

JOURNEYGUIDE

ATHERTON AND EVELYN TABLELANDS PARKS

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FACILITIES

Park	Camping	Camp fires	Generators permitted	Toilets	Dogs on a leash	Day-use area	Fishing	Short walk	Long walk	Mountain biking	Canoeing/kayaking	Horseriding
Bartle Frere Trail, Wooroonooran NP*	✓								✓			
Curtain Fig NP								✓				
Danbulla NP and SF	✓	✓	■	✓	■	✓	✓	✓	✓	■	✓	
Davies Creek and Dinden NPs	✓	■		✓		✓		✓	✓	■		
Dinden West FR				✓	✓	✓		✓				
Hallorans Hill CP				◆				✓				
Hasties Swamp NP				✓								
Herberton Range NP and SF, and Baldy Mountain FR	✓				■				✓	■		■
Koombooloomba NP and CP	✓	■	■	■			✓				✓	
Lake Barrine, Crater Lakes NP				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Lake Eacham, Crater Lakes NP				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Malanda Falls CP				◆		◆		✓				
Millstream Falls NP				✓		✓		✓				
Misty Mountains Wilderness tracks*	✓								✓	■		
Mount Hypipamee NP				✓		✓		✓	✓			
Tumoulin SF and FR					✓			✓				■
Tully Gorge NP*				✓		✓		✓				
Tully Falls NP*									✓			
Wongabel SF					✓			✓	✓			

* Access and facilities from the Tablelands only. For information about the coastal reaches of these parks, see the Tropical Coast Journey Guide.

■ At some locations, conditions may apply

◆ Nearby

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WELCOME TO THE TABLELANDS' NATIONAL PARKS

Welcome to the Atherton and Evelyn tablelands. Varied landscapes rich in biodiversity create areas of breathtaking natural beauty. Fertile plateaus and mountainous ranges are dotted with geological wonders. As local park rangers we welcome you to this special place. Connect with nature and create everlasting memories. We are all guardians of this land so please respect the places you visit so we can preserve these treasures for future generations.

Rangers Miki and Ken

FOR ALL THE WORLD

Many of the parks and forests on the Tablelands are part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area—an area so special that it is valued worldwide for its exceptional diversity, its evolutionary history and its superb scenic beauty. The Wet Tropics World Heritage Area covers nearly 900,000ha and stretches along the north-east coast of Queensland for about 450km between Townsville and Cooktown.



BE INSPIRED!

DISCOVER

a diverse landscape peppered with astounding volcanic features, World Heritage-listed forests and exceptional animals and plants.



UNWIND

with family and friends as you soak up a sunset and disconnect from the pace and bustle of everyday life.



DELVE

deeply into the mining, forestry and farming history that has shaped and influenced the colourful landscape.



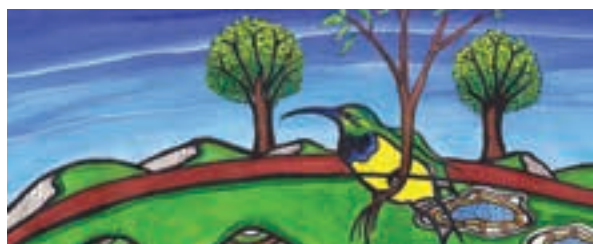
DELIGHT

in our awe-inspiring views and rugged scenery from a whisper-quiet kayak or atop two wheels.

