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'Welcome Home'

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Mooney uses his art practice to share his stories of what it is like to be an indigenous person in modern Australia. With his various mediums he captures the struggles and hardships First Nations peoples have gone through but tells a story of resilience and survival and how far Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander peoples and South Sea Islander peoples have come.

Dylan Mooney
2021

welcome to country

YUWI PEOPLE of the country that surrounds the Mackay Region, from the high peaks of Cathu National Park and coastal region of Midge Point in the north, down to the pristine waters of Cape Palmerston in the south, west to the diverse rain forest areas of Eungella (land in the clouds) and to the many abundant coastal regions around Cape Hillsborough, the start of the world's longest volcanic chain the Cosgrove Hot Spot, and out into the sea waters to the many offshore islands, respectfully request that as you prepare to immerse yourself within our country, that you do so knowing the importance and the sacredness of these lands and waters to Yuwi people and understand the gravity of our obligation to protect and care for it under lore. As we warmly welcome you, please enter with an equal important intent.

We encourage you, as a guest to Yuwi Country, embrace this beautiful country by opening your heart and clearing your mind. We ask that you take the time to allow the inseparable spirit of this land and sea, its flora and fauna and our ancestral people, to soak deep into your essence, and in doing so give true respect and understanding of what has occurred here in Yuwi country.

Take the time and care to reflect on the recent history of its people as this remains ever present in spirit in this country overlayed and protected by our ancient ancestors of time passed. Our ancestors cared and maintained this land and sea through their beautiful, wise ancient knowledge systems that remains all powerful and strongly endures for Yuwi people today and long into the future.

Let us all stand together knowing that we human beings belong to country, and she is vital for our survival. May your time here be transformational and everlasting!

For **BARADA BARNAL PEOPLE**, elders are respected in our community as wise and knowledgeable people. They hold and pass down our history, our stories and our traditions. We would like to pay our most heartfelt respect to my elders - past, present and future. Our traditional lands are bound by the Yan-Nee Yan-Nee (Connors range) in the east, Middlemount in the south, Mith-Dar (Peak ranges) in the west and Good-Yerra (Lake Elphinstone) in the north. We would also like to welcome every visitor that comes onto our

country, we hope you leave your footprints and take memories with you whilst on our beautiful country.

UNDULU WONGOLO LOMBI (G'Day and Welcome). The **JANGGA PEOPLE**, the Traditional Custodians of country throughout the Galilee Basin welcome you to their land and their community. We would appreciate you paying your respects to our elders past and present.

We ask that you respect the unique cultural and spiritual relationship that the Jangga People have to their land, waters and seas, the rich contribution they make to society and their commitment to working together to build lasting, meaningful relationships for the benefit of all.

Guided by their values of care, trust, togetherness and excellence they ask that we all continually work to care for our Jangga country and our cultural heritage.

Welcome to Koinmerburra Country. The **KOINJMAL PEOPLE** would like to invite you to our beautiful coast, where the freshwater meets the saltwater, where the wetlands meet the sea. There are so many things you can see and experience in our region. There is nothing more wonderful than waking up at Clairview, looking out across the sea grass beds and seeing a pod of dugong feeding or watching turtles bask on the mud flats when the tide goes out.

The St Lawrence Wetland Weekend is all about community spirit and is a great way to experience what the area has to offer. You can use it as a base to explore the region to camp, fish and learn about our unique country and what it has to offer. Koinjmal People welcome you to visit, enjoy and explore our untouched coastline.

We acknowledge the **TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF WANGGAN AND YAGALINGGU COUNTRY** (also known as Wangan and Jagalingou), which covers a vast area of land in the Isaac region. We also pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We acknowledge the **TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF WIDI COUNTRY**, which stretches north to Mount Crompton, south to Nebo and west to Glenden, including parts of Eungella National Park. We also pay respect to their Elders past and present.





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Create unforgettable memories at our slice of paradise



Shoal Point is a quiet spot to kayak, walk or enjoy a picnic.

welcome to mackay isaac

Discover the hidden gems of the Mackay Isaac Region, a destination full of natural beauty, from the rainforest to the reef, to incredible inland locations.

The Mackay Isaac Region features unique wildlife, epic roadtrips, fishing, camping, bushwalking, sport, art and culture, and hundreds of bucket list experiences for all travellers.



4WD at Cape Palmerston



Mackay Marina Wall



Platypus at Broken River

travel in our region

Planes, trains and automobiles; there's plenty of choice to ensure you arrive on cue, all you need to decide upon is whether to take the fast, leisurely or convenient option.



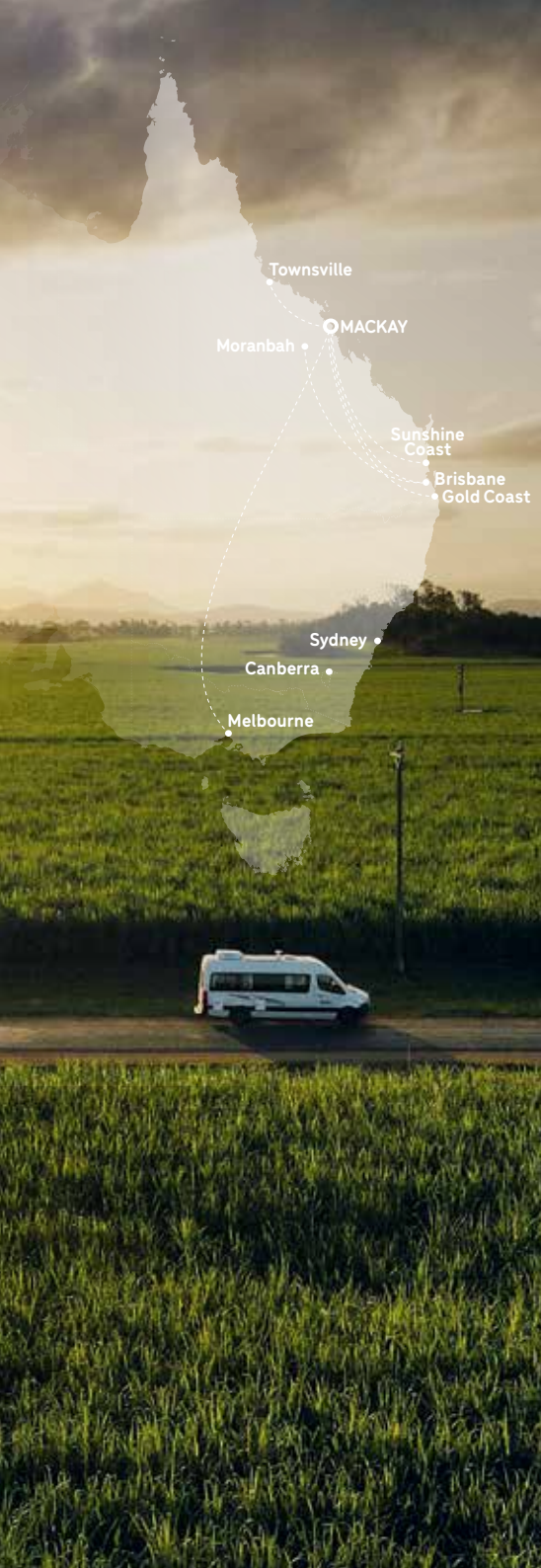
4WD
creek crossing



Escape to
the country



Scenic flights
at the outback



Getting here

BY AIR Mackay Airport is serviced by major carriers Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Bonza. Moranbah Airport is serviced by Virgin Australia and Qantas. Short and long-term car parking is available at both airports.

BY RAIL Queensland Rail travels to and from Mackay, with the train station located in Paget, 5km south of the city centre.

BY ROAD Major coach operators include Mackay in their scheduled services from destinations throughout Queensland.

Getting around

BY TAXI Call 131 008 or look for the taxi ranks within the city centre, at local shopping centres or at the Mackay Airport.

BY BUS Mackay Transit Coaches operate a public bus schedule to most areas in the Mackay Region.

Distance to Mackay

Airlie Beach.....	149km
Moranbah.....	198km
Clermont.....	289km
Rockhampton.....	336km
Townsville.....	389km
Cairns.....	735km
Brisbane.....	953km
Sydney.....	1,741km
Melbourne.....	2,320km

Climate

SUMMER: Dec – Feb 23–30°C [73–86°F]

AUTUMN: Mar – May 20–27°C [68–81°F]

WINTER: Jun – Aug 14–22°C [57–72°F]

SPRING: Sep – Nov 20–28°C [68–82°F]



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Airport



Restrooms



Shopping



Wifi Access



Lookout



Swimming



Playground



Golf Course



Bicycle Tracks



Hiking Trails



Fishing



Boat Ramp



Camp Ground



Wildlife



Caravan



Dump Point



ie Beach



Hamilton Island



Conway
Nat Pk

Whitsunday
Island Nat Pk

Lindeman
Islands

Midge Point

Seaforth

Net-free
fishing zone

Cape Hillsborough

Cape Hillsborough
Nat Pk

Brampton Island

Keswick Island

Scawfell Island

Shoal Point

Bucasia

Dolphin Heads

Eimeo

Blacks Beach

Mackay

Melba House

Marian

Kinchant Dam

Hay Point

Sarina



Beverley
Group

Koumala

Cape Palmerston
Nat Pk

Ilbilbie

Carmila

Clairview

Long
Island

St Lawrence

Lotus Creek

PACIFIC COAST WAY

GREAT
BARRIER REEF

bucketlist experiences

There are plenty of bucketlist experiences to tick off when visiting the Mackay Isaac Region.





1

**EXPERIENCE SUNRISE
WITH THE WALLABIES**

(see page 14)



2

**CHASE WATERFALLS
AT FINCH HATTON GORGE**

(see page 16)



3

**SPOT THE ELUSIVE PLATYPUS
AT BROKEN RIVER**

(see page 34)



4

**ISLAND HOP AND EXPLORE
THE HIDDEN GEMS OFF
THE COAST OF MACKAY**

(see page 38)



5

**MARVEL AT THE BEAUTY
OF THE PEAK RANGES**

(see page 64)



Take a helicopter flight for a private picnic at
Peak Ranges National Park

wildlife experiences

The Mackay Isaac Region is teeming with some of the most unique wildlife in Australia. Visitors will love the many rare encounters that can only be experienced in this region.



There are over 100
bird species at
St Lawrence Wetlands



Platypus seen from the
viewing platforms at Broken
River, Eungella National Park



The Mackay Isaac Region is
well known for its incredible
fishing opportunities



The Eungella Honeyeater is found only in a small area of elevated rainforest in Eungella National Park. Listen for a series of sharp, frantic-sounding whistles.

Top wildlife experiences



SPOT PLATYPUS IN THE WILD at Broken River, a tranquil freshwater environment within Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest, Eungella National Park. *Platypus viewing platforms, Broken River Visitor Information Centre, Eungella Dam Road*



ENJOY SUNRISE WITH KANGAROOS and wallabies who feed on a beach at Cape Hillsborough National Park each morning. *Cape Hillsborough Road*



CATCH A LEGENDARY METRE-PLUS BARRAMUNDI at Eungella Dam. *Eungella Dam Road, approximately 100km east of Mackay*



Look for more than **100 DIFFERENT BIRD SPECIES** at St Lawrence Wetlands, near Recreation Grounds, St Lawrence



SPOT THE WHALES between June and November at the purpose-built whale watching platform at Lamberts Beach. *Lamberts Lookout Road, Lamberts Beach*



DISCOVER DUGONGS in the small coastal town of Clairview, just south of Mackay. This area is a protected sanctuary for these endangered marine mammals. *Access via Colonial Drive off Bruce Highway, Clairview*



The wallabies and kangaroos at sunrise on Casuarina Beach, Cape Hillsborough National Park

nature experiences

Be spoilt for choice when it comes to authentic nature experiences in the Mackay Isaac Region, from national parks to freshwater gorges and quiet bushwalking trails.



Relax in rock pools at
Finch Hatton Gorge



Rainforest walks at
Eungella National Park



Hibiscus Coast,
Cape Hillsborough

Finch Hatton Gorge

A wonderful landscape of waterfalls, lush flora and volcanic boulder formations make Finch Hatton Gorge a must-see attraction. Take a walk through the rainforest on a 1.6km journey to the beautiful Araluen Waterfall and Rockpool, or continue on 1.4km to reach the Wheel of Fire Cascades, with another spectacular waterfall and a large rock pool. Accommodation and dining options are available nearby, as is an exciting zipline experience through the rainforest.

Bushwalking

The Mackay Isaac Region boasts popular walking tracks from five-minute circuits to three and five-day treks. Below are some popular trails.

SKY WINDOW CIRCUIT EUNGELLA DAM ROAD.

