



# Welcome to K'gari Butchulla Country

**K'gari is mother to me; she is the heart of Butchulla country.**

“ I absolutely love being a ranger on K'gari and feeling her presence. She knows if you disrespect her and she will let you know you have done wrong. I also love all of the wildlife that live on K'gari and feel privileged to be able to protect them. As part of my job, I interact with the visitors educating them on safety issues and helping to give them an understanding of our beliefs.

*Wayne Minniecon, QPWS Ranger and Butchulla man*



## Why World Heritage?

World Heritage areas protect the best examples of natural and cultural heritage on Earth. K'gari's outstanding natural features include:

- long uninterrupted sweeps of ocean beach and strikingly coloured sand cliffs
- continually evolving complex coastal dune formations
- unusual and diverse plants and animals.

## Discover the island

Relax into island time and experience a getaway adventure on a sand island paradise. This, the world's largest sand island, has something for almost everyone. Discover exquisite views, treks over snow-white sand blows, and forest drives. Enjoy springtime wildflowers, lakes, beaches and wildlife. With so much to see and do you'll want to come back again and again.

📷 Traditional Butchulla welcome dance, performed as part of the determination celebration for Butchulla native title (top banner); K'gari—sweeping landscapes and a beach that goes on forever (right).  
Photos: (top) Image courtesy of Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS); (left) Sam Willner © Qld Govt, (right) © Tourism and Events Qld



## Getting there and around

You'll need a 4WD with high-clearance and low-range capacity to drive on the island. Not keen to take the wheel? Sit back and enjoy a guided tour by vehicle, boat or plane. Choose from plenty of day and overnight tours all offering glimpses of the island's countless attractions.

Bookings essential for River Heads barges (ph: 1800 227 437) and Air Fraser (ph: 1300 172 706) from Hervey Bay. No bookings required for the Inskip barges (near Rainbow Beach), which operate 6am to 5pm (busy periods have extended hours and are published on their website). Ph: 07 5486 3935.

## Come in clean

Thanks for caring enough to prevent weeds and pests damaging this beautiful island. Before you visit:

- wash your car underbody, tyres and walking shoe soles
- sweep or vacuum camping equipment and car interiors
- don't bring pets, soil or plant materials to the island.

## Bush walks galore!

There's a walking experience for everyone's capabilities, even a 90km, 6–8 day, Great Walk adventure with secluded walkers' camp sites along the way. Walk around freshwater lakes and under arching canopies of lush rainforest and feel the warmth of the subtropical sun on a beach that goes on forever.

See [qld.gov.au/GreatWalks](http://qld.gov.au/GreatWalks) for Great Walks information and planning guide.

📷 Pile Valley circuit (far right); Be still and, like magic, Kreffts river turtles pop out of the tea-coloured waters as they swim past the Lake Allom viewing platform (right).  
Photos: (far right) © Lise Pedersen; (right) Jenna Tapply © Qld Govt



## Rangers' picks

There are more than 30 walks you and your friends can enjoy. Here are some of the best.



### Lake Allom

**1.4km circuit. Grade 2. Allow 1hr from Lake Allom day-use area (off Northern forests scenic drive)**

An easy stroll with picture-perfect water reflections mirroring the towering brushbox and satinay trees. On warm days the air is scented with the spicy fragrance emitted by the leaves of the carrol shrubs that grow close to shore.



### Kirrar Sandblow

**1.9km return. Grade 3. Allow 1hr from eastern beach**

See striking 'sandscapes' at Rainbow Gorge, where layers of ochre reds, yellows and browns swirl into the sand profiles creating earthy-coloured artpieces. The gorge opens up to Kirrar Sandblow, an awesome, lunar-like landscape.



### Pile Valley

**4km circuit. Grade 4. Allow 2hr from Central Station**

Walk through rainforest and along crystal-clear Wanggoolba Creek silently flowing over sand.



## Best walks at a glance

To	From	Grade	Distance & time
<b>Best boardwalks</b>			
Eli Creek boardwalk	Eastern beach, Eli Creek	2	400m return Allow 15min
Wanggoolba Creek boardwalk	Central Station day-use area	2	700m circuit Allow 30min
Champagne Pools boardwalk	Middle Rocks	3	700m return Allow 30min
<b>Best circuit</b>			
Wun'gul Sandblow circuit	Dundubara	4	5.5km Allow 2.5hr
<b>Best lookouts</b>			
Lake Wabby lookout	Lake Wabby lookout car park, along Central Lakes scenic drive	3	900m return Allow 30min
Knifeblade lookout	Small car park on Woralie Road, part of Northern Lakes scenic drive	3	1km return Allow 45min
Dundonga Creek walk	Kingfisher Bay Resort	3	3km return Allow 1.5hr
<b>Best lake walks</b>			
Basin Lake	Central Station day-use area	4	5.6km return Allow 3hr
Lake Allom	Lake Allom car park	2	1.4km circuit Allow 1hr
<b>Best long walks</b>			
Boorangoora (Lake McKenzie)	Kingfisher Bay Resort	4	23.2km circuit Allow 9hr
K'gari Great Walk	Dilli Village or Happy Valley	4	90km one way Allow 6–8 days 8 walkers' camps along the way

## Walking track classification



### Grade 2

Formed track. May have gentle hills and some steps. Clearly signposted. No experience required.



### Grade 3

Formed track, some obstacles, 20km or less. May have short steep hills and many steps. Some experience recommended.



### Grade 4

Rough track. May be long and very steep with few directional signs. For experienced bushwalkers.

Find more walking opportunities on [qld.gov.au/NationalParks](http://qld.gov.au/NationalParks)



Wallum banksia (*Banksia aemula*) growing on coastal sand dune heath plain (above); Eli Creek boardwalk (top right) The Great Walk meanders 90km from Dilli Village to Happy Valley (right); walking over Wungul Sandblow is worth it for the view (bottom).



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Scale  
0 50km



K'gari  
Fraser Island Recreation Area  
Great Sandy National Park  
World Heritage Area

## Further information

-  [qld.gov.au/NationalParks](http://qld.gov.au/NationalParks)
-  [qld.gov.au/Camping](http://qld.gov.au/Camping)
-  [qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts](http://qld.gov.au/ParkAlerts)  
(access, closures and conditions)
-  [qldnationalparks](https://www.facebook.com/qldnationalparks)
-  [@QldParks](https://www.instagram.com/QldParks); [#QldParks](https://twitter.com/QldParks)



Scan to check park alerts



Scan to check conditions report

This brochure is also available online at [qld.gov.au/ParkBrochures](http://qld.gov.au/ParkBrochures). For help planning your holiday, visit [queensland.com](http://queensland.com) or [visitfrasercoast.com](http://visitfrasercoast.com)

Don't forget to check the conditions report every time you visit. Scan the QR code, search for K'gari Conditions Report on [qld.gov.au/Kgari](http://qld.gov.au/Kgari) or pick up a copy from a QPWS information centre at Tewantin or Rainbow Beach. You must have a valid vehicle access and/or camping permit before you enter K'gari (Fraser Island). Penalties apply.

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## Choose your camp site

With 45 QPWS camping areas across the island you are bound to find some to suit your style. Camping must be booked ahead.


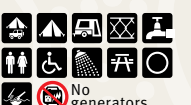
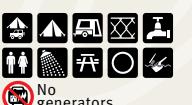
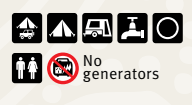

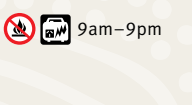
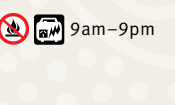
### Beach camping

Unfenced beach camping areas are located behind the foredunes at specific sites along the eastern beach. Use the access tracks. Don't drive on the dunes—the vegetation is quickly damaged but slow to recover. This is camping in the rough, so bring everything you need, including a portable toilet to make your stay more comfortable. Portable toilet waste disposal facilities are marked on the map.

Get away from the crowds and camp on the western beach. Boaties love these camp sites and so do mosquitoes and midges. Camping here is best in the cooler, drier months of August–October, but always bring insect repellent.

Small generators—sound-rated at 65 decibels or about 2.0Kva—are permitted (9am–9pm) where indicated on the map.