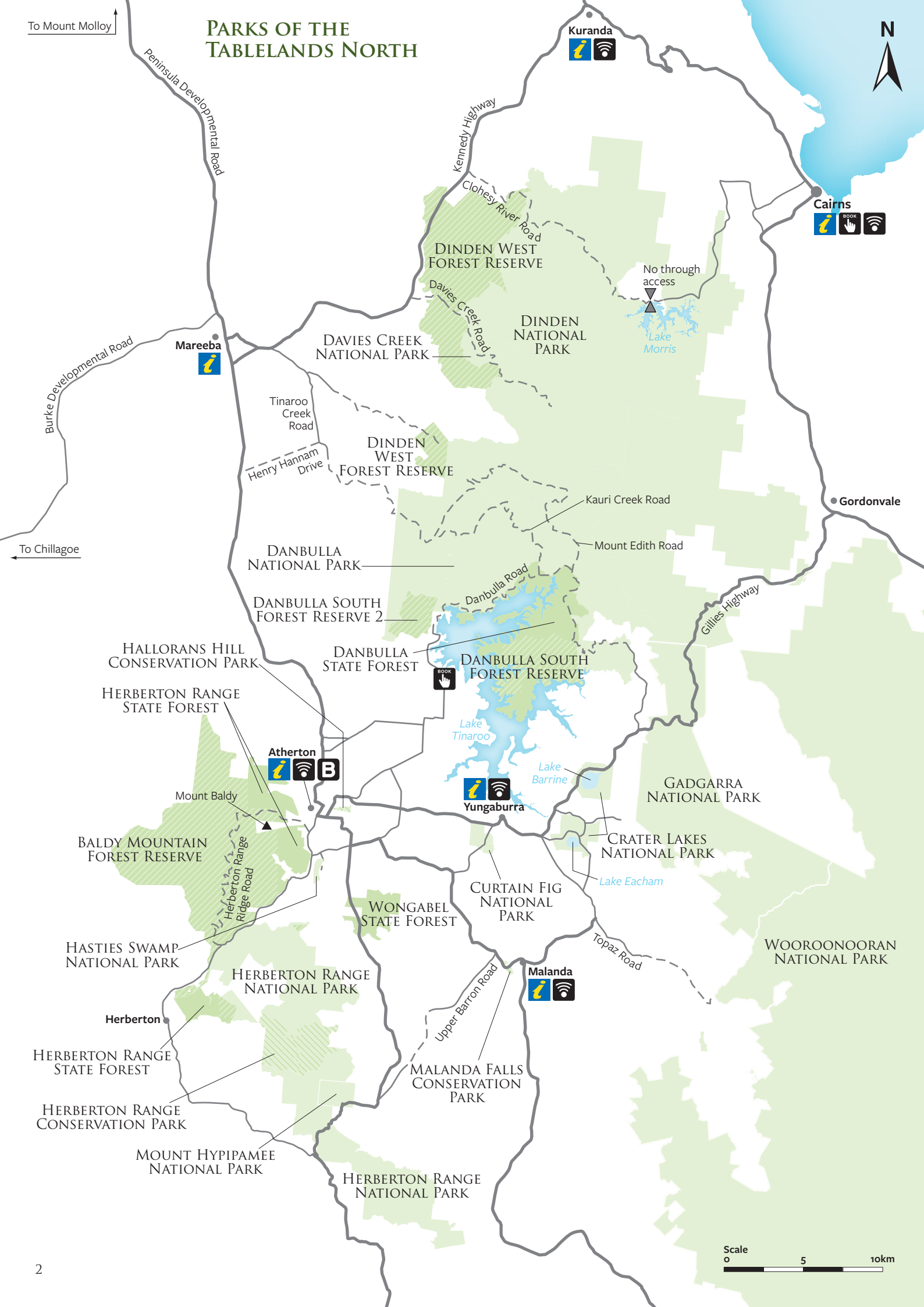


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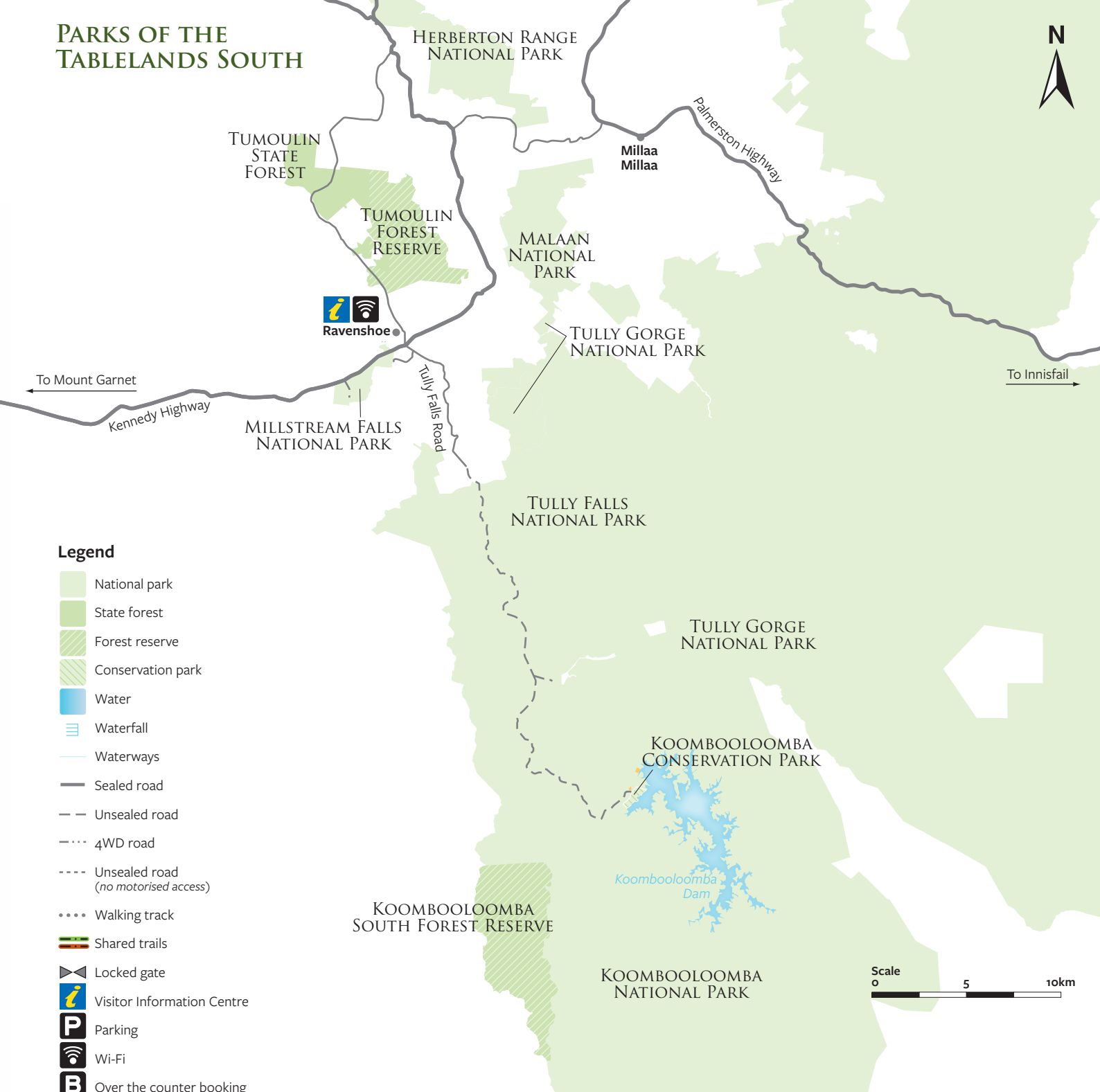
a cultural landscape, interwoven with significant places, traditional stories and spiritual connections.



PARKS OF THE TABLELANDS NORTH



PARKS OF THE TABLELANDS SOUTH



Legend

- National park
- State forest
- Forest reserve
- Conservation park
- Water
- Waterfall
- Waterways
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD road
- Unsealed road (no motorised access)
- Walking track
- Shared trails
- Locked gate
- Visitor Information Centre
- Parking
- Wi-Fi
- Over the counter booking
- Booking kiosk
- Toilet
- Wheelchair access
- Place of interest
- Day-use area
- 4WD access
- Camping
- Boat camping
- Picnic table
- Open campfire
- Fire ring
- Barbecue-wood
- Generator permitted
- Short walk
- Hiking
- Lookout
- Wildlife watching
- Mountain biking
- Horse riding
- Fishing
- No camp fires
- No vehicle access
- No trail bikes

These symbols are used throughout this brochure.

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Fringe lily (right);
Tableland views (below)



Dream LONGINGLY

View over the Tablelands

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Venture into a tapestry of colourful landscapes and let the mountain air and village atmosphere carry you away. Feel the spray as waterfalls plunge into crystal-clear pools, cleansing away the everyday. Wander through forests interwoven with history and ancient connections.

VISIT ANYTIME

Escape to the hills! Enjoy cooler and less humid weather thanks to the elevation of the Tablelands (500–1200m). Summer days can be hot but temperatures cool significantly in the evenings. It can get surprisingly cold in winter, especially at night, with frosts in open areas. Rainfall is seasonal, with most falling between December and April.

BEST WAY TO VISIT

Explore the Tablelands by car, travelling a network of sealed and unsealed routes to discover hidden treasures and memorable experiences. Choose one of our recommended scenic access routes and the itinerary suggestions on page 5 to help plan your self-drive adventure.



Yungaburra markets (left); driving through the Tablelands (above); the Tablelands are cooler than the coast (bottom)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Consider planning your journey to coincide with some of the many events and festivals on the Tablelands. Immerse yourself in the authentic local culture, vivid history and tasty produce of this fertile area. Choose from town markets, country shows, rodeos, music festivals, fishing tournaments and sporting events. Find all the details at athertontablelands.com.au

GUIDED TOURS

Is time short or would you prefer someone else to do the planning? Then why not explore the Tablelands on a guided tour? Visit queensland.com and tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au for details of tour providers and, when booking your tour, look for the ECO Certified logo. For more information visit ecotourism.org.au



START YOUR ADVENTURE

Wind your way to the Tablelands on a meandering range road or dusty outback track. Choose from six main access routes—consider taking a different route on your way home.

VIA THE KURANDA RANGE

At Smithfield, 14km north of Cairns, turn west onto the Kennedy Highway and drive the winding 11.5km route up the coastal range to Kuranda. From here, it's a relatively flat 37km trip to Mareeba, on the northern Tablelands.

VIA THE GILLIES HIGHWAY

At Gordonvale, 35km south of Cairns, take the Gillies Range Road west to the historic township of Yungaburra, on the eastern Tablelands. Famed for its 263 corners, the road climbs 800m in only 19 short kilometres.

VIA THE REX RANGE

From Mossman, drive 4km south, turn onto the Mossman-Mount Molloy Road and travel 28.5km up the winding Rex Range to the Mulligan Highway. Turn left and drive about 40km to Mareeba, on the northern Tablelands.

VIA THE CASSOWARY COAST

About 5km north of Innisfail, turn onto the Palmerston Highway and wind your way uphill for 76km to Millaa Millaa, at a lofty 1050m, on the southern Tablelands.

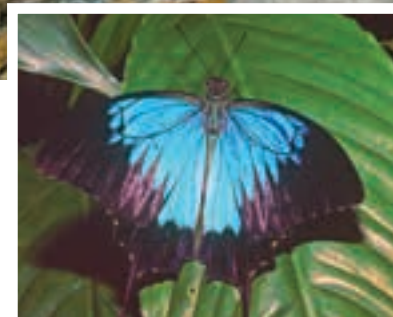
VIA THE GULF SAVANNAH

Nearing the end of your adventure drive across Australia's tropical savannas, the Savannah Way joins the southern end of the Tablelands, at Ravenshoe.

VIA COOKTOWN AND CAPE YORK PENINSULA

From Cooktown it's a short 265km trip along the sealed Mulligan Highway to Mareeba, on the northern Tablelands.

If you are coming from the Cape, stop for refreshments at Lakeland and then travel 185km to Mareeba, on the northern Tablelands.

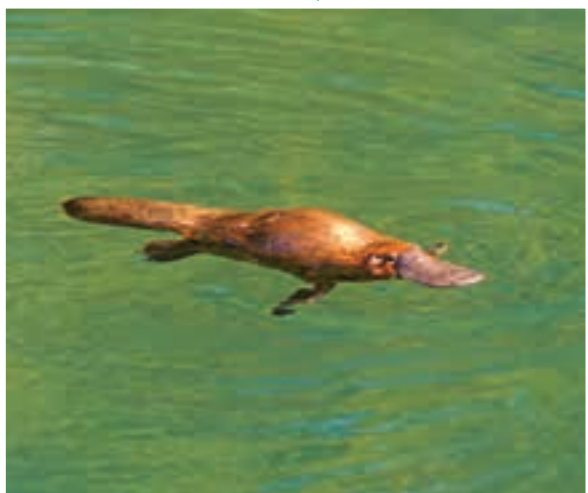


Rainforest stream and waterfall (top and below); Ulysses butterfly (above)

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Platypus (below);
Gillies Highway (below right)

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Wonder naturally

Cathedral Fig Tree

Photo: Robert Ashdown © Queensland Government

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Explore magnificent national parks and picturesque towns and villages filled with friendly locals and a tempting array of cafes, restaurants, galleries and museums. Why not stay longer and explore all that this region has to offer? Accommodation options are plentiful, including bed and breakfasts, motels, farm stays, camping areas and secluded cabins.