5-10 minutes, 250m, a short and level, wheelchair and pram-accessible track with views across the Pioneer Valley. If you're looking for more challenge, look out for the sign to Pine Grove-Cedar Grove Track (4km return) to view the magnificent Tree Arch.

RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CIRCUIT: near Broken River Visitor Information Centre, Eungella Dam Road. 20 to 30 minutes, 780m circuit, a short and level, wheelchair and pram-accessible track from the Broken River picnic area. Be on the lookout for platypus in the rainforest waters.

KOMMO TOERA TRAIL: Keeleys Road, Slade Point. 40 to 50 minutes, 1km, explore this unique wetland ecosystem through Melaleuca trees, with diverse wildlife and plant habitats. Don't forget the insect repellent!

MACKAY HIGHLANDS GREAT WALK: Starts at Eungella National Park, ends at Moonlight Dam. 3-5 days, 56km (one way), for the experienced bushwalker, explore cool and cloudy rainforest, towering trees, dense palm groves, dramatic cliffs, peaks and spires.

National Parks

The Mackay Isaac Region boasts a diverse range of national parks, many of which offer opportunities to stay, eat and explore. From lush green, mist-shrouded Eungella National Park, to the windswept, rugged coastline of Cape Hillsborough and the expansive plains of Peak Range National Park, there's an experience that suits every traveller.

BRAMPTON ISLAND NATIONAL PARK



CAPE HILLSBOROUGH NATIONAL PARK



CAPE PALMERSTON



CATHU STATE FOREST



CREDITON STATE FOREST



EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK



HOMEVALE NATIONAL PARK



MAZEPPA NATIONAL PARK



MIA MIA STATE FOREST



NEWRY ISLANDS



SOUTH CUMBERLAND ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK



Broken River is an excellent place to enjoy bush walks within Australia's largest stretch of continuous sub-tropical rainforest. Platypus viewing is best done in the late afternoon or early morning.

fishing in mackay isaac

Known as one of the best recreational fishing destinations along the east coast of Australia, the Mackay Isaac Region offers 365 days of fishing where you'll be hooked on a huge variety of species wherever you choose to cast your line.



Trapping redclaw at
Theresa Creek Dam



The Seaforth area offers
superb fishing thanks to the
net free fishing zone



Sooty Grunter caught
at Eungella Dam



TOP FISHING SPOTS

Eungella Dam
Teemburra Dam
Kinchant Dam
Pioneer River
Seaforth
Mackay Marina
Clairview
Theresa Creek Dam



Looking for some local fishing advice? Visit mackayisaac.com and check out top quality fishing charters who can provide you with insight only locals would know!

Rivers & creeks

The mangrove-lined creeks of the Mackay Isaac Region create bountiful fish habitats. Nowhere is this more evident than the net free zone that stretches from St Helens Beach to Cape Hillsborough.

Freshwater

Located within 90 minutes of Mackay are three freshwater impoundments. Kinchant and Teemburra Dams are well-known for massive barramundi, while Eungella Dam is home to monster sooty grunter. Theresa Creek Dam, near Clermont, is also a popular place to hook a grunter.

Land-based

No boat? No worries! The region's 31 beaches, the Mackay Marina and several jetties along the Pioneer River all allow easy access for anglers to target anything from bream to barramundi.

Offshore islands & reefs

Anglers are guaranteed to hook a sizeable catch off Mackay's picturesque series of islands and coral reefs. Viable tactics include chasing bait balls for mackerel and tuna, retrieving poppers across reefs and jigging for monsters of the deep.

Crabbing

Mud and blue swimmer crabs are a common catch up and down the coastline with prime spots being Seaforth, Eimeo and Clairview creeks. Red claw crayfish can be caught from dams in The Isaac Region.



National competitions like the AFC are regularly hosted in the Mackay Isaac Region.

camping

Escape the hustle and bustle and immerse yourself in complete serenity when you explore the many camping spots in the Mackay Isaac Region.



Camp in the diverse habitats of our National Parks



Camping in the Outback is perfect for admiring the stars above



Prepare for stunning vistas when exploring the Outback



For a more comprehensive list of all the great places to camp in the Mackay Isaac Region, check out mackayisaac.com

CAPE HILLSBOROUGH AND HIBISCUS COAST:

Looking for beachfront camping with nothing but ocean, sand and fishing? There are plenty of camping grounds dotted along the Hibiscus Coast including Smalleys Beach, Ball Bay, Haliday Bay, Seaforth and St Helens Beach.

EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK: Find your family camping haven amid the misty mountains at popular camping spots like Broken River bush camp, Fern Flat or The Diggings camp areas. Go further inland and off the grid at the spacious Eungella Dam, which is perfect for fishing, boating and watersports.

CAPE PALMERSTON: Switch off and enjoy all nature has to offer with three basic camping sites, only accessible by four-wheel-drive. Choose from Cape Creek, Windmill Bay or Cape Palmerston camping areas, with picnic tables and pit toilets available. A nearby caravan park provides powered sites, camping areas and bungalows, along with all other necessities, if required.

ST LAWRENCE: Just 6km east of the Bruce Highway is an incredible natural wetland full of abundant bird life. The spacious Recreation Grounds are a popular vantage point to stay overnight (or longer) and visit the wetlands any time of the year. It features showers, toilets, barbecues, picnic tables and a dump point. Take a drive into the township for a view of the historical church, cemetery, railway building and council office building.

LAKE ELPHINSTONE: This free camping area just outside Nebo sits alongside a natural lake and is popular for fishing, kayaking and watersports. Public facilities include toilets, showers, boat ramp and picnic tables.

CAMPING PERMITS

Did you know that you need a permit to camp in a National Park? Book and pay for a camping permit ahead of time. This can be done via phone: 13 74 68, online: qpws.usedirect.com/qpws or by visiting an information centre.



Camping by the beach at Clairview

family fun

The Mackay Isaac Region is the perfect family holiday destination, brimming with nature, wildlife and child-friendly experiences to keep the whole family eager to discover more.



Take a plunge down the waterslide at Bluewater Lagoon



Learn about sugar cane at Sarina Sugar Shed



Camp among sugar cane fields at Oh Deere Farm Stay



The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens is one of Australia's youngest botanic gardens.