## Most popular camping at a glance

Central Station	Dundubara	Waddy Point (top)	Waddy Point (beachfront)	Lake Boomanjin	Eastern beach zones	Western beach camping areas
Fenced camping in rainforest. Full facilities. Separate group camping area. 9pm noise curfew. Bring \$2 coins for showers.	Fenced camping, set back from the beach in coastal woodland. 9pm noise curfew. Bring \$2 coins for showers.	A fenced camping area set in coastal woodland sites sheltered from SE winds. 9pm noise curfew. Bring \$2 coins for showers.	Unfenced camping area on a north-facing beach, under she-oaks.	Fenced camping, (park and walk-in) set in open forest, overlooking Lake Boomanjin.	Fenced and unfenced camp options behind foredunes. No facilities. Book by zone. BYO toilet.	Unfenced camping. Popular fishing areas. Sheltered waters. See map before booking. BYO toilet.
						

### Large groups and schools

Camping with your friends is lots of fun. Three group camping areas—Dundubara, Waddy Point (top) and Central Station—cater for 20–40 people.

### Family-friendly camping

Choose a camping area with a dingo deterrent fence. **Highly recommended if you have children 14 years and under.** Select from Central Station, Dundubarra, Waddy Point (top), Wathumba, and Lake Boomanjin, or the fenced beach camping zones—Cornwells, Eli, One Tree and Wongai.

### Camp fires prohibited except ...

Camp fires are prohibited in the recreation area except for the communal fire rings provided by QPWS at Dundubara and Waddy Point. Observe fire prohibitions when in place. Use only untreated milled timber off-cuts, as collecting and using bush wood and kindling is not allowed. Penalties apply.

Supervise children around the fire. When you leave the fire rings, put the fire out completely with water not sand.



# K'gari

## Fraser Island Recreation Area Great Sandy National Park



## Look up and look out

The eastern beach is Queensland's sandiest national highway. Some parts are also a landing strip for authorised small planes. Give way to planes landing or taking off. Aircraft landing zones are clearly marked with cones and signs and ground crew will direct you if required. Walkers on the beach may not hear cars approaching over the sound of wind and waves. People, especially children, can move unexpectedly. Drivers, please remember that 'slower is safer' and all Queensland road rules apply.

## Venture safely

**Make your visit memorable for all the right reasons.**

### Let wongari (dingoes) live wild

Wongari are protected by law on K'gari and are significant to Butchulla people. You might see these wild predatory animals any time of day or night. Follow these simple rules to stay safe around wongari.

### Be dingo-safe!

- NEVER feed wongari (dingoes).
- Always stay within arm's reach of children, even small teenagers.
- Walk in groups and carry a stick.
- Do not run or jog.
- Camp in fenced areas where possible.
- Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Never take food to the lakeshores.

### Report wongari (dingo) interactions:

- email: [dingo.ranger@detsi.qld.gov.au](mailto:dingo.ranger@detsi.qld.gov.au)
- ph: (07) 4127 9150
- In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

Photo: © Lise Pedersen



## Stay safe!

**Danger! Spinal injuries and drownings have occurred in the lakes, in Champagne Pools and near-shore waters.**

- Do not swim in the ocean—there are strong currents and sharks.
- Swimming is not recommended in any of the waters on or around K'gari—there are no lifeguards.
- Lake floors, especially Boorangoora (Lake McKenzie), have deep drop-offs.
- Wear sturdy shoes around Champagne Pools and stay clear of breaking waves.
- Never dive or jump into Lake Wabby, Boorangoora or other lakes and creeks—they are often more shallow than you think and have hidden obstacles.

**Sand dunes can be dangerous.**

- Do not run, roll, board, slide or jump down sand dunes—serious and lifelong spinal injuries have occurred, especially at Lake Wabby.



**Camp fires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of K'gari, except in fire rings provided at Dundubara and Waddy Point.**

- No fires permitted at all when fire prohibitions are in place.
- Supervise children around camp fires.
- Put camp fires out with water, not sand—children have suffered terrible burns walking over unseen, sand-covered embers.

**Read the Driving on sand brochure.**

- Avoid night driving—obstacles are difficult to see.
- Do not take trailers on inland roads in dry conditions.
- Bring good recovery gear.

**Watch the weather and walk safely**

- Tune into local radio stations for weather updates.
- In case of bushfires, stay away from thick bushland, and stay low to the ground where the air is coolest.
- Best walking: May to September.
- For longer walks, give someone your itinerary and emergency plan, should you fail to return.
- Never walk alone and avoid the hottest part of the day.