If you've only got a day

Enjoy a day on the Tablelands jam-packed with sights, sounds and experiences! Visit one or more of the rainforest giants—the Clohesy River, Cathedral or Curtain fig trees. Take a dip in a volcanic crater at lakes Eacham or Barrine and marvel at the massive diatrema (volcanic pipe) at Mount Hypipamee. Tick off at least one waterfall, perhaps Millstream Falls, where you can also delve into some war history. If you've still got time, search the canopy for a green possum or tree-kangaroo in the Malanda Falls forest or spend some quiet time in the bird hide at Hasties Swamp.

The Tablelands in two

If you've got two days to explore the Tablelands then you're going to enjoy a more leisurely visit. Divide the area into two—see the maps on pages 2–3—and spend a day in each 'half'. Check out the parks in the north, centre and around Lake Tinaroo and Atherton on one day. And then head south and explore the more southerly parks on the second.

Three is better!

Now you're talking! Three days on the Tablelands will create long-lasting memories and leave you yearning to return. Set aside a day to explore the Danbulla forest around Lake Tinaroo and the handful of parks around Atherton. Parks in the centre and the parks south of Atherton could easily take a second day. Walks and drives in the drier part of the Tablelands in the north will fill a third day and maybe leave you with enough time to return to your favourite gem or something you've missed.



Millstream Falls (above); Remember your fishing permit (top right); Dogs on a leash are welcome in some forests (right)

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VISITING WITH DOGS

If you are travelling with a dog, you'll need to make other arrangements for your pet when you visit a park, forest or reserve, as domestic animals aren't generally allowed. You can take a dog (on a leash) into some state forests (see page ii for locations).



FISHING

You can fish in some parks and forests on the Tablelands (see page ii for locations). Bag and size limits, restricted species and seasonal closures apply. Fisheries Queensland provides all the details: daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries

If you want to 'wet a line' in Lake Tinaroo, you'll need to buy a stocked impoundment permit (SIP).

See qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams for details.



Experience adventurously

Lake Eacham

Photo: Maxine Couard © Queensland Government

ADVENTUROUS BY NATURE

Paddle your kayak in the tranquil waters of a volcanic crater lake or pedal your way around purpose-built mountain bike trails. The Tablelands' parks and forests offer great adventure experiences that showcase the area's dramatic scenery and diverse landscape.

Kayaking and canoeing

Slip into a canoe or kayak to explore the forest-fringed lakes Eacham and Barrine. Feel refreshed and restored after a vigorous paddle or leisurely float around these World Heritage-listed volcanic craters.

For something more adventurous, slide onto the water from your lakeside camp site on the shores of Lake Tinaroo (Danbulla) and Koomboolomba Dam to explore their intricate shorelines. Even better, for peace and seclusion pack your tent into the canoe and set out for Danbulla's boat-access only camp sites.

MOUNTAIN BIKING



Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park

Criss-cross the lower slopes of the Herberton Range on around 60km of award-winning, purpose-built single trails. Dip into rocky gullies and clear creeks, climb forest-clad valleys and ridgelines, and pause at awe-inspiring views of the surrounding landscape. Whether you are a novice or more experienced, don't miss this exciting mountain biking opportunity.



Davies Creek Mountain Bike Park

Navigate six, gently flowing, single trails through granite outcrops, clear streams, and open forests of bloodwoods, stringybarks, she-oaks, cycads and grass trees. Hidden in the rain-shadowed slopes of the Lamb Range, this park has trails suitable for riders of all abilities. Remember to bring your swimmers for a refreshing dip in Davies Creek afterwards!

JUST DOWN THE ROAD ...

- Smithfield Mountain Bike Park in Smithfield Conservation Park
- Black Mountain Road, the Twin Bridges Trail and the Bump Track in Kuranda and Mowbray national parks
- the Goldfield trail in Wooroonooran National Park
- the Musgravea trail in Djiru National Park
- some of the trails on the Misty Mountains wilderness tracks.

Ride safely and responsibly

The trails have different grades to match riders' abilities. Check the signs for details, and know your limits. Plan your ride carefully and take care of the environment.



Sunrise on Lake Eacham

Photo: © Tamara Vallance



Davies Creek

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IN THE NORTH

PARKS TO VISIT

- Davies Creek National Park
- Dinden National Park
- Bare Hill Conservation Park
- Dinden West Forest Reserve

MUST DOS

- Discover clear-flowing creeks, long-lost timber history and towering giants along the Clohesy River Road.
- Reward your climb with endless views from atop Kahlpahlim Rock.
- Camp and picnic beside placid pools lined with smooth-barked watergums.

GETTING THERE

Davies Creek and **Dinden national parks**, **Bare Hill Conservation Park** and **Dinden West Forest Reserve** are between Kuranda and Mareeba on the northern Tablelands. For most of the year you can reach Lower Davies Creek camping area, Davies Creek Falls and Emerald Creek Falls by conventional vehicle. You need a 4WD to access all other areas of these parks.

DID YOU KNOW?

Southern brown bandicoots are found in this park—a long way from the nearest known population on Cape York Peninsula.

Reconnect with nature among granite outcrops and towering forests, and feel revitalised as you explore boulder-strewn creeks and rushing waterfalls.

ABOUT THE PARKS

These four parks straddle the Lamb Range—the string of mountains behind Cairns. Rainforest cloaks the wetter, eastern side of the range while contrasting drier forests flank the rain-shadowed western slopes. Lush ribbons of rainforest fringe the many creeks that tumble from the ranges above.

PLACES TO GO

1 Clohesy River Road (including Clohesy River fig tree)

33km return (allow 2hrs driving time)
300m return (allow 20mins walking time)
Grade: easy

Venture deep into the heart of World Heritage-listed forests of the Shoteel Creek and Clohesy River valleys. Stop and stretch your legs on the short track to the Clohesy River fig tree and stand in awe in the shadow of this impressive tree.

2 Davies Creek Falls circuit

1.1km return (allow 20mins walking time)
Grade: easy

Enjoy views of Davies Creek valley and spectacular falls from lookouts then follow a tranquil creek, lined with paperbarks, pandanus and banksias. Stay behind the barriers at the lookouts.

3 Turtle Rock circuit track

8km return (allow 3–4hrs walking time)
Grade: difficult

Take in spectacular views in all directions on this challenging walk to the summit of Mount Turtle. Wind around massive boulders and climb to 936m, then descend along a ridge line and over a creek.

4 Kahlpahlim Rock/Ridge circuit (Kahlpahlim Rock and Kahlpahlim Ridge trails)

12.3km return (allow 6–7hrs walking time)
Grade: difficult

Walk these steep challenging trails in either direction. From the first trail head, pass through towering rose gum, turpentine and casuarina forests, and then climb steeply to the 1km sidetrack to Kahlpahlim Rock. At 1300m above sea level, the enormous boulders of this rock are the highest point on the Lamb Range and hold a commanding position over the surrounding landscape. On the alternate return track follow old logging tracks through cool rainforest and over small creeks. It is 2.3km between the two trail heads on Davies Creek Road.

5 Bunda Bibandji (Bare Hill)

1.4km return (allow 1hr walking time)

Grade: moderate

Walk to two rock art galleries depicting figures in red and yellow ochre and sense the ancient connections the Djabugay Aboriginal people have with this landscape.

6 Emerald Creek Falls track

1.9km return (allow 50mins walking time)

Grade: moderate

Climb to a lookout and soak up views of the falls, the valley below and across the northern tableland.

7 Davies Creek Mountain Bike Park

Don't miss the chance to explore the rain-shadowed slopes of the Lamb Range on these gently flowing single trails.

JUST DOWN THE ROAD

Experience more of Queensland's beautiful parks and forests. Find out more at visitor information centres and queenslandnationalparks.com.au

Barron Gorge National Park

With rugged landscapes, lush rainforest and spectacular views of the famous Barron Falls, this park is alive with colourful history.

Speewah Conservation Park

Base yourself at this pleasant camping area and explore the network of walks into neighbouring Barron Gorge National Park.

Jumrum Conservation Park

Enjoy a refreshing walk through a tiny pocket of dense vine-entwined rainforest.

Kuranda and Mowbray National Parks

Experience these parks from your car, on foot, using pedal power or on horseback!

PLACES TO CAMP

8 Lower Davies Creek camping area

Camp beside the gurgling waters of Davies Creek. There is a short walk from the car park to the camp sites so tents are best suited to this camping area. Small campervans can stay overnight in the car park.