Top family fun experiences:

WAKE HOUSE AUSTRALIA: Watch some of the world's best wakeboarders at this state-of-the-art facility. Designed for a range of age groups and experience levels, it's great for fun, fitness and relaxation. There's also food, drinks and live music on offer. *Poco Place, Andergrove Lakes.*

SARINA SUGAR SHED: Enjoy a close-up, interactive and highly engaging guided tour into the region's sugar cane history, at this multi-award-winning facility. *Field of Dreams Parklands, Railway Square, Sarina.*

BLUEWATER LAGOON: Featuring three lagoons, a 19.5 metre water slide and interactive children's water playground, as well as café, public toilets, showers and change rooms, barbecue facilities and lifeguards patrolling during opening hours. *River Street, Mackay.*

MACKAY ADVENTURE TOURS: Specialises in providing personal recommendations for tours and experiences that will ensure a trip you'll never forget. With a real focus on off the beaten track adventures, exploring with locals and truly becoming part of the Mackay community, exploring with Mackay Adventure Tours is the only way to experience this stunning region.

MACKAY REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS: Explore more than 3km of scenic walking and cycling tracks overlooking a beautiful lagoon. The Gardens feature spectacular flora and fauna, running waterfalls and streams, and an elevated café. *Lagoon Street, Mackay.*

MOUNTAIN BIKING: Mackay Isaac Region offers mountain biking amongst sub tropical rainforest and above the clouds. Finch Hatton Mountain Bike Trails are one of Australia's newest parks set to open in late 2023

OH DEERE FARM STAY: A beautiful Farm Stay with an area to camp, plus tours available at certain times for people looking to learn more about sugar cane, ask on arrival if wanting.



Enjoy live music while you dine at the Lakeside Cafe overlooking the cable wake park

local flavours

The Mackay Isaac Region boasts award-winning, succulent and fresh produce, from bush dining in the country, to fresh seafood beside the sea and trendy cafés inner city.



Enjoy foodie delights
at the annual
Wisely Wine and Food Day



Delight in home
style cooking at
One Hungry Mumma



Indulge in a
liquor tasting platter at
Sarina Sugar Shed



MEET LOCAL FARMERS

Buy fresh and seasonal produce from local farmers every Wednesday at the Bluewater Quay in the city centre.

MACKAY FARMERS' MARKET

EVERY Wednesday
6.30am to 10.30am
Bluewater Quay, Mackay City

Cook with love at One Hungry Mumma

Known for their prize winning small batch condiments and also offering unique dining experiences and cooking workshops out of their food van Frankie. Situated on their property in the middle of Finch Hatton. 1 Zahmel Street, Finch Hatton

Sweet sugar

The Sarina Sugar Shed is Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery, making award-winning rum, liqueurs and a range of sauces, chutneys and sweet treats. Enjoy an educational and engaging tour for young and old while you're there. *Field of Dreams Parklands, Railway Square, Sarina*

Foodie Festivals

The annual **Mackay Festival of Arts** is a celebration of the region's finest art, culture, and talent during the month of July. The **Wisely Wine and Food Day** within the festival is a great food experience featuring local restaurants, cafes, and food trucks. It additionally showcases hand-picked wines, local brews and culinary offerings to ensure you get the ultimate experience.

Saint Lawrence Wetlands Weekend is a cultural and artistic event where tantalising meals and tastings are freshly prepared using local produce.

Gourmet Bush Tucker

Experience fine dining at The Flackyard Restaurant, located in the Pioneer Valley. Indulge in local produce, unique beverages and native Australian foods sourced from locals, communities and Aboriginal businesses. 4343 Mackay Eungella Road, Pinnacle



Discover Australian native foods entwined with authentic local produce at The Flackyard

art, history & culture

Celebrate the rich and colourful history and heritage of Australia's oldest gold mining towns in The Isaac Region or embrace Mackay's vibrant art and culture scene.



Blast from the past at
Clermont Historical Centre



Heritage listed
Greenmount Homestead



Melba House once
home to famous singer
Dame Nellie Melba



Art

ARTSPACE: Artspace Mackay is a regional art gallery featuring local, national and international art exhibitions. The gallery also offers public programs for young and old including art classes, workshops, lectures, guided tours and more. *Gordon Street, Mackay*

FIFTH LANE STREET ART: Marvel at the creativity of local and visiting artists who helped activate the 5th lane in Mackay's inner city. Download the Zappar app and experience the artwork interactively. *Between Gregory and Wood Streets, Mackay*

CLERMONT RAILWAY STATION: Take a step back in time and enjoy the magnificent murals painted on the railway carriages of the old railway station in Clermont, constructed in 1884. Keep an eye out for the green frog hidden on each of the four murals. *Herschel Street, Clermont*

History and culture

CLERMONT HISTORICAL CENTRE: Learn about the town's rich history involving gold rushes, copper mines, shearers, stockmen and squatters. *Gregory Highway, Clermont*

MACKAY CITY AND HERITAGE WALK: Enjoy a self-guided tour of Mackay's city centre and Waterfront Heritage Discovery Trail using your phone or tablet via mackay.qld.gov.au/heritage

MELBA HOUSE: Home of the famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, the 1882 home is now a historical museum and Visitor Information Centre. *Mackay Eungella Road, Marian*

GREENMOUNT HOMESTEAD: A heritage-listed homestead featuring more than 20,000 items dating back to the early 1900s. *139 Greenmount Road, Greenmount*



Fifth Lane Art is a vibrant laneway featuring murals from local and travelling artists.

cape hillsborough & hibiscus coast

Whether it's enjoying the sunrise with iconic wildlife, beach combing on quiet coastlines, or reeling in a big catch, Cape Hillsborough and the Hibiscus Coast is a dream location for many travellers.



Time your visit with the tides to experience the Wedge Island rockpools



Relaxing in nature



Seaforth, a beachside village north of Cape Hillsborough



Indigenous history and culture

The Yuibera people lived in the Cape Hillsborough area for thousands of years and signs of their special connection to the area are still present. Mount Mandurana, commonly referred to as 'The Leap', was the scene of a dramatic conflict between European settlers and Indigenous peoples. Visit the large sculpture on the Bruce Highway to learn more.

Bushwalking Trails

Witness a host of unique Australian wildlife, including 140 species of birds, reptiles, turtles, possums, wallabies and a variety of butterflies, when you take on some of the incredible bushwalks at Cape Hillsborough National Park.

THE DIVERSITY BOARDWALK (*easy*)

1.2 kilometre return. Featuring melaleuca woodland, mangrove and open eucalyptus forest and vine thicket, the first 300 metres of the track is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

YUIBERA PLANT TRAIL (*easy*) 1.2 kilometre return. Walk or drive along the gravel road to Hidden Valley to learn more about the Yuibera people's traditional use of plants in the area.

BEACHCOMBER COVE TRACK (*moderate*)

2.2 kilometre return. Start from the northern end of Cape Hillsborough picnic area and pass through open eucalyptus forest and remnant rainforest with hoop pines, ferns and vines to Beachcomber Cove, featuring amazing views from the lookout. At low tide, return to Cape Hillsborough picnic area along the beach.

ANDREWS POINT TRACK (*moderate to difficult*)

5.2 kilometre return or 2.8 kilometre return via beach. Follow the beach to reach the start of the track. After climbing numerous steps, you will be rewarded with spectacular views from several lookouts. At low tide, walk to Wedge Island or return to the picnic area along the beach.



The rainforest meets the ocean at Cape Hillsborough

Stay at Cape Hillsborough National Park or nearby beach hubs like Smalleys Beach, Ball Bay, Haliday Bay or Seaforth for the perfect vantage point to watch wallabies and kangaroos on the beach at sunrise.

Getting there

Cape Hillsborough National Park is 50km north of Mackay. Travel north on the Bruce Highway for 20km. Turn right onto Seaforth Road and travel a further 20km. Turn right onto Cape Hillsborough Road. The public carpark and main entrance to Cape Hillsborough National Park is 10km along that road.

Sunrise with wildlife

Experience the quintessential Australian travel photo with sunrise on the beach with the wallabies and kangaroos who feed on the shoreline. Stand back and let the wildlife do their thing. Feeding the animals is strictly prohibited.

Bushwalking

After sunrise, take on some beautiful bushwalks at Cape Hillsborough National Park, ranging from easy to moderate (page 22). You can cool down at the rock pools on Wedge Island if you time your visit right.

Fishing & Boating

It's time to catch lunch or dinner! With the area surrounding Cape Hillsborough and Hibiscus Coast being a commercial net free zone, it makes for great fishing either from the beach or boat. You're sure to hook a large variety of species including whiting, bream or flathead from the beach or estuaries, and finger mark, grunter, salmon, mackerel and other reef fish from the boat. Seaforth has an all-tide boat ramp with floating pontoon, large parking area, floodlights, security cameras, toilets and boat wash-down facilities.

Stay

With a full day of activities under your belt, relax and unwind with accommodation options to suit most travellers. Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park offers huts, cabins, caravan and camping sites, complete with a huge range of facilities, within the beautiful and tranquil surrounds of the national park. Meanwhile the beaches along the Hibiscus Coast offer holiday units, camping sites and resort-style options for your ultimate nature getaway. Seaforth Camping Reserve is a popular choice next to the beach.





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The Pioneer Valley

Walkerston: Discover the heritage-listed Greenmount Homestead, with its stunning gardens and grounds. It features over 20,000 historical items depicting the life of early settlers in the Mackay and Pioneer Valley regions.

MARIAN: Marian was once home to the world-famous, early 20th century opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba. Find out more about her life at the Melba House Visitor Information Centre on arrival to Marian.

MIRANI: A RV friendly accredited town, Mirani offers low-cost accommodation, a friendly pub and Platypus Beach.

PINNACLE: Try a renowned Pinnacle Pie or a hearty crumbed steak from the popular pub at Pinnacle. Teemurra Dam is also nearby and is stocked with sooty grunter and barramundi.

FINCH HATTON GORGE: Enjoy the charm of the Finch Hatton township before immersing yourself in nature at Finch Hatton Gorge, part of Eungella National Park. Bushwalk through rainforest, zipline through the trees or experience a once-in-a-lifetime scuba diving experience. Find beautiful waterfalls, surrounded by sheer cliffs and cascades. Cool down with a swim at one (or both) of the popular swimming holes, Araluen Cascades and the Wheel of Fire.



Enjoy a wonderland of waterfalls, flora and volcanic boulder formations while travelling the Pioneer Valley

If rainforest bushwalks, waterfalls, platypus in the wild and enjoying delicious food piques your interest, it's time to discover Eungella and the Pioneer Valley on your next adventure to the Mackay Isaac Region.

Getting there

The total travel time between Mackay and Eungella National Park is approximately one hour and 20 minutes but there are many stops along the way that are worth a visit.

Open from December 2023, a brand new world class **Mountain Bike Park** is located in the spectacular mountain ranges of Finch Hatton, with 16 trails for beginners through to advance riders, plus a pump track and a trailhead in the township of Finch Hatton. Visitors to the area can hire all the equipment necessary to enjoy the Finch Hatton Mountain Bike Trails.

Chasing waterfalls

Travel through the quaint country towns of Mirani, Gargett, Pinnacle and Finch Hatton before heading to one of the region's most spectacular natural attractions, Finch Hatton Gorge. It's about a 12km drive from the Finch Hatton Showgrounds to the gorge entry along Owens Creek Loop Road.

Once there, embark on a short bushwalk to Araluen Cascades (2.8km return) or go a little further to Wheel of Fire (4.2km return). Both feature scenic waterfalls and rockpools surrounded by volcanic boulder formations.

If you've timed your visit well, head to Forest Flying for a ziplining experience through the rainforest. Book ahead to avoid disappointment, with two sessions per day available.

National park adventures

Enjoy epic views as you travel up the winding Eungella Range and take in the clear mountain air from the 1930s Chalet, which offers meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as hang gliding for the experienced flyer.

Further along, the Sky Window Circuit is a short walk (wheelchair and pram-friendly) boasting views of the entire Pioneer Valley region below.

Continue on to Broken River where you can visit the Visitor Information Centre or go platypus spotting from the special viewing platforms.

Stay overnight in the rainforest and experience the spotlighting tours to see nocturnal animals, with platypus spotting a good option on dawn or dusk. Enjoy a blend of Austrian and Australian cuisine for breakfast or lunch at a café overlooking platypus waters near the Visitor Centre.



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Keswick Island

Keswick Island is a natural wonderland comprising national parks and tropical rainforests, fringed by white sands and a coral reef bursting with vibrant marine life. Located just an hour from Mackay, Keswick is made up of 80 per cent national park and white sand beaches.

STAY: The Keswick Island Beach House is open for rentals accommodating up to six people in three bedrooms and offering guests views of Basil Bay Beach. The Beach House is the perfect island haven, and rental includes use of stand-up paddle board, kayak and club car.

ADVENTURE: Enjoy a leisurely kayak at Basil Bay, bushwalk to a number of viewpoints across the island, beach comb, dive or get to know the Keswick Island bees. The island's operations team are now offering 4WD tours around the island, a great way to see all the sites and get insider knowledge.