**Butchulla**  
Aboriginal  
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**Sandy Cape lighthouse**

Walk-in access only up to Sandy Cape lighthouse precinct. No access into lighthouse.

**Rooney Point**

**Ranger tips on staying safe!**

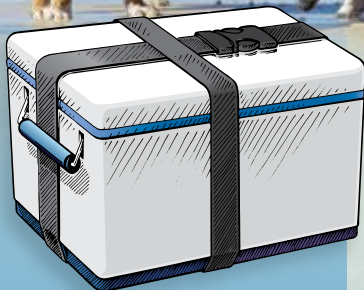
“ Driving on all beaches is best around low tide on the harder sand surface. Driving is easier on you, your passengers and your car. *Ranger Jim*

“ If you see some of the island’s wild dingoes, called wongari by the Butchulla people, let them roam free and find their own food. We need to remember to give wongari space. K’gari is their place. *Ranger Dan*

“ Bring metal, or very hard plastic, food storage boxes with strong latches or flat straps. Fishers, you should use a bait bucket with a tight-fitting lid, so wongari can’t get into them while you’re watching your line. *Ranger Jenna*



Photo: ©Troy Geltsch



**This World Heritage Area is managed under relevant legislations as a recreation area and a national park.**

**Caution:** Moon Point to Towoi Creek—soft, boggy sand; potentially dangerous. Zoned semi-remote, no facilities.

Marine stingers such as Irukandji jellyfish and other dangerous marine life are present, especially during the summer months, in the waters off K’gari, Hervey Bay, and the Great Sandy Strait.

**Caution:** Crossing Coongul Creek is extremely dangerous. High risk of vehicles sinking.

**Emergency!**

Call Triple Zero (000).

Triple Zero (000) emergency app (free download): [emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au](http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au)

**Vehicle recovery and assistance**

On-island towing 0428 353 164

Fraser Island taxi (07) 4127 9188 and 0429 379 188

Great Sandy Marine Park



“My favourite?  
Eli Creek—a great cooling-off  
place for families!  
Ranger Jason




## Ranger favourites

“I love to freeze time with my camera and capture the action when waves foam and fizz into Champagne Pools between half and full tide.  
Ranger Zoe




“On days off I love to join my mates for a bit of fishing. We throw our catch straight onto the barbecue and savour the fresh sea taste.  
Ranger Daniel





 **Warning:** estuarine crocodiles have been sighted in Great Sandy Strait. Be Crocwise. Stay back from the water's edge.





**Legend**


 K'gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Area, Fraser Island Recreation Area and part of Great Sandy National Park


 Other lands


 Waterway


 Inland sand track

 Walking track


















 No beach driving

 K'gari Great Walk topographic map needed \*

 Vehicular barge route

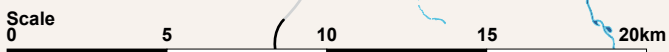
 Beach camping area


\*35\* Distance (kilometres)


-  QPWS information
-  Ranger station
-  Bush camping—walkers
-  4WD-based camping
-  Bush camping—boat access
-  Boat ramp
-  Off-road camper trailers (or high clearance trailers)
-  Private accommodation
-  Shop, gas, ice
-  Restaurant
-  Fuel
-  Toilet
-  Toilet—wheelchair access
-  Waste transfer station
-  Drinking water
-  Telephone
-  Best mobile phone reception ('Telstra' only, at time of print)

-  Shower
-  Picnic table
-  Sheltered picnic table
-  Dingo-deterrent fencing
-  Communal fire ring
-  Short or easy walking track
-  Viewpoint
-  Lookout
-  Barge landing
-  Police station
-  Ambulance
-  Wreck
-  Lighthouse
-  Dishwashing area
-  Portable toilet waste disposal facility
-  Generators permitted
-  Dog-on-leash area
-  Water—treat before drinking
-  Submerged vehicle risk
-  Be Crocwise
-  Marine stingers
-  No fires
-  No vehicle access
-  No swimming
-  No parking

\* K'gari Great Walk topographic map. See [qld.gov.au/GreatWalks](http://qld.gov.au/GreatWalks) for Great Walks information and planning guide.