9 Upper Davies Creek camping area

Camp along a stretch of Davies Creek shaded by tall forest. Toilets are shared between two camp sites.

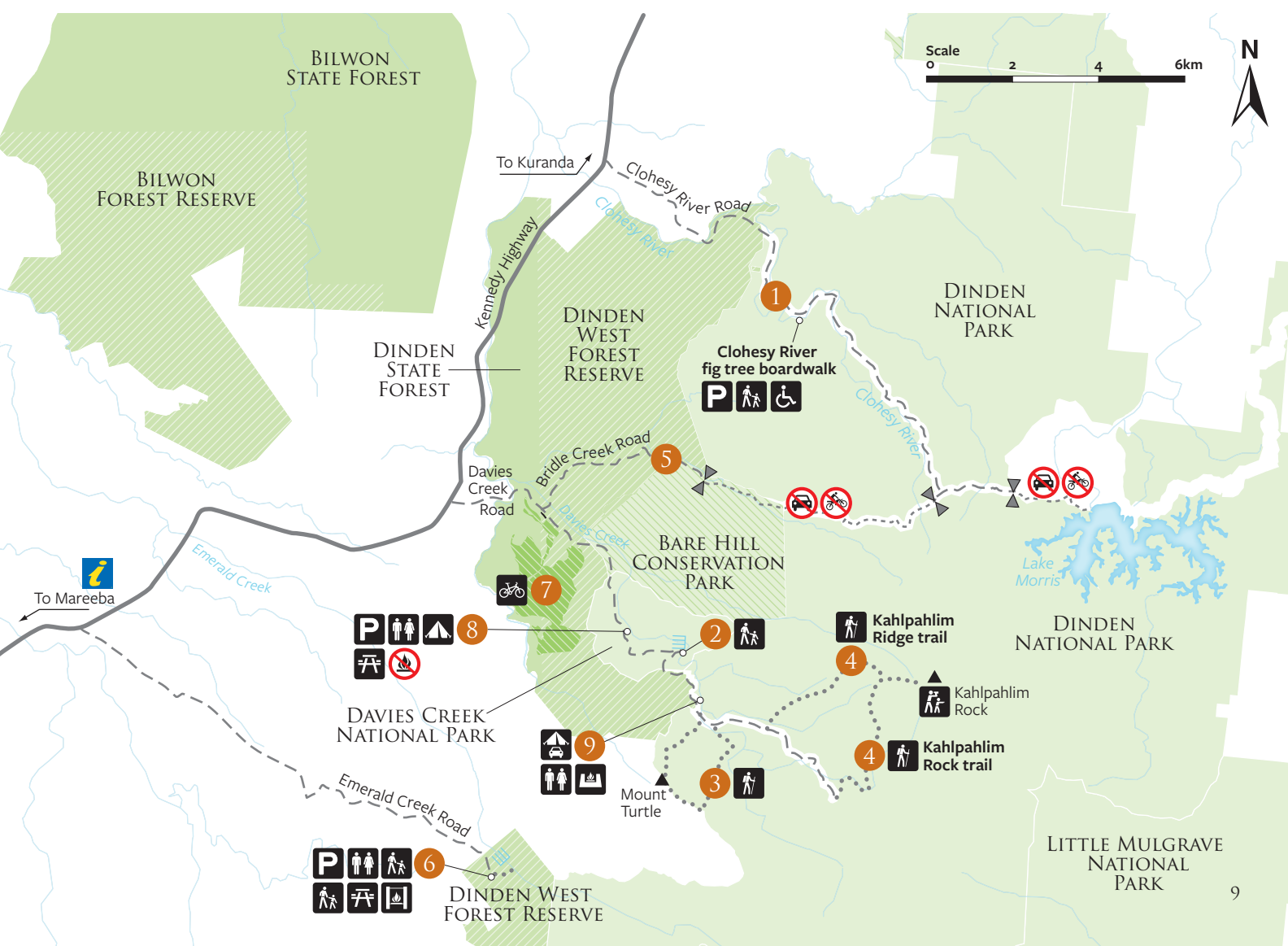




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IN THE CENTRE

PARKS TO VISIT

- Crater Lakes National Park
- Curtain Fig National Park
- Malanda Falls Conservation Park
- Wooroonooran National Park

MUST DOS

- Glide your canoe or kayak over the tranquil waters of lakes Eacham and Barrine.
- Marvel at the majesty of the towering Curtain Fig Tree and try to fit it all into your camera lens.
- Search for tree-kangaroos while immersing yourself in Ngadjon-Jii culture on the Tulip Oak walk.
- Climb Bartle Frere—Queensland's highest peak!

GETTING THERE

- **Lake Eacham** is on the eastern Atherton Tableland. Follow the signs from the Gillies Range Road or Lake Barrine-Malanda Road.
- Near the top of the Gillies Range, follow the signs from the Gillies Range Road to **Lake Barrine**, on the eastern Atherton Tableland.
- The **Curtain Fig Tree** is on the western outskirts of Yungaburra. Turn onto Curtain Fig Tree Road from the Gillies Highway (just outside Yungaburra) and travel 1km to the car park.

Immerse yourself in clear crater lakes fringed by lush rainforests, giant kauri pines and magnificent fig trees. Feel recharged as you sit by tumbling waterfalls and marvel at towering mountains.

ABOUT THE PARK

Delight in this richly volcanic part of the Tablelands, dotted with crater lakes, statuesque mountains and rainforest giants. The parks protect a very rare rainforest type and many plants and animals are found nowhere else in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lakes Eacham and Barrine are volcanic maars—broad, low-relief volcanic craters formed when lava came into contact with the water table.

- **Malanda Falls** is on the outskirts of Malanda. Head down the Malanda-Atherton Road and turn into the signposted car park near the bridge.
- To reach the western trail head for the **Bartle Frere trail**, turn onto Topaz Road from the Malanda-Lake Barrine Road and travel 2km past Butchers Creek School. Turn left to Lamins Hill lookout—this gravel road can be slippery when wet—and follow the signs for 7km to the end of Gourka Road and the national park boundary. Junction camp, 2km along the track, marks the start of the walk.

PLACES TO GO

1 Lake Eacham, Crater Lakes National Park

Lake circuit track

3km circuit (allow 1hr walking time)

Grade: easy

Stroll around the crater for forest-fringed views of the lake and see the landscape through the eyes of the Aboriginal Traditional Owners. Look for musky rat-kangaroos—these small, chocolate-coloured macropods are often seen here during the day.

Active children's walk

1.4km return (allow 1hr playing time)

Grade: easy

Learn about the rainforest and animals as you wriggle like a snake, search for dragons and create amazing creatures on this fun walk for kids (and adults!).

2 Lake Barrine, Crater Lakes National Park

Twin kauris walk

160m return (allow 10mins walking time)

Grade: easy

Admire these two magnificent bull kauri pine trees that tower 45m over you and the rest of the forest. They are thought to be more than 1000 years old but no one really knows for sure.

Rainforest walk

600m one way (allow 15mins walking time) Grade: easy

Discover epiphyte-adorned branches, look for musky rat-kangaroos in the undergrowth and listen for chowchillas as they forage on the forest floor in this World Heritage-listed rainforest.

Lake circuit track

5km circuit (allow 2hrs walking time) Grade: moderate

Explore lush rainforest, typical of the fertile basalt (red) soils and high rainfall of this area, as you circumnavigate this high altitude crater lake.

3 Curtain Fig National Park

Curtain Fig boardwalk

180m circuit (allow 10mins walking time) Grade: easy

Gaze up at this unique tree, decorated with epiphytic ferns, amid endangered mabi forest. From the boardwalk, search the reaching branches for Lumholtz's tree-kangaroos, green possums and birds of all types.

4 Malanda Falls Conservation Park

Tulip Oak walk

1km return (allow 35mins walking time) Grade: easy

Ngadjon-Jii culture is rich in this area. Venture into the forest to experience the culture, history and lifestyle that is sacred to this landscape and its Aboriginal people.