GETTING THERE: **Keswick Explorer**, a scheduled service running every Monday and Friday. **Helicopter transfers** depart from Mackay. **Moorings** are available, and the island can provide tenders if required.



Surrounded by sparkling waters, the islands provide many sheltered anchorages

mackay city & marina

With the sparkling blue water of the Pioneer River as its backdrop, the Mackay City offers spectacular scenery, superb shopping and culinary delights. Nearby, the Mackay Marina is renowned for fantastic fishing and a great place to enjoy a drink and meal.



The Pioneer River
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Mackay City



Art and deco
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Take a stroll down
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Mackay City

Visitor Info Kiosk: The award-winning Mackay Visitor Information Kiosk is ideally situated on entrance to Mackay's biggest recreation facility, the Bluewater Lagoon. Operated by knowledgeable volunteers who can provide travel-related advice, the Kiosk has unique memorabilia for sale, as well as a large TV with travel-related information 24/7.

CITY SHOPPING: Soak up the tropical streetscapes and enjoy endless shopping in the Mackay city centre including boutique clothing, homewares, toy stores, hair and beauty, health and fitness and much more. Nearby Caneland Central has over 100 speciality and service stores, making it Mackay's largest shopping centre.

EXPLORE: From art-deco inspired buildings to public art displays and funky laneway murals, the Mackay city centre has many nooks and crannies to explore on foot. You can even take a self-guided Mackay City and Heritage Walk. Travel the Bluewater Trail to explore the city and all its attractions. This shared pathway winds its way along the banks of the beautiful blue Pioneer River, linking many of Mackay's valuable facilities and natural assets.

WINE AND DINE: The Mackay city centre offers an abundance of food and drink options, including fine dining, family-friendly, wine bars, al-fresco, pubs, clubs and restaurants.

The Mackay Marina

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LAMBERTS BEACH: Take in the spectacular views over the Coral Sea (and look out for whales!) from the purpose-built Whale Watching Platform at Lamberts Beach Lookout. From here you will see the nearby Slade Point Water Tower, which features a beautiful mural of the humpback whale, as well as the red-tailed black cockatoos.

BLACKS BEACH: With six kilometres of pure golden sand to explore, Blacks Beach is Mackay's longest stretch of beach. There's beachside accommodation available nearby, a playground for the kids and facilities for a picnic or barbecue.

BUCASIA BEACH: Enjoy a drive or walk along the picturesque esplanade, with facilities like picnic tables, amenities and playgrounds and nearby café. The beach offers great fishing where you can either throw a line in straight from the beach or access the nearby boat ramp to launch your boat.

SHOAL POINT: This picture-perfect beach has sand that stretches for hundreds of metres at low tide and provides access to Green Island. Drive up O'Brien Esplanade for epic views over the Coral Sea, or spend time at the park with children's playground, barbecue, toilets and showers.

DOLPHIN HEADS: This pretty headland offers a family-friendly resort providing accommodation, recreational activities and cocktails by the pool with live music. A popular spot for photographers.

EIMEO BEACH: Featuring a shady esplanade with children's playground, barbecue facilities and a lifeguard-patrolled beach during summer, Eimeo Beach is a favourite for families. Travel through the canopy of heritage-listed mango trees to the historic pub on the hill or enjoy live music, food and drinks under the stars at the lifesaving club nearby.



Blacks Beach is a great place for swimming, walking, fishing and beach sports

sun, surf & sand

Mackay's Northern Beaches are the perfect day-trip destination to soak up the sun, surf and sand. The Northern Beaches feature beautiful stretches of golden sand and warm waters to enjoy a dip in the ocean. Alternatively, drop a line and try your luck fishing straight off the beach.

LEG 1: Mackay – Blacks Beach. If travelling from Mackay's city centre, head North on the Bruce Highway past Northpoint Retail shopping area, and then turn right onto Mackay-Bucasia Road to head to Blacks Beach. Take the opportunity to explore the various shopping centres along the way, to stock up on supplies for a day at the beach. *Don't forget to take plenty of water and sunscreen!*

LEG 2: Blacks Beach – Eimeo Beach. Eimeo Beach is a 400m long beach with a 60m headland to the north. On the weekends Surf Life Savers are present for swimming. Drive under a canopy of mango trees at Mango Avenue, a heritage-listed attraction that stretches between Whittles Lane and Heidke Street, forming a shaded canopy above the streetscape. Choose to picnic on the beach using the facilities on Eimeo Esplanade, or dine with incredible ocean views at a nearby hotel or resort.

LEG 3: Eimeo Beach – Bucasia Beach. Continue your journey along the Mackay-Bucasia Road, and follow road sign directions along Downie Avenue to reach Bucasia Beach. Seaview Park on the Bucasia Esplanade provides facilities to freshen up and relax, including a barbecue, showers, toilets, picnic tables and a children's playground. *For spectacular sunset views head to Shoal Point.*

LEG 4: Bucasia Beach – Shoal Point. End your journey at Shoal Point. Shoal Point is the northernmost community of the Northern Beaches group, with a visually spectacular coastal beach. At low tide, the beach can almost be mistaken as a small sweeping desert. The sand stretches for hundreds of metres, allowing a close-up view of Green Reef Island.

Watch as thousands of tiny blue Soldier Crabs scuttle along the mud flats, burying themselves into the sand. The 'lone tree' found toward the northern end of the beach is one of Mackay's most 'instagrammable' images.

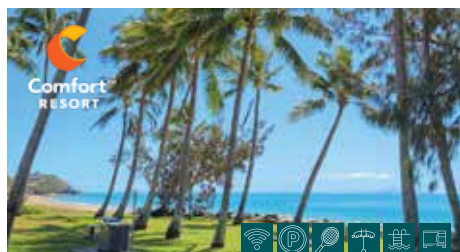
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LEG 5: Shoal Point – Mackay. Head back to Mackay after a fantastic day visiting the beaches north of Mackay.



