

TRAVEL SAFELY IN THE WET TROPICS



Cassowaries – Be Cass-O-Wary

Cassowary behaviour is unpredictable. If you come face-to-face with one, it's important to have some simple strategies to protect yourself.

<http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/pdf/be-cassowary-flyer.pdf>

Bush Walking Safety

Remember to tell a responsible person where you are going and when you expect to return. Let them know your route and contact them on your return. Make sure you carry adequate drinking water for the walk.

http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/safety_in_parks_and_forests.html

Precautions in the Rainforest

Be educated and act wisely.

<http://www.divethereef.com/guides/RainforestPrecautions.asp>

Swimming safely in tropical waters

Simple precautions will ensure that you enjoy your fun in the water in the tropics.

<http://www.marinestingers.com.au/safety/>

Stingers

Between November and May Tropical North Queