

K'gari Conditions Report

Everything is protected – plants, animals, natural and cultural features

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

Speed limits

- Unless otherwise signposted:
- 30km/h – inland roads
- 40km/h – beach pedestrian areas
- 80km/h – beach
- 50km/h – Hook Point inland road

TIDE TIMES

August	M	TIME
14	0228	1.16
	0837	0.81
WE	1634	1.62
	2333	0.95
15	0400	1.12
	0956	0.78
TH	1725	1.72
16	0017	0.83
	0523	1.14
FR	1103	0.70
	1809	1.84
17	0054	0.70
	0624	1.21
SA	1155	0.60
	1849	1.96
18	0130	0.58
	0706	1.30
SU	1240	0.49
	1927	2.06
19	0204	0.47
	0745	1.40
MO	1322	0.40
	2006	2.14
20	0239	0.39
	0824	1.50
TU	1404	0.35
	2046	2.16
21	0314	0.36
	0907	1.58
WE	1448	0.38
	2128	2.11
22	0351	0.37
	0952	1.65
TH	1535	0.47
	2213	1.98
23	0430	0.43
	1041	1.69
FR	1628	0.62
	2258	1.81
24	0511	0.52
	1134	1.71
SA	1734	0.79
	2346	1.60
25	0555	0.61
	1239	1.72
SU	1904	0.93
26	0043	1.41
	0649	0.71
MO	1401	1.74
	2103	0.97
27	0208	1.26
	0757	0.79
TU	1524	1.79
	2252	0.90
28	0350	1.20
	0918	0.82
WE	1635	1.84
	2358	0.82



Caution: Moon Point to Towoi Creek—soft boggy sand and deep creek crossings; potentially dangerous.

Caution: Eastern beach may be impassable during higher than normal tides combined with large ocean swell.

Caution: Deep wash-outs at mouth of Eli Creek. Beach passable 2 hours either side of low tide.

Caution: Beach is only passable at low tide.

Campfires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of Fraser Island (except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas)

Caution: Look and listen for aircraft landing and taking off on the eastern beach.

Mobile phone reception is limited. Contact your mobile network provider for service coverage.

Marine wildlife including sharks and marine stingers are present in the waters off Fraser Island. Swimming is not recommended.

Legend		
	Recreation area	
	4WD track	
	Walking track	
	No vehicle zone—hazardous beach	
	Great Walk	
	Central Lakes scenic drive	
	Southern Lakes scenic drive	
	Lake Garawongera scenic drive	
	Northern Forests scenic drive	
	Beach camping area	

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GENERAL ALERTS

- **Fire Prohibition:** Open fires must not be lit on QPWS managed areas of K'gari, except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point camping areas where visitors must supply their own clean, untreated milled timber for firewood. Bring fuel or gas stoves for cooking.
- **Swimming:** Swimming in the ocean off K'gari is not recommended and is undertaken at own risk. Beaches of K'gari 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.
- **Beach driving – low tide only:** Exposed beaches on K'gari are experiencing very large tides with some sections of beach impassable within 2 hours either side of high tide. Motorists should always exercise caution, and plan to travel only at low tide if safe to do so. Driving over vegetated sand dunes is dangerous and prohibited.
- **Stay safe at Lake Wabby:** DANGER – Running, jumping, boarding, sliding down dunes or diving into the lake can cause serious injury or death. Serious spinal injuries have occurred, because of these activities.
- **Stay safe at Eli Creek:** DANGER - digging into creek banks can cause serious injury or death.
- **Beach waterholes/creeks:** Check depth of creek crossings and waterholes as they may be deeper than you think and may cause damage to your vehicle.
- **Fenced Areas:** If dingoes are observed inside a fenced area, or fence or gate damage is observed, please email dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au, tell a ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150.
- **Recreational Fishing Closure:** The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has a regulated closure for the taking of finfish between Indian Head and Waddy Point from midday 1 August to midday 30 September. Fishing (other than the collection of worms and pipis by hand) is prohibited. Refer to [map](#) for more details.
- **New Great Sandy Marine Park zoning plan commenced on 21 May 2024** – Two marine national park zones are located at Middle Rocks and Poynungan Creek. All forms of take are prohibited. For more details refer to [zoning and designated areas map](#) or download the free Marine Parks Southern Queensland App from the following [link](#).