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Visitor Info Centre

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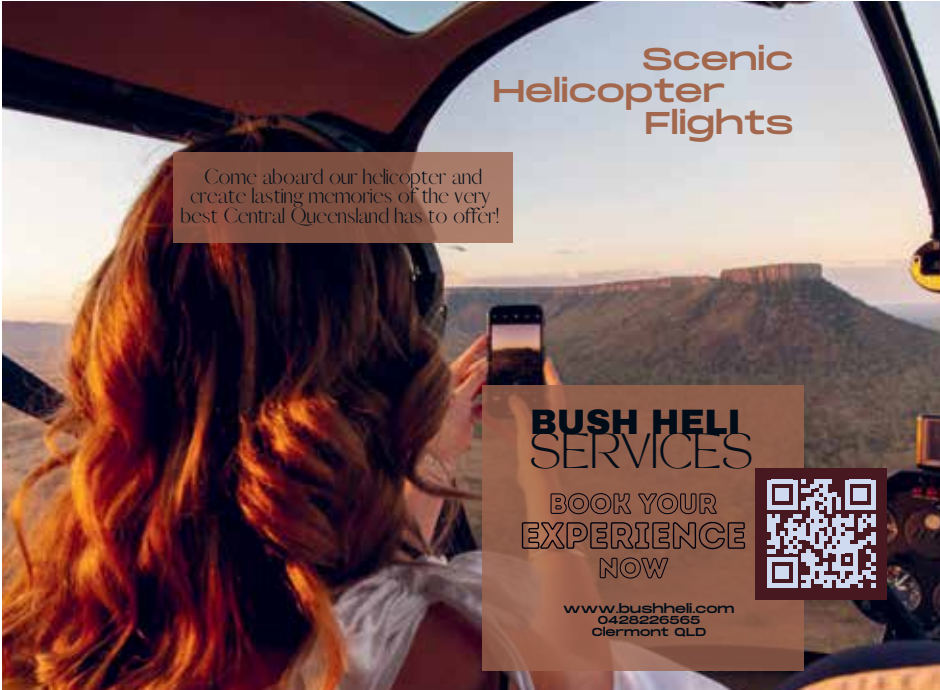
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Cape Palmerston National Park

Cape Palmerston National Park covers 7,200 hectares and offers sandy dunes, unspoilt beaches and rocky headlands, making it the ideal location for nature enthusiasts. Access to the national park and beach is via 4WD only, giving travellers the opportunity to make their trip as adventurous or relaxing as they like! Check tide times before going as it's not passable in high tide.

Fishing and crabbing: Bream, flathead and cod are popular chases in this area, with anglers also reporting catching mangrove jack and queenfish. Fishing off the rocks or off the coast in a boat will increase your chances of reeling in reef fish or mackerel.

Wildlife: Whether it's birdwatching, fishing, crabbing or simply exploring the surrounds, Cape Palmerston is certainly a treasure-trove of wildlife experiences! It's not unusual to see kangaroos and wallabies graze in the open grasslands and many bird species inhabit the coastal woodlands.

Sunrise or sunset: An early morning means the opportunity to watch the sun rise over the ocean, or kick back with a cold drink after a day of fishing and watch the sun set over Mt Funnel.

How to get there: Turn off the Bruce Highway at Ilbilbie and drive east towards Greenhill. Before Greenhill, turn left onto Cape Palmerston Road.

STAY

Self-sufficient campers can set up at Windmill Bay, Cape Creek or sleep under the stars right on the beach. Pit toilets and picnic tables are available. Camping fees apply.

4WD vehicles only.

Those without 4WD transport can stay at Cape Palmerston Holiday Park, set on 63 acres of land and adjacent to the beach. The park accommodates all RVs, motorhomes, caravans and campers with powered and unpowered sites, as well as glamping.



Ruggedly beautiful, Cape Palmerston features sandy dunes and rocky headlands along the coastline

isaac coast

The Isaac Coast is home to rustic beachside communities nestled along a natural stretch of shoreline and features abundant wildlife.




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The wetlands at St Lawrence



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CLAIRVIEW

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Famous for its crabbing and fishing, Clairview is also home to a protected sanctuary for dugongs, an endangered marine mammal. You may be lucky enough to see one from the beach.

The boat ramp provides easy access for a day on the water or relax at one of the beachside picnic spots and view turtles swimming in the area.



The St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend won gold at the Queensland Tourism Awards for Festivals and Events in 2021. The weekend features workshops, tours, cooking demonstrations and more!

Greenhill & Ilbilbie

These idyllic locations have wonderful views of the ocean and surrounding districts. There's onshore, estuary and offshore fishing near local reefs and islands and plenty of bushland for keen walkers to take advantage of magnificent views.

Visit Yarrawonga and Notch Point Reserves to go camping, fishing and crabbing, or visit between October to January to see the nesting turtles. Access to Cape Palmerston National Park is via Greenhill Road for 4WDs only.

Carmila

A blend of beachfront bliss mixed with country character, Carmila is an unspoilt paradise and the beach offers a nearby convenient three-day rest and camping area. Facilities include toilets, barbecues, picnic tables and boat ramps.

St Lawrence

The small town of St Lawrence has big attractions for the nature and history lover.

The St Lawrence Wetlands is home to abundant bird life and nationally threatened water birds, with 92 species recorded. Take a stroll through town and view the heritage-listed Anglican Church built in 1898 and cemetery dating back to the mid-1800s.

Enjoy camping at the St Lawrence Recreation Grounds next to the wetlands or drive up the Connors Range to Schneider's Inn Lookout for panoramic views of the wetlands, coastline and islands.



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This itinerary takes in the best of the coastline, the wetlands, the hinterland, sub tropical rainforest, to the convenient outback.

LEG 1: Mackay – Sarina. Drive 38 kilometres south from Mackay to Sarina, home of the award-winning Sarina Sugar Shed. The sugar shed offering tours, tastes and insights into the sugar industry. Taste the distillery's own rum and watch fairy floss being made.

LEG 2: Sarina – Cape Palmerston. An off-road paradise 25 kilometres south of Sarina providing a serene place for self-sufficient camping. Open eucalypt woodland grows on the ridges; while mangrove swamps, rainforest and sand dunes are all part of the cape's rugged attraction. Traverse the oceanside cape to view abundant marine life below, including turtles, dugongs or humpback whales from June to September as they migrate north.

LEG 3: Cape Palmerston – St Lawrence. Delightful beachside communities, popular for fishing and crabbing, line the coast from Cape Palmerston to St Lawrence.

Catch a crab in Carmila: camp near the ocean and reel in the ocean's bounty by trawling nearby creek mouths.

Dugongs in Clairview: 120 kilometres south of Mackay, the beachside community of Clairview is known for excellent fishing and crabbing. A dugong sanctuary was established in 1997.

St Lawrence: One of the most historic towns on the Queensland coast, worth a visit to view historical buildings and relics.

