Fraser Island conditions report

30 January 2013 until further notice Sandy Cape Lighthouse Caree camping zone: Limited vehicle access Last updated 30 January 2013 <www.nprsr.qld.gov.au> due to erosion Police Diray camping zone Western Beach No vehicle access due to erosion closed to vehicles from Park office Wathumba to lighthouse Ngkala & Brown Rocks **Platypus** Waste transfer station Hazard: Severely eroded. Extremely soft and Bay boggy.Traverse with caution Road Fenced camping areas closed t Orchid Beach Wathumba Creek ehicles Portable toilet waste disposal Wathumba Road Water available **Waddy Point** Hazard: Deep holes on beachfront track Awinya Link Rd Western Beach Indian Head Moon Point to Towoi Creek Large pool of water on bypass road. Danger: Boggy sand No parking on bypass road Bullock Rd. Woralie Road (to Eastern Beach) Dundubara Passable 2hrs either side of low tide Northern Road Approach with caution. Passable 2hrs either side of low tide Happy Valley - Moon Pt Rd-Happy Valley Bogimbah Rd Happy Valley - Moon Point Rd Kingfisher Bay barge landing Kingfisher Hill - Soft, steep & extremely rough. Traverse with extreme caution Kingfisher to Lake McKenzie Rd **Yidney Rocks bypass** Soft & rough Poyungan Rocks Traverse with extreme caution Bennett Rd & Wanggoolba Rd Cornwells Break Road Traverse with extreme caution Wanggoolba Creek barge landing Eurong 🚾 👗 Passable 2hrs either side of low tide Central Station 🗥 👗 Eurong Rd Traverse with extreme caution Dilli Village Southern Lakes tourist drive Firm & rough Lake Birrabeen Inland Rd Lake Boomanjin Corrugated & rough Western Beach Hook Point Inland Road - Closed between 11km and 18km exit Caution: Beach may be impassable due to tides. Alternate route via from Moon Point to Hook Point closed to vehicles Inland Rd. WARNING - Look and listen for aircraft landing Coolooloi Creek camping area.



Be Dingo-Safe!

 Always stay close (within 5m) to your children, even small teenagers.

Hook Point barge landing

PARTIAL PARK RE-OPENING

- Walk in groups.
- NEVER feed dingoes.
- Lock up your food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Secure all rubbish.
- · Secure all fish and bait.

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



Fire is prohibited on Fraser Island

Book ahead—avoid an on-the-spot fine.

Obtain your camping and vehicle access permits **before** you visit by phoning **13 QGOV** (**13 74 68**) mobile phone charges may apply. Or log on to <www.nprsr.qld.gov.au>

Drive to Survive on Fraser Island—police patrol regularly.

All road rules apply.

and taking off along the eastern beach

- · Speed limits:
 - 50 kph Hook Point inland road 30 kph all other inland roads

Re-opened tracks indicated in GREEN
All other roads and tracks remain CLOSED

- **80 kph** beach unless otherwise signed **30 & 40 kph** Beach pedestrian areas
- Only 4WD vehicles with high clearance and low range capacity are suitable for Fraser Island. All-wheel drive vehicles are not recommended.
- Roads and tracks are often soft, rough and difficult to drive on.
- Drive to conditions and exercise caution. Safety is our concern but your responsibility

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CAMPING and FACILITY CLOSURES (Amended 29 January 2013) For your safety, do not enter closed tracks, please exercise caution and obey all signage and directions provided by QPWS staff.

Some camping areas and visitor sites RE-OPENED - with caution

Some camping areas, visitor sites and roads have been re-opened as detailed below. All other camping areas, not mentioned below, remain closed until further notice.

- Dundubara
- Waddy Point
- Beach camping areas on the eastern beach (excluding One Tree Rocks and Wongai)

WARNING: Fallen trees, erosion and inundation may still be occurring in parts of some camping areas. There is risk of further falling trees and campers are urged to select sites carefully.

One Tree Rocks and Wongai camping zones CLOSED: One Tree Rocks and Wongai camping zones will be closed from 14 January 2013 until 28 February 2013 for rehabilitation and management purposes. Alternative camping zones are available along the eastern beach.