RANGER'S TIP

There are examples within the rainforest that tell you it is a living cultural landscape. It's important for me as an Aboriginal person to get people to understand how much that means to us. We have never broken our cultural connection to this area.
Ranger Doug



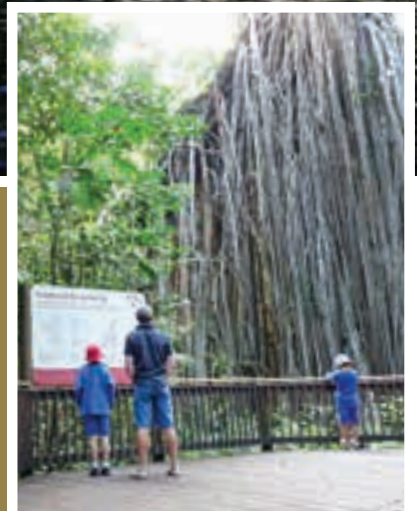
Rainforest walk

1.5km return (allow 30 mins walking time) Grade: easy

Learn to identify trees of the rainforest and look for saw-shelled turtles and rainbowfish in the North Johnstone River as it rushes towards the coast.

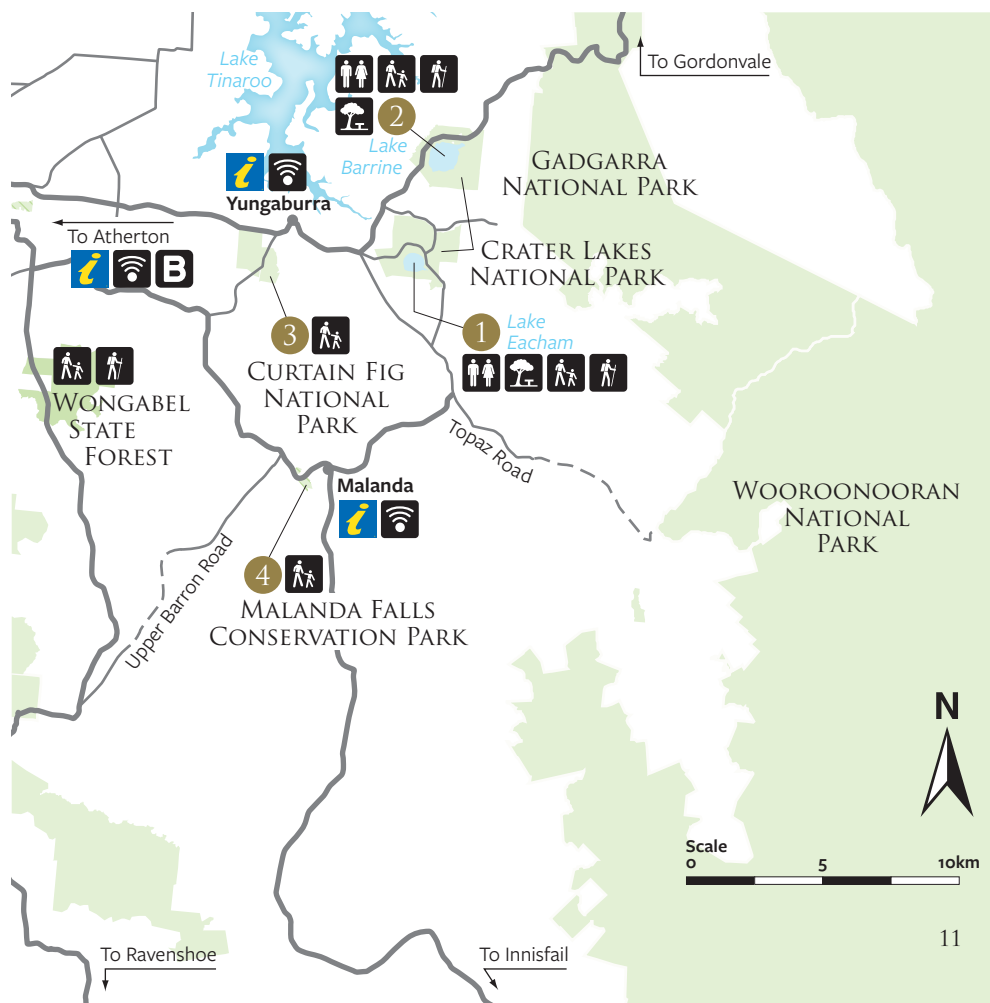
Bartle Frere trail, Wooroonooran National Park

Challenge yourself and climb Queensland's highest peak! Not for the faint-hearted, this gruelling trek climbs to the state's summit at 1622m and, on a clear day, you'll feel on top of the world! Find out all you need to know at queenslandnationalparks.com.au



Tulip Oak walk (top left); Malanda Falls (top); Curtain Fig boardwalk (above)

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AROUND LAKE TINAROO

MUST DOS

- Channel your inner geologist to form your own theory on how the Mobo Creek Crater was formed.
- Relax in a waterside camp site that ticks all your camping boxes.
- Be blessed by the dawn chorus at the aptly named Cathedral Fig Tree.
- Get wet and active on the waters of Lake Tinaroo—go swimming, paddling, skiing, fishing or boating.

GETTING THERE

Danbulla Road extends 28km along the northern shore of Lake Tinaroo. The eastern entrance to Danbulla Road is Boar Pocket Road, near the top of the Gillies Range Road. The western entrance is via the township of Kairi. The regional council advises this road is unsuitable for caravans.

You can also reach all of the camping areas and the Platypus day-use area by boat. The nearest boat ramps are in Tinaroo township.

Go boating, throw in a fishing line, enjoy a night under the stars or take a scenic drive. Danbulla National Park and State Forest have rich Aboriginal connections and a fascinating history so take the time to discover more. There's something for everyone at Danbulla!

ABOUT THE PARK

Set aside at least a day to explore this spectacular part of the Tablelands. With forests, plantations and World Heritage-listed rainforest, this 12,000ha park is nestled between the Tinaroo and Lamb ranges and stretches along the banks of picturesque Lake Tinaroo.

PLACES TO GO

1 Platypus Rock

Climb the steps onto a huge granite boulder for a unique view of the plantation and forest canopy. Dogs on a leash are allowed on this walk.

2 Regeneration walk

2.3km one way (allow 1hr walking time)

Grab your binoculars and enjoy this walk through land used for dairy farming before the dam was built. The land was then planted with pines, or left to naturally regenerate.

3 Junglajungal walk

8.2km return (allow 3.5hrs walking time)

Explore World Heritage-listed rainforests along old forestry roads on this sometimes steep walk. Look for colourful but well-camouflaged Boyd's forest dragons.

4 Lake Euramoo lookout and track

500m return (allow 10mins walking time)

Wind through the shadowy forest on the circuit track and snatch occasional lake glimpses through the trees.

5 Mobo Creek Crater walk

630m return (allow 15mins walking time)

The geology of this crater has perplexed scientists for many years. Draw your own conclusions as you walk through upland rainforest to the crater.

6 Cathedral Fig Tree

300m return (allow 10mins walking time)

This is one of the most impressive fig trees you will ever see. Bring your binoculars and greet the sun to experience a dawn chorus like no other.

Downfall Creek camping area

Photo: © Tourism and Events Queensland



7 Mount Edith and Kauri Creek roads

43km return (allow 2hrs driving time
and 3–6hrs riding time)

Drive or pedal through the rugged Lamb
Range beneath ever-changing forests and
along graceful mountain streams.

8 Gillies lookout

8km return (allow 45mins driving time)

You'll need a high clearance vehicle to
tackle this unsealed road through farmland
to a lookout with spectacular views.

PLACES TO PICNIC

9 Platypus day-use area

Relax in this sheltered picnic area near
the dam wall.

10 Kauri Creek day-use area

Enjoy a picnic lunch in this intimate
day-use area on the banks of the
sandy-bottomed Kauri Creek.

11 The Chimneys day-use area

This large grassy area lies in the shadow
of two lofty chimneys.

Cathedral Fig

Photo: Robert Ashdown © Qld Govt



Fish year-round from the bank
or boat, or throw in a pot for feed of
redclaw. Lake Tinaroo is a stocked
impoundment so you will need a permit
if you are line fishing. Visit [qld.gov.au/
recreation/activities/boating-fishing/
rec-fishing/dams](http://qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams)

PLACES TO CAMP

Explore all that Danbulla has to offer
from one of the six lakeside camping
areas. Except for Curri Curri, all
camping areas have shower cubicles
(BYO shower).

12 Platypus camping area

Set up camp under a towering
hoop pine plantation. This camping
area is popular with water skiers
and fishers.

13 Downfall Creek camping area

This popular area has open,
grassy sites with uninterrupted
water views.

14 Kauri Creek camping area

On the edge of an inlet, this
camping area is perfect for
canoeing, kayaking and swimming.