 **Warning:** Do not swim in the ocean; it is unpatrolled and there are rips and sharks.

 **Caution:** Beach and 11km beach access ramp may be impassable due to tides.





**Warning:** Approach Eli Creek with caution. May be impassable on higher tides. Expect deep wash outs.

**Warning:** Camp fires are prohibited on QPWS managed areas of K'gari, except in fire rings at Dundubara and Waddy Point.

South Pacific Ocean



“I was awestruck when I first saw Lake Wabby. I stood at Lake Wabby lookout and watched spellbound as the shadows of clouds danced across the sandblow’s undulating dunes and the sun glinted off the emerald green waters of the lake.  
Ranger Kim

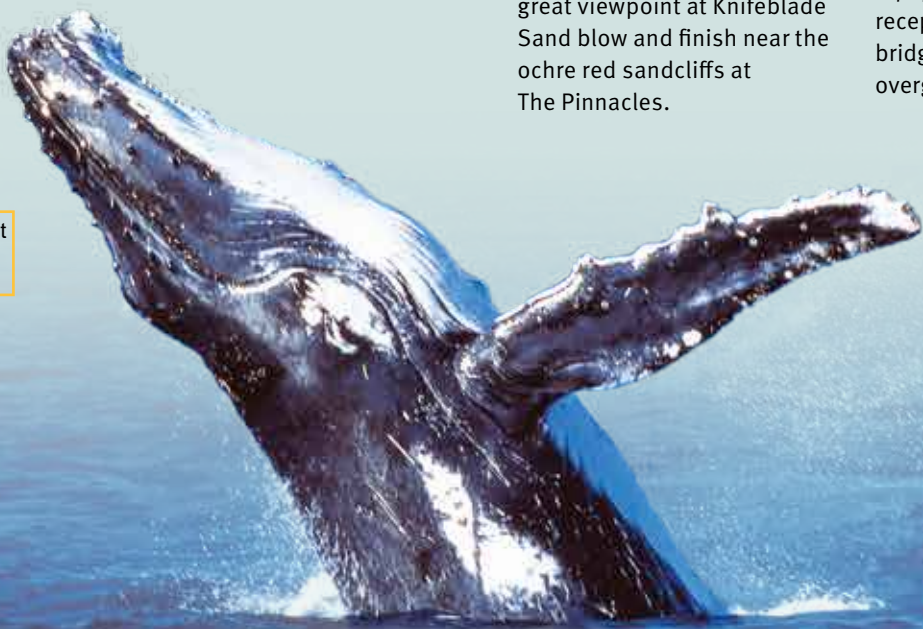
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## Scenic drives at a glance

Drive times vary depending on track conditions and your driving ability. Always allow extra time for stops and drive along the beach around low tide.

Drive	Distance	Features	Extra hints
<b>Central lakes scenic drive</b> Start at Central Station and head north	27.2km allow 3hr	Through tall forest and open banksia woodland to the eastern beach with a stop at Lake Wabby lookout.	Peak visitor numbers between 10am–3pm daily. Consider car pooling with others in your group to improve chances of getting a car park.
<b>Southern lakes scenic drive</b>	27.6km allow 3hr	Through scribbly gums and banksia to lakes Birrabeen and Boomanjin.	Not suitable for vehicles towing trailers or camper trailers.
<b>Lake Garawongera scenic drive</b>	19km allow 2hr	A remote rough drive through tall closed forest with a stop at tannin-stained Lake Garawongera. Head to Poyungan Valley and back to the eastern beach.	Experienced four-wheel drivers in high clearance 4WDs only. Good recovery and communication equipment essential. No mobile phone reception. Sections may be overgrown or blocked by recent tree falls.
<b>Northern forests scenic drive</b>	42.4km allow 4hr	Remote driving experience through Yidney Scrub’s huge brush box and kauri trees. Short walk at Lake Allom and great viewpoint at Knifeblade Sand blow and finish near the ochre red sandcliffs at The Pinnacles.	Experienced four-wheel drivers in high clearance 4WDs only. Good recovery and communication equipment essential. No mobile phone reception. Full circuit not available due to bridge being closed and sections may be overgrown or blocked by recent tree falls.

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“What diversity! Stingrays, sharks, dolphins, and in spring, whales cruising around K'gari.  
Ranger Sven