TRACK AND BEACH CONDITIONS

- **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. Heavy and prolonged rain can potentially cause localised washouts and minor flooding on the inland roads. Take extra caution on the inland roads and account for longer estimated travel times in your trips. Always drive to conditions [Driving on sand safety guide](#) (PDF, 2MB)
- **Eastern beach south of Eurong:** Sections of beach have large washouts and are only passable at low tide. Washouts are causing beach erosion and tides are pushing up to the foredunes. Beach travel is recommended two hours either side of low tide. Travelling three hours either side of high tide should be avoided. **Driving over vegetated dunes is not permitted despite conditions.** Penalties apply.
- **Ngkala Rocks to Sandy Cape Lighthouse:** due to changing conditions rocks and beach sections may be impassable - please exercise caution and travel only 1 hour each side of low tide.
- **Northern Scenic Road:** partial closure from the junction of Bullock link Road and Northern Road, and Woralie Road and Northern Road. A detour is in place via Bullock link Road and Woralie Road.
- **Eastern and Western beaches:** conditions change daily with tides. Exposed coffee rock, eroded beaches, logs, beach debris and wash outs are common hazards.
- **Ungowa boat ramp is closed to all traffic:** access via boat to facilities is currently unsafe.
- **Cornwells Road (between Wabby scenic Rd and Northern Rd):** will be closed to heavy traffic from 31st July 2022 until further notice for maintenance and repairs.

TEMPORARY CLOSURES CAMPING AND DAY-USE AREAS

- **McKenzies Jetty:** Due to management activities McKenzies Jetty and access roads to the jetty, will be closed until further notice.

- **Zone 8 (Marloo, Ocean Lake & Duling Camping Area):** Beachfront camping area is temporarily closed until further notice due to increased wongari (dingo) activity.
- **Moon Point - Seasonal Shorebird Closure Area from:**
 - (a) 1 March to 30 April; and
 - (b) 1 September to 31 October.During the closure, unauthorised entry and domestic animals are prohibited to minimise the harm or distress to shorebirds caused, directly or indirectly, by human activity.

WONGARI (DINGO) WARNINGS: BE DINGO-SAFE!

Give wongari (dingoes) space, K'gari is their place. View wongari from at least 20 metres away. It is illegal to disturb or feed dingoes on K'gari, which includes attracting them with food or food waste. On K'gari, increased maximum fines of \$12,904 and on-the-spot fines of \$2,580 are now in place for people who break the law and engage in this dangerous behaviour.

Following the autumn mating season, many female wongari (dingoes) will be pregnant. Gestation takes about 9 weeks and litters of 1–10 pups (normally 4–6) are born and cared for (whelped) during the winter months. Once new-born pups arrive, their parents may be aggressive. They need to find food for themselves and their pups. Remember give dingoes space, K'gari is their place.

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, Waddy Point, and eastern beach fenced area (Wongai, One Tree Rocks, Cornwells, Eli), or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

Let young wongari (dingoes) grow up wild - not reliant on handouts. Do not feed wongari (dingoes) or leave food available. Every time a wongari (dingo) receives food from people, its chance of survival is reduced.

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Areas of concern – Boorangoora (Lake McKenzie), Beach and camping zones between Wongai and Dundubara, Eli Creek, Maheno, Waddy Point beachfront and camping area, Beach Camping Zone 8, Western beach camping and Wathumba. 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, remain standing 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.

WALKING TRACK CONDITIONS

- **Tukkee Wurroo (Indian Head) walking track:** Access to Tukkee Wurroo (Indian Head) walking track is closed until further notice.
- **Northern Scenic Walking Track:** Access to the Northern Forests walking track is closed until further notice.
- **Markwells Break feeder track:** Markwells Break great walk feeder track will be closed from 18 March 2024 until further notice due to track damage and water inundation. Access between Lake Boomanjin and Eurong remains open.
- **K'gari Great Walk Seasonal Advanced Bookings Restriction:** As a result of high fire danger conditions typically experienced on K'gari over the warmer months, a seasonal restriction on bookings is implemented yearly from **1 November to 28 February**. Rangers will continue to assess fire danger conditions and open the walk (or sections of the walk) and associated camp areas when conditions allow. Restrictions on forward bookings are intended to reduce any impact on visitors if any walking tracks are closed at short notice.

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