lagoon camping area.

**Tangalooma Bypass Road** is soft and rough with some very boggy sections. High clearance 4WD vehicles are recommended.

## Tides Brisbane Bar

### DECEMBER

Time	m	Time	m
1 0116	0.31	16 0159	0.37
0729	2.28	0825	2.32
FR 1345	0.53	SA 1450	0.62
1931	2.12	2022	1.88
2 0203	0.22	17 0234	0.35
0818	2.42	0903	2.37
SA 1443	0.45	SU 1531	0.59
2022	2.11	2101	1.86
3 0248	0.16	18 0307	0.34
0907	2.58	0938	2.39
SU 1538	0.39	MO 1610	0.58
2113	2.07	● 2136	1.85
4 0332	0.14	19 0338	0.35
0954	2.64	1012	2.40
MO 1631	0.37	TU 1645	0.59
○ 2204	2.02	2211	1.83
5 0416	0.15	20 0411	0.37
1043	2.68	1046	2.38
TU 1724	0.37	WE 1720	0.60
2256	1.95	2246	1.81
6 0501	0.21	21 0444	0.41
1132	2.66	1119	2.35
WE 1817	0.40	TH 1754	0.62
2348	1.87	2322	1.78
7 0547	0.30	22 0519	0.46
1221	2.58	1153	2.31
TH 1911	0.45	FR 1830	0.64
8 0044	1.79	23 0002	1.75
0638	0.42	0556	0.54
FR 1313	2.47	SA 1230	2.26
2006	0.50	1909	0.66
9 0144	1.74	24 0047	1.72
0734	0.56	0638	0.62
SA 1406	2.34	SU 1309	2.20
2102	0.53	1953	0.67
10 0251	1.73	25 0138	1.70
0840	0.68	0728	0.71
SU 1504	2.21	MO 1355	2.14
● 2158	0.54	2043	0.65
11 0402	1.78	26 0240	1.72
0952	0.75	0830	0.78
MO 1604	2.10	TU 1449	2.08
2254	0.53	● 2141	0.61
12 0510	1.88	27 0352	1.79
1108	0.77	0943	0.82
TU 1708	2.02	WE 1553	2.03
2348	0.49	2242	0.54
13 0609	2.00	28 0503	1.93
1214	0.75	1101	0.79
WE 1803	1.96	TH 1659	2.01
		2342	0.45
14 0038	0.44	29 0607	2.12
0701	2.13	1217	0.72
TH 1313	0.71	FR 1804	2.00
1855	1.83		
15 0121	0.40	30 0039	0.36
0745	2.24	0705	2.31
FR 1405	0.66	SA 1327	0.62
1941	1.90	1905	1.99
		31 0134	0.27
		0800	2.48
		SU 1431	0.52
		2003	1.99

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# Walking track conditions

**Walking tracks** - Rous Battery, Telegraph, Five Hills and Tempest walking tracks are open and in good condition. Take your own water and stay hydrated in hot conditions. **Note:** there are no water points along these walks. Walking tracks may be closed at short notice during periods of very high fire danger. Please check for Park Alerts before setting out and obey any track closed signs.

# General alerts

## Driving on Moreton Island

- Low clearance and all-wheel drive vehicles are not suitable for Moreton Island inland tracks.
- For beach driving, travel at low tide or within two hours either side of low tide.
- Ensure your vehicle is in 4WD and free-wheeling hubs (if fitted) are locked.
- **Vehicle recovery equipment is essential. Know how to use it correctly before you get stuck.**
- **Reducing your tyre pressure will assist when driving on soft sand.** Remember to keep within the manufacturer's specifications as reduced tyre pressure will affect your vehicle's performance.
- When driving with reduced tyre pressure, avoid sharp turns, sudden braking, high-speeds and driving over rough surfaces. Tyres can come off their rims and cause serious accidents.
- Always carry a tyre gauge, air pump, spare tyre, first-aid kit and adequate water, food and fuel.
- Ensure that you have a valid vehicle access permit.
- Queensland road rules apply and are enforced on all island tracks and beaches.

## Tangalooma Wrecks

Visitors should obey all warning signs and avoid getting too close, walking on or swimming through the shipwreck structures.

## Tangalooma Resort

Access to the resort precinct for casual visitors requires a pre-booked 'Casual Day Visitor Pass'. There is no charge for the 'Casual Day Visitor Pass' but passes are limited. To book or for more information contact [www.tangalooma.com](http://www.tangalooma.com)

## Weather Conditions

Check Bureau of Meteorology web site or tune your car radio to Regional ABC stations for updated weather forecasts and alerts.

## Vehicle Recovery Service

A private vehicle recovery service operates on Moreton Island. For assistance and pricing contact Moreton Island Recovery Service on **07 3408 3545 (0414 949876)** or **07 3408 3930 (0475 563642)**.

## Marine Animal Strandings

Contact **RSPCA Qld** on **1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)** to report any injured or dead dugong, turtles, whales or dolphins.

## Additional Information

Check **Park Alerts** for updates and information regarding any changes to park conditions.

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JANUARY			
Time	m	Time	m
1 0225	0.21	16 0246	0.40
0852	2.62	0919	2.40
MO 1529	0.44	TU 1552	0.60
2100	1.99	2119	1.86
2 0314	0.17	17 0321	0.38
0942	2.72	0954	2.42
TU 1624	0.38	WE 1628	0.58
○ 2154	1.99	● 2154	1.88
3 0402	0.16	18 0355	0.38
1030	2.75	1027	2.42
WE 1715	0.36	TH 1701	0.58
2246	1.98	2230	1.90
4 0449	0.20	19 0430	0.39
1117	2.73	1100	2.41
TH 1805	0.37	FR 1734	0.57
2336	1.96	2306	1.91
5 0536	0.27	20 0506	0.43
1204	2.65	1132	2.38
FR 1851	0.41	SA 1807	0.58
		2344	1.90
6 0027	1.93	21 0542	0.49
0624	0.39	1206	2.33
SA 1250	2.51	SU 1842	0.59
1937	0.46		
7 0119	1.89	22 0025	1.89
0714	0.54	0621	0.56
SU 1336	2.35	MO 1241	2.26
2022	0.52	1919	0.59
8 0215	1.86	23 0111	1.88
0810	0.69	0706	0.66
MO 1424	2.17	TU 1321	2.18
2109	0.57	2002	0.60
9 0318	1.85	24 0204	1.88
0914	0.82	0801	0.75
TU 1518	2.01	WE 1410	2.08
● 2201	0.59	2053	0.59
10 0427	1.89	25 0310	1.91
1028	0.89	0911	0.82
WE 1618	1.88	TH 1512	1.97
2256	0.59	○ 2154	0.57
11 0533	1.98	26 0425	2.00
1143	0.89	1032	0.84
TH 1722	1.81	FR 1625	1.90
2351	0.57	2302	0.53
12 0631	2.09	27 0539	2.15
1250	0.83	1157	0.78
FR 1822	1.78	SA 1740	1.87
13 0043	0.52	28 0009	0.45
0720	2.20	0645	2.33
SA 1344	0.76	SU 1316	0.68
1916	1.79	1850	1.89
14 0128	0.47	29 0111	0.36
0803	2.29	0744	2.50
SU 1432	0.69	MO 1422	0.55
2002	1.81	1954	1.93
15 0209	0.43	30 0210	0.28
0842	2.36	0838	2.63
MO 1514	0.63	TU 1520	0.45
2043	1.83	2053	1.99
		31 0303	0.22
		0928	2.72
		WE 1611	0.38
		○ 2145	2.04

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