15 School Point camping area

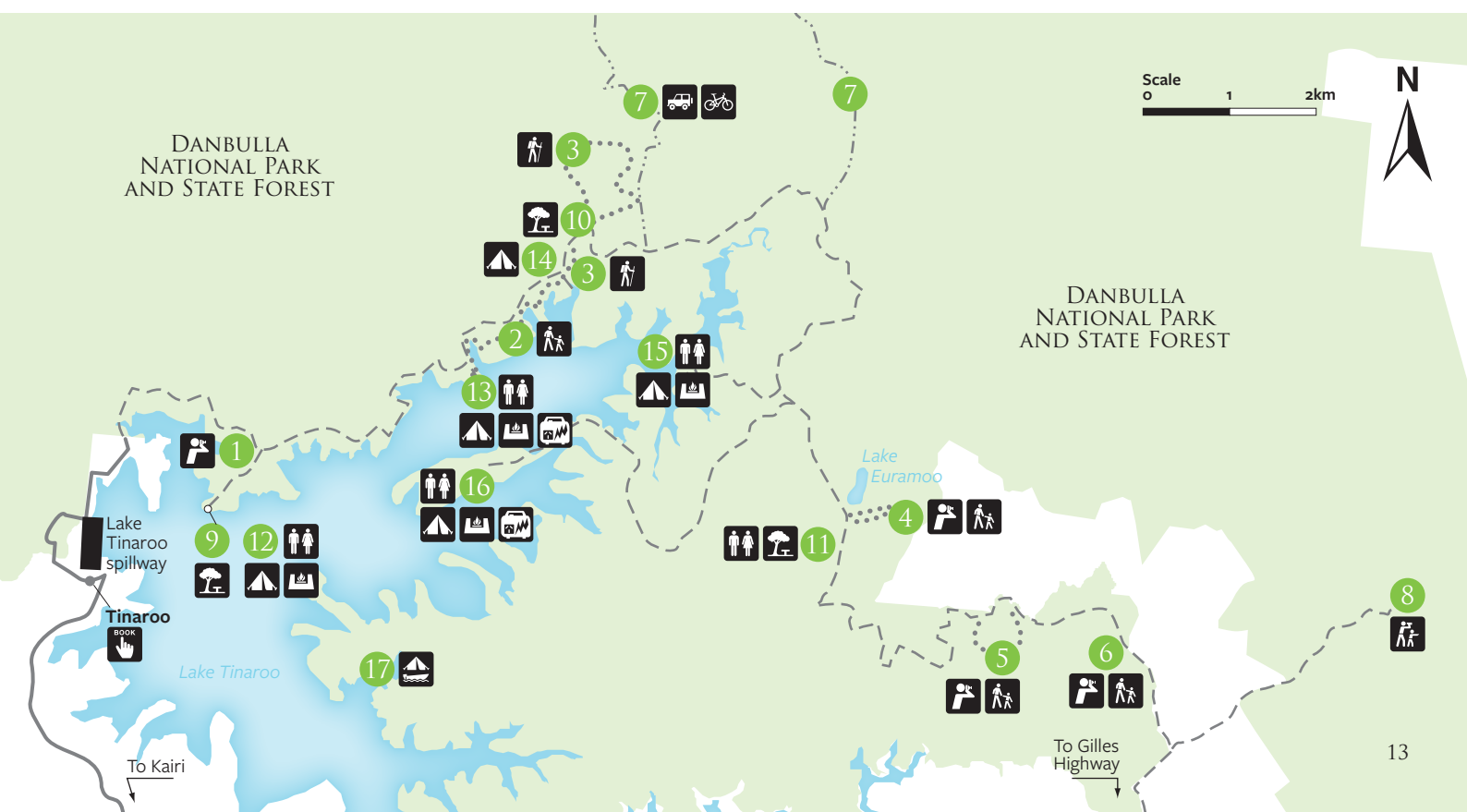
Today's peaceful camp sites, with
expansive views, contrast with the
bustle and hubbub of the Euramoo
State School, which stood here
until 1958.

16 Fong-On Bay camping area

This large and open camping area
is popular with skiers and can
accommodate large groups.

17 Curri Curri camping area

These separate camp sites with no
facilities are accessible only by boat
from Tinaroo township.





AROUND ATHERTON

PARKS TO VISIT

- Hallorans Hill Conservation Park
- Hasties Swamp National Park
- Herberton Range State Forest
- Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve
- Wongabel State Forest

MUST DOS

- Walk through endangered rainforest atop a volcanic cone—Hallorans Hill—high above the surrounding landscape.
- Jump on your bike and explore the trails at the Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park.
- Immerse yourself in the history and culture of the area along the Wongabel Heritage walk.
- Grab your binoculars and search Hasties Swamp for some of the 220 resident and migratory bird species.

GETTING THERE

- **Hallorans Hill** is within Atherton township. Start your walk from the park on Louise Street and walk to the summit or, if downhill is more your style, drive to the summit and walk down (follow the signs from Robert Street or Dalziel Avenue).
- **Hasties Swamp** is on Hastie Road, 4km south of Atherton on the Atherton-Herberton Road.

Greet the colourful dawn from a sheltered bird hide or feel the sun's first rays as they hit your face high on a mountain summit. Venture deep into the heart of endangered rainforest and discover a fascinating past.

ABOUT THE PARKS

Volcanic cones, significant wetlands, endangered forests and awe-inspiring walks feature in parks near Atherton. Hasties Swamp, a renowned wetland, attracts migratory birds from as far away as Japan, Siberia and New Guinea. Wongabel and Hallorans Hill protect endangered rainforest—home to Lumholtz's tree-kangaroos. Mount Baldy and the Herberton Range, cloaked in high-altitude rainforest, endangered wet sclerophyll forest and drier open forests, contain an extensive network of shared trails and lookouts with unrivalled views.

- The **Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park, Yabi Mountain trail** and the northern entrance of the **Herberton Range Ridge Road** are on Rifle Range Road. Follow the signs 1.6km south of Atherton on the Atherton-Herberton Road.
- The southern entrance of the **Herberton Range Ridge Road** is 12km south of Atherton on the Atherton-Herberton Road.
- **Wongabel** is 8km south of Atherton on the Kennedy Highway.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wongabel's award-winning tracks are designed especially for vision-impaired walkers. Braille booklets, tactile maps and audio headsets are available from the Atherton Information Centre in Main Street.



Wongabel Forest walk (top);
Hasties Swamp bird hide (above)

Photo (top): Tamara Vallance © Qld Govt
Photo (above): Peter Nieves © Qld Govt

PLACES TO GO

1 Hallorans Hill walking track

1.4km one way (allow 40mins walking time) Grade: moderate

Walk through eucalypt forest and endangered rainforest to the summit of this volcanic cone for stunning views over the Tablelands. If you're quiet enough, you'll see eastern water dragons along Priors Creek.

2 Hasties Swamp bird hide

From the comfort of this two-storey hide enjoy a wildlife spectacle with many kinds of waterbirds feeding on this scenic wetland.

3 Baldy Yabi circuit

8.4km return (allow 2.5hrs walking time) Grade: difficult

Your steep climb to the peaks of Mount Baldy and Yabi Mountain are more than rewarded with expansive views of Atherton and Lake Tinaroo. The walk is less strenuous in the clockwise direction.

4 Herberton Range Ridge Road

Four-wheel drive your way from 780m to 1200m elevation through sun-dappled forests of bloodwoods and ironbarks, lush

high-altitude rainforest and dry forests of turpentine, red mahogany and she-oak.

5 Wongabel Forest walk

750m return (allow 15mins walking time) Grade: easy

Delve into the heart of endangered mabi forest and learn what makes it so special. Search the treetops for Lumholtz's tree-kangaroos—the best way to see them is to spot their pendulous tails.

5 Wongabel Heritage walk

2.5km return (allow 1hr walking time) Grade: easy

Wongabel has a rich timber history and is considered the birthplace of reforestation in Queensland. Find out more along this track flanked by endangered rainforest and plantation trees.