Great Walk CLOSED: The Fraser Island Great Walk and hikers camps are closed due to storm damage and inundation. The Great Walk will remain closed until safety assessment and repairs can be conducted.

SUMMER DINGO ACTIVITY (Amended 28 November 2012)

Juvenile dingoes are currently learning essential survival skills and testing their strength. Juveniles will quickly learn bad habits such as stealing food around camp sites instead of learning natural hunting skills. Dingoes learn pack rules through play, showing aggressive behaviour to gain dominance. Young dingoes will try to dominate people, especially children. Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to follow dingo safety advice provided, remain vigilant and watch for dingoes at all times. Please save the dingoes from habituation. Let young dingoes grow up wild and not reliant on handouts. Do not feed dingoes or leave food available.

DINGO SAFETY (Amended 23 January 2013) Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

Follow dingo safety advice provided with permits, on signs, in the Fraser Island Visitor Guide and The dingoes of Fraser Island Guide. Report any negative encounter with dingoes as soon as you can to the nearest Ranger or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or email dingo.ranger@derm.qld.gov.au. Take note of ear tags and other identifying features.

Areas with increased dingo activity: Increased dingo activity has been reported at Lake McKenzie, Eurong beachfront, Binngih Sandblow, Indian Head, Dundubara and between Eli Creek and Cathedral Beach. Aggressive activity has also been reported at Wyuna, Burad, Maheno, Eli Creek, One Tree Rocks, Dundubara beachfront and Cornwells camping zones. Cathedral Beach and Eurong are areas of particular concern due to dingoes linked to aggressive incidents. Visitors, particularly those with children, are urged to walk in groups and be extra vigilant in these areas. Camping with children: Families with children are strongly urged to camp in fenced campgrounds at Central Station, Dundubara, Waddy Point, Lake Boomanjin and Dilli Village (private).

Fishing & dingoes: Fishers please keep bait and catch secure on your person, in a closed vehicle or in a strong, sealed container. Bury offal, frames and unwanted bait a minimum of 50 cm deep just below the high tide mark. Deter dingoes.

ROAD & TRACK CONDITIONS / CLOSURES (Amended 29 January 2013) For your safety, do not enter closed tracks, please exercise caution and obey all signage and directions provided by QPWS staff.

Partial RE-OPENING of access roads

The following tracks are traversable with caution and have been re-opened (indicated in green on map):

- Eastern beach from Hook Point to Waddy Point / Orchid Beach
- Hook Point to the 11km beach access ramp is open with ongoing roadworks
- Wanggoolba barge landing to Eurong
- Eurong to Kingfisher Bay Resort

All other roads and tracks remain closed until further notice.

QPWS Rangers are working to assess and repair roads to provide safe access as soon as possible.

Sandy Cape turtle rookery seasonal vehicle restriction: Vehicles are prohibited on the beach between South Ngkala Rocks and Sandy Cape Lighthouse between the hours of 6 pm and 6 am, from 15 November to 30 March each year. This beach is an important nesting area for threatened marine turtles. Protecting nesting and hatching turtles from vehicle disturbance will help these turtle populations to recover.

Nkgala & Brown Rocks: Severe erosion and degradation of track conditions has resulted from tidal surges. Nkgala & Brown Rocks should only be traversed by experienced drivers in high clearance vehicles.

Western Beach and Platypus Bay Road Closures: Platypus Bay Road (North Wathumba Road management track) is closed to motor vehicles. Beach driving is not permitted from Wathumba to Sandy Cape Lighthouse gate and from Coolooloi Creek to Moon Point.

GENERAL ALERTS (Amended 9 January 2013)

Marine stingers: A number of people have recently been stung by what is suspected to be Irukandji jellyfish along the western coast of Fraser Island. Reported locations include Platypus Bay, Wathumba, Awinya and Woralie Creeks. Visitors are advised that swimming or wading in the water at these locations and along the western coast of Fraser Island is not recommended. If urgent medical assistance is required, phone triple zero (000) or (112) on mobile phone.

Look out for Planes: Stay alert, look out and listen for planes landing on the eastern beach. Planes must land on firm sand close to the water's edge. Vehicles must give way and move to the upper beach, but not onto vegetated dunes. **Storm season:** Keep abreast of weather forecasts – tune your car radio to local stations for updated forecasts and alerts.

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.



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