

K'gari (Fraser Island) conditions report

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General alerts

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Total Fire Prohibition: Open fires must not be lit on QPWS&P managed areas of K'gari (Fraser Island) including Dundubara and Waddy Point fire rings - due to high fire danger.

Recreational Fishing Closure: The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has a regulated closure in place for the taking of finfish between Indian Head and Waddy Point from midday 1 August to midday 30 September. During the closure, fishing (other than the collection of worms and pipis by hand) is prohibited within an area from a point 400m north of Waddy Point to a point 400m south of Indian Head, and 400m out to sea from low water. Please be aware of the Marine Parks Green Zone regulations around Middle Rocks.

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, depth can be unpredictable, avoid submerged vegetation. Even a great swimmer can get into trouble - **always swim with a buddy.**

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.



Wongari (Dingo) warnings – Be dingo-safe!

<http://www.des.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/dingo-safe.html>

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Give wongari (dingoes) space, K'gari is their place. View wongari from at least 20 metres away.

It is illegal to disturb or feed wongari (dingo), which includes attracting them with food or food waste. On K'gari increased maximum fines of \$10,676 and on-the-spot fines of \$2,135 are now in place for people who break the law and engage in this dangerous behaviour.

Feeding wongari is wrong. Due to a few people feeding or behaving inappropriately some wongari have become habituated. These wongari are less likely to learn essential survival skills and are more likely to be struck by vehicles or show aggression towards people.

Limiting wongari-human interaction, particularly during wongari whelping season, is critical to the welfare of pups. This is a particularly important time for pups to learn natural hunting and survival skills and to avoid habituation towards people.

Wongari whelping season means:

- Wongari pups will venture out of their dens and explore their surroundings
- Adult wongari will be teaching their young natural hunting and survival skills
- Wongari may be determined and aggressive in their search for food
- Females will aggressively defend their young
- Female wongari that are feeding young can lose condition and become naturally lean during this time

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to be dingo-safe! on K'gari. It is recommended that families with young children camp in fenced QPWS camping areas at Lake Boomanjin, Central Station, Dundubara and Waddy Point, or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

- **NEVER feed wongari** - You may face heavy penalties; attracting wongari or leaving food available puts people and wongari at risk.
- **Always stay within arm's reach of children, even small teenagers** - WONGARI MOVE QUICKLY! KEEP CHILDREN CLOSE.
- **Walk in groups and carry a stick** - This may discourage a wongari from approaching you.
- **Do not run** – Running or jogging can trigger a negative wongari 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** - Wongari will seek out food, rubbish, fish and bait, and can chew through light plastic containers.
- **Secure all rubbish, fish and bait** – Dispose of rubbish at waste transfer stations. Bury fish scraps in a deep hole away from campsites and townships.
- **When visiting lakeshores, take no food or drinks (except water).**

Areas of concern – Eurong beachfront, Eli Creek, Maheno, Lake McKenzie, Waddy Point beachfront and Orchid Beach. Due to increased human-wongari interactions, extra vigilance is required in these areas.

If you feel threatened by a wongari – STAY CALM; maintain eye contact and do not turn your back on the wongari; alert other people; back away to a safe area, preferably a vehicle or fenced area.

Report wongari interactions or people feeding wongari – Photos and videos may assist us; take note of location, ear-tag colour, number and which ear. Email dingo.ranger@des.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 K'gari (Fraser Island) are now bookable in camping zones.



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.
- **Browns and Ngkala Rocks:** is only passible 2 hours either side of low tide, experienced drivers only.
- **Eastern and Western beaches** – conditions change daily with the tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs and other beach debris and wash outs are common hazards. Always drive to conditions.
- **Poyungan Rocks** - Please exercise caution when traversing this section as the coffee rock is currently exposed.
- **Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all vessels, vehicles and pedestrians. Access via boat to facilities is currently unsafe, please observe and obey all signage and do not enter closed areas.**
- **Northern Scenic Drive** – is partially closed until further notice, for Woralie Creek bridge repairs. Closure will be from North of Coomboo Lake access track through to Woralie road – Please observe and follow all signage.
- **McKenzies Jetty Road** – is currently closed from Bennetts Road until further notice.



Walking track conditions

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K'gari (Fraser Island) Great Walk: The Great Walk is currently closed from the 5th September – 5th October, due to high fire danger. There is also a seasonal block in place on advance bookings from 01 November 2019 to 29 February 2020. Rangers will monitor conditions on ground and open the Great Walk when conditions are assessed to be suitable.

Please check Park Alerts online (<http://www.des.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

SEPTEMBER

Time	M
10	0020 0.71 0610 1.31 TU 1136 0.71 1820 1.83
11	0050 0.64 0647 1.37 WE 1216 0.64 1855 1.85
12	0120 0.57 0719 1.43 TH 1250 0.57 1929 1.85
13	0149 0.52 0750 1.49 FR 1322 0.52 2000 1.84
14	0217 0.50 0820 1.53 SA 1354 0.50 2030 1.80
15	0242 0.50 0848 1.56 SU 1426 0.52 2059 1.74
16	0308 0.51 0918 1.59 MO 1501 0.57 2128 1.66
17	0335 0.53 0950 1.61 TU 1538 0.64 2159 1.58
18	0402 0.56 1027 1.62 WE 1618 0.74 2232 1.48
19	0430 0.61 1107 1.60 TH 1705 0.83 2309 1.37
20	0503 0.66 1154 1.58 FR 1806 0.90 2352 1.27
21	0544 0.71 1254 1.57 SA 1936 0.93
22	0057 1.18 0644 0.75 SU 1413 1.59 2129 0.87
23	0241 1.15 0806 0.75 MO 1528 1.67 2236 0.74
24	0405 1.20 0943 0.69 TU 1630 1.79 2325 0.58
25	0512 1.30 1053 0.56 WE 1723 1.91
26	0007 0.44 0603 1.43 TH 1146 0.43 1810 2.02
27	0045 0.32 0647 1.56 FR 1231 0.32 1854 2.08

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters of K'gari (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.