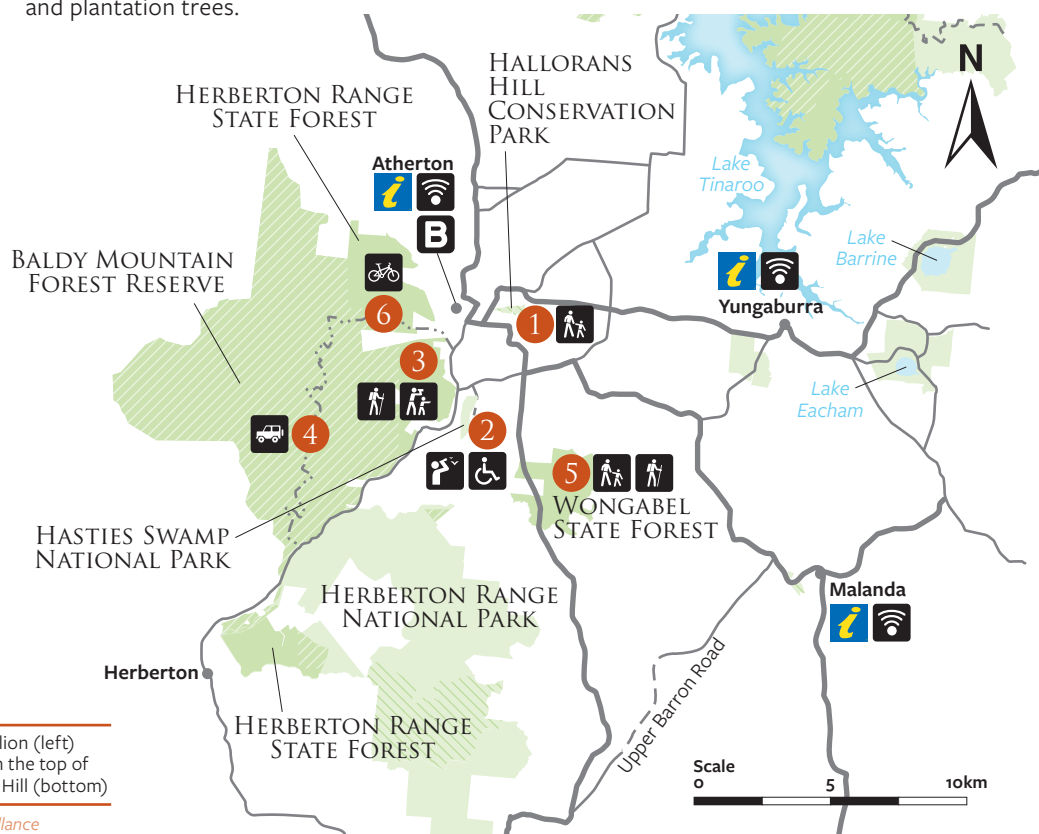
6 Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park

Criss-cross the lower slopes of the Herberton Range on around 60km of this award-winning, purpose-built single trail.



Mountain bike trails for everyone

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Adult ant lion (left)
View from the top of
Hallorans Hill (bottom)

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HEADING SOUTH

PARKS TO VISIT

- Mount Hypipamee National Park
- Herberton Range Conservation Park
- Tumoulin State Forest and Forest Reserve
- Millstream Falls National Park

MUST DOS

- Step back in time and see how the Australian Army soldiers lived, trained and played at Millstream Falls.
- Spotlight for possums, tree-kangaroos, spiders and insects at Mount Hypipamee.
- Cool off in the spray from McKenzie Falls in Tumoulin State Forest.

GETTING THERE

- **Mount Hypipamee National Park** is on the Kennedy Highway, 25km south of Atherton.
- Find your way to **Herberton Range Conservation Park** via E Hill Road or Plath Road. You will need a 4WD to explore the park.
- To reach **Tumoulin State Forest and Forest Reserve**, via McKenzie, Smith or Allen Roads, you will need a 4WD.

Hit the waterfall trail! High and narrow, wide and tiered, trickling or tumbling—be amazed by waterfalls of every size and shape, set among a kaleidoscope of forests and ancient geological features.

ABOUT THE PARKS

Highlights here include a deep volcanic pipe, tumbling waterfalls, ancient lava flows and wide variety of forest types feature. The forests protect endemic (found only here) birds like Victoria's riflebird (right), bridled honeyeater and golden and tooth-billed bowerbirds. The night is alive with threatened species like Lumholtz's tree-kangaroos, yellow-bellied gliders, magnificent broodfrogs and rufous owls.

DID YOU KNOW?

No-one is really sure how Dinner Falls got its name but the story we like the most is that it was named for its three tiers—entree, main and dessert.

PLACES TO GO

Mount Hypipamee National Park

Crater track

800m one way (allow 15mins walking time). Grade: easy

Emerge from high-altitude rainforest to the surprising sight of a diatrema (volcanic pipe) and try to imagine the sounds and sights of the massive explosion that formed this crater. Return along the same track or via the Dinner Falls track.

Dinner Falls track

600m one way (allow 25mins walking time). Grade: moderate

View the cascades forming Dinner Falls—from these humble beginnings, the Barron River picks up speed and size as it travels to Lake Tinaroo, through the hydro-electric station at Kuranda, over the Barron Falls and to the coast just north of Cairns.

Herberton Range Conservation Park

1 Halls Falls track

520m return (allow 15mins walking time) Grade: moderate

Under a forest of brushbox, take in the serenity as cool, clear water tumbles gently over polished granite walls.

2 Drovers lookout track

250m return (allow 10mins walking time)

Grade: easy

Walk or horseride to this amazing lookout with sprawling easterly views over the southern Tablelands and beyond. Remember to take a selfie while you're there!

Tumoulin State Forest and Forest Reserve

3 McKenzie Falls track

600m return (allow 15mins walking time)

Grade: easy

Watch the Millstream River cascade over the falls and down the valley beyond. Look for the subtle mauve colour of delicate fringe lilies hidden among the grey-green grasses.

Millstream Falls National Park

Big Millstream Falls

680m return (allow 15mins walking time)

Grade: moderate

A sealed track through forests of pink-trunked, lemon-scented gums leads to a view over Millstream Falls, reputedly the widest, single-drop waterfall in Australia.

World War II Heritage walk

1km return (allow 45mins walking time)

Grade: easy

Imagine the early 1940s when the Tablelands were dotted with training areas for up to 100,000 Australian troops. See the remains of tent sites, corduroy roads, training and parade grounds, trenches and other reminders of their time spent here.



World War II Heritage walk (top);
Millstream Falls (left); female
Victoria's riflebird (below)

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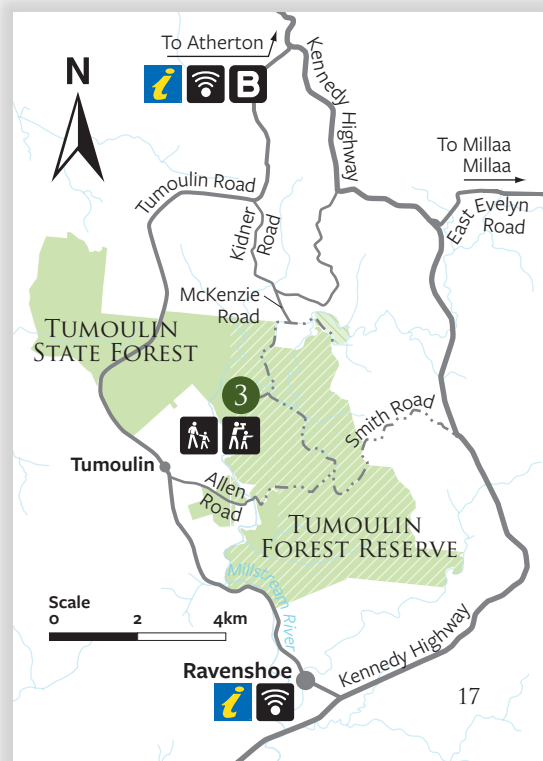
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Little Millstream Falls

700m return (allow 25mins walking time)

Grade: moderate to difficult

Peek at the falls from the car park or take a closer look from a steep and narrow walking track. These slender falls spill gracefully through and around massive boulders and rock faces.





Tully Falls lookout

Photo: Barry Schmith © Queensland Government

SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

PARKS TO VISIT

- Tully Gorge National Park
- Tully Falls National Park
- Koombooloomba National Park and Conservation Park

MUST DOS

- Unplug from your routine and spend a couple of days exploring the Misty Mountains wilderness tracks.
- Marvel at the Tully Falls as they thunder past on their way down the gorge (but only in the wet season!).
- Set up camp beside Koombooloomba Dam and watch the fog roll in as the sun sets.