LEG 4: St Lawrence – Clermont (Theresa Creek Dam). Continue your journey to Clermont, past the spectacular peaks of Peak Range National Park. Theresa Creek Dam is located off the Peakvale Road, 22 kilometres from the town of Clermont. *Spend the evening by the shores of the dam, or experience outback hospitality in Clermont.*

LEG 5: Clermont – Pioneer River, Mackay. Take the Peak Downs Highway to the cattle farming township of Nebo. Along the journey, you may like to take the 10 kilometre detour to Moranbah, to visit one of Queensland's newest towns, to stock up on provisions.

From Nebo, continue on the Peak Downs Highway. Spend an afternoon setting cages for redclaw crayfish at Lake Elphinstone and watch an abundance of birdlife drawn to the shores of the lake.

LEG 6: Pioneer River – Mackay Harbour. Make your way into Mackay via the Peak Downs Highway, where avid anglers are spoiled for choice for fishing locations.

Winding its way through the heart of Mackay, the Pioneer River is Queensland's only blue water river, and one of only a few in Australia. It provides many excellent spots to cast a line, where whiting, bream, flathead and trevally are commonly reeled in. Look for the boat ramp on River Street, or the fishing platforms along the Bluewater Trail, located close to the Forgan Bridge, and near the Mackay Hospital to drop a line.



Stay beachside at Clairview and wake to the gentle lapping of the ocean right outside your door



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The Isaac region is made up of new and old mining towns. Spend a few days exploring the entire region to discover a world of history, charm and prosperity.



Grab a drink at heritage-listed Nebo Hotel



Theresa Creek Dam is a great spot for fishing



Mining display of the once thriving mining township of Mount Britton



Nebo

The cattle-grazing town of Nebo features the heritage-listed Nebo Pub built in 1862 overlooking the Nebo River and the historic Nebo Hotel. The annual Nebo Rodeo attracts competitors and viewers from across the country. It's been touted as one of the best rodeo events in Australia!

Mount Britton & Lake Elphinstone

Visit the abandoned mining town of Mount Britton (approximately 35 minutes north-east of Nebo), founded in 1880. The old grid of streets that remain are dotted with interpretive signage that retains a sense of what once existed. Lake Elphinstone is a great spot for fishing and water sports fanatics. Visitors can camp free of charge for limited length stays with toilets and shower facilities.

Moranbah

Featuring new and modern facilities, Moranbah was created specifically for miners and their families. Visit the popular town square where you can have a moment of quiet reflection at the stunning Miners' Memorial, see an exhibition at The Coalface Art Gallery and enjoy the boutique shops and cafés. Step into the Big Red Rhino Bucket at the town's entrance to experience the scale of a dragline from the 1970s.

Clermont

Established in 1862, the town of Clermont is one of the most historic towns in Northern Australia. The interactive Clermont Historical Centre contains information and artefacts related to the area's rich and diverse history. Visit Hoods Lagoon or strike gold in Queensland's most accessible goldfields surrounding Clermont. Theresa Creek Dam is a large outback oasis ideal for swimming, camping, fishing and water skiing.

Middlemount

Add the Middlemount Races to your bucket list! Renowned for the unique Dachshund charity race, this is one of the most anticipated racing fixtures in the region. Visit Blue Mountain Park, the best vantage point to view an open cut mine and a perfect spot for birdwatchers and photographers.

Dysart

There are many spectacular sights to see in Dysart. Enjoy the beauty of Lords Table Mountain or drive through one of the largest mines in the region, Peak Downs Mine. At the northern entry point of Dysart is a Belly Dump Truck and a Coal Wagon.



Hike the volcanic formations of Gemini Peaks

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THE PEAK RANGES NATIONAL PARK: RECONNECT WITH NATURE

Get off the beaten track and discover one of the most historic towns in northern Australia. Try your hand at striking gold, experience history, view volcanic formations from the air, cast a line, and enjoy a good old-fashioned country pub meal. If you are a nature enthusiast at heart and are forever chasing new places to explore, then take a scenic drive along the Peak Downs Highway, to take in the Peak Range National Park. You'll find these landscapes are where you'll get that postcard, insta-worthy shot. Come on, what are you waiting for? Find your sense of adventure and awaken your soul.

LEG 1: Nebo – Gemini Peaks. Travelling along the Peak Downs Hwy you'll get a glimpse of the Gemini Peaks and Wolfgang Peak with the flat country plains you'll have a panoramic view of the vast landscape. *Stop in at Gemini Peaks for a self-exploration hike.*

LEG 2: Gemini Peaks – Clermont. Start your inland adventure with a visit to the Clermont Historical Centre. Here you will experience the history of the district, from gold rush to the birth of the 1891 Shearer's Strike. Exhibitions are regularly conducted to share the knowledge of our countries history.

Enjoy a picnic by Hoods Lagoon, followed by a scenic walk to see the 1916 flood memorial area (including the piano in the tree), war memorial, Billy Sing memorial, Mary MacKillop grotto, indigenous heritage site and more. *Take advantage of the country lifestyle and marvel at the starry skies of Clermont!*

LEG 3: Clermont – Theresa Creek Dam. An ideal recreation area for families and adults alike – just 22 kilometres south west of Clermont. Built in 1983 and situated on 30 hectares, it is one of the most idyllic camping spots in the Isaac region.

A place to relax by the dam shore, cool off with a swim, enjoy adventure packed water skiing through Theresa Creek Water Sports Club, bring your own boat for recreational use, or throw a line in. The dam is stocked with red claw crayfish, and freshwater species like barramundi, golden perch, eel-tailed catfish, sleepy cod, silver perch and bony bream.

LEG 4: Clermont – Lords Table Mountain. If the untouched landscape and natural surroundings are what you are looking for, you'll be surprised with the Peak Range offerings. A well-kept secret waiting to be discovered.

Lords Table Mountain is a spectacle to marvel at, it rises in silencing grandeur, reaching 320 metres high from the grazing ground. Distinctly identified for it's flat-top plateau, with Anvil Peak the highest point, at the southern-end of formation. Word's don't encapsulated the raw beauty of Lords Table Mountain, an icon within the Isaac landscape that instantly gives you a feeling of respect. Admiration and appreciation to nature. *Be sure to pack your camera, drone or even a picnic we've got you sorted for that post card picture.*



The impressive peaks of Lords Table Mountain offer a flat-topped plateau and provide grand views across the landscape, ideal for sunsets and astrophotography



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