GETTING THERE

- The Tully Gorge lookout and River walk are 24km south of Ravenshoe on Tully Falls Road.
- The Wabunga Wayemba walk has two trail heads on Tully Falls Road. The first is 11.5km from Ravenshoe and the second is a further 1.7km along the road.
- Koombooloomba is 20km south of Ravenshoe on Tully Falls Road. You can get there in a conventional vehicle with high clearance. The Nitchaga Creek and Wall Creek roads can only be accessed by 4WD.

Immerse yourself in the scenic, cloud-swathed landscape of the southern Tablelands where the interlaced drives, walks, lookouts and camping areas will leave you awestruck by this corner of the world. This is one of the wettest areas in Queensland.

ABOUT THE PARK

The Tully River captured the headwaters of several creeks and rivers, harnessed their power and combined with an ancient fault line to create the sharp and deep Tully Gorge. Koombooloomba Dam was built on the Tully River in the 1950s to meet the increased electricity needs of North Queensland. These parks are the heart of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

DID YOU KNOW?

The small town of Koombooloomba, complete with a school, police barracks, store and cricket club, housed workers and their families during the dam's construction.

PLACES TO GO

Tully Gorge National Park

1 Tully Gorge lookout

On top of the gorge enjoy sprawling views over the falls and deeply carved valley. The dam upstream usually restricts the water to just a trickle but, during the wet season, when the whole system floods, the falls become a thundering spectacle.

1 River walk

1.4km return (allow 45mins walking time)
Grade: moderate

After drinking in the views from the lookout, follow the river upstream through woodlands and endangered forests. At the end of the trail, relax beside the boulder-strewn river before heading back to your car.

Tully Falls National Park

Wabunga Wayemba

5.2km return (allow 2hrs walking time)
Grade: moderate

Walk through rainforest to a waterfall where clear mountain water flows over moss-coated rocks and collects in a shallow pool. Keep an eye out for cassowaries and hunt for huge tadpoles and tiny crayfish in the pools.

Misty Mountains wilderness tracks

Explore 130km of roads and trails as you ride, drive or walk your way through lush high-altitude rainforest, along clear mountain streams, and to thundering waterfalls, endless views and private camping areas. Find out more at queenslandnationalparks.com.au

JUST DOWN THE ROAD

Experience more of Queensland's beautiful parks and forests ... and they're just down the road. You can find out more at visitor information centres and queenslandnationalparks.com.au

Blencoe Falls, Girringun National Park

Explore Blencoe Creek and Herbert River as they wind their way towards the coast. Camp in a sheltered site beside the creek, marvel at the falls from one of the walks and vantage points, or pack your gear and conquer the Wet Tropics Great Walk.

Princess Hills, Girringun National Park

Set up camp in a shady spot beside the Herbert River and swim, fish and soak up the sights and sounds of the bush. At night, sit beside your fire under a star-scattered sky—feel a million miles from anywhere.



Koombooloomba Dam (above);
Wabunga Wayemba (right)

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Undara Volcanic National Park

Walk the path of an ancient volcanic lava flow and explore the world's longest lava tube, formed 190,000 years ago.

Forty Mile Scrub National Park

Explore a pocket of isolated remnant dry rainforest in the surrounding dry landscape. Thick-trunked bottle trees, white cedars, figs and white bean trees form a refuge for resident and visiting animals.



PLACES TO CAMP

There's no mobile service at Koombooloomba so make sure you reserve and pay for your camp site before you leave home.

2 Koombooloomba National Park bush camping

Set up your camp site on the shoreline of Koombooloomba Dam nestled among shady trees. Bring wood for the fire and a spotlight to explore the forest at night.

3 Koombooloomba Conservation Park camping area

Set back from the dam, this large, open and flat camping area has separate sites lining what used to be the town's cricket oval. Pack the bats and balls—the concrete pitch is still there!

Bush camping on Nitchaga Creek and Wall Creek roads

Accessible by 4WD, choose a private camp site from several along these roads.



VISIT WITH CARE

- Skiing and fishing are popular in Koombooloomba Dam but you need to be careful of submerged trees and other hazards. Fog and storms can also roll in very quickly and without warning.
- Maritime Safety Queensland places restrictions on the dam when water levels are low. Make sure you call 13 23 80 or visit qld.gov.au/transport/boating/notices before you hook up your trailer.



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VISIT WITH CARE

Make your visit to the Tablelands memorable for all the right reasons.

STAY INFORMED

Regularly check:

- park alerts at npsr.qld.gov.au/park-alerts for conditions and closures
- bushfire alerts at qfes.qld.gov.au for fire danger and fire bans
- current and forecast weather conditions at bom.gov.au
- traffic and travel information at 131940. qld.gov.au for road conditions.

BE SAFE

- In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Take a first-aid kit and know how to use it.
- Stay on marked tracks, trails and roads and heed all signs.

- Treat all water collected from taps, creeks and lakes.
- Protect yourself from the sun. Wear sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and a long-sleeved shirt, even on cloudy days.
- Avoid stinging trees. Touching the heart-shaped leaves, stems or fruit will cause a painful sting. If stung, and symptoms are severe, seek medical advice.
- Wear sturdy footwear, protective clothing and insect repellent to avoid bites, scratches and stings.
- Be aware of other track users and follow the give-way code—cyclists give way to horses and walkers; walkers give way to horses.
- When in and around water, check the conditions and stay out of the water if hazardous. Never dive or jump into creeks, waterholes and lakes, and always swim with others. Never swim when a creek is flooded.

BE RESPONSIBLE

- All rubbish (including food scraps, cigarette butts and sanitary and hygiene items) must be taken with you if bins aren't provided.
- Where toilets aren't provided, bury faecal waste and toilet paper at least 15cm deep and at least 100m from waterways, tracks and camping areas.
- If having an open fire is important, check they are allowed before you arrive. Bring clean firewood as you can't collect it from the park. Use fire rings where provided and always make sure your camp fire is properly extinguished with water before you leave. Take any unburnt material with you.
- Please don't feed wildlife.
- Wash away from streams, gullies and watercourses and minimise the use of soap and detergents.
- Check that your vehicle, boat, clothing, footwear, camping gear and equipment is free of soil, seeds, parts of plants, rodents, lizards, toads, insects and eggs before visiting a park. Pests love to live in stored gear, and to hitch a ride on your clothing, equipment or vehicles. Regularly check your clothing and gear for seeds and bits of plants. Remove and wrap any seeds and plant material, and place them in your rubbish.



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KNOW YOUR LIMITS

When walking and riding, be realistic about your physical condition, knowledge, experience and skills.

TRACK AND TRAIL CLASSIFICATION











Class	Symbol	Track description
1		No bushwalking experience required. Flat, even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5km.
2		No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.
3		Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.
4		Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signs may be limited.
5		Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.
Very easy		Wide trail with a gentle gradient, smooth surface and no obstacles. Suitable for beginner cyclists with basic bike skills, and most bikes.
Easy		Wide trail with gentle gradient and smooth surface. Some obstacles such as roots, logs and rocks. Suitable for beginner mountain bikers with basic mountain-bike skills and off-road bikes.
Intermediate		Trail with moderate gradients, variable surface and obstacles. May include steep sections. Suitable for skilled mountain bikers with mountain bikes.
Difficult		Suitable for experienced mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes. Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable. Expect large, dangerous and unavoidable obstacles and features. Challenging and variable with long steep climbs or descents and loose surfaces. Some sections will be easier to walk.
Very difficult		Suitable for highly experienced mountain bikers, used to physically demanding routes. Navigation and personal survival skills are highly desirable. Severe constructed trails and/or natural features—all sections are challenging. Includes extreme levels of exposure and/or risk. Expect large and unavoidable obstacles and features. Some sections will be easier to walk.



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CAMPING IN PARKS AND FORESTS

To camp in parks and forests you need to reserve your camp site and purchase a camping permit before you arrive. It's best to book well in advance as camp sites in popular parks are in great demand during peak periods, such as long weekends and school holidays. Not all parks allow camping so visit queenslandnationalparks.com.au to check arrangements.



TO BOOK YOUR CAMPING PERMIT:

- Book your camp site online at the National Parks Booking Service qld.gov.au/camping
- Use free Wi-Fi or a self-service kiosk or visit a booking office (QPWS Office in Tinaroo township or Atherton Information Centre)
- If you can't book online, kiosk or counter, phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).



BE CASS-O-WARY

Cassowary behaviour is unpredictable and they can inflict serious injuries by kicking with their large clawed feet. Watch cassowaries from a distance. Never approach or feed them and ensure your food and scraps are securely stowed. If you encounter a cassowary, back away slowly, put something like a tree or a backpack between yourself and the bird, and wait until it moves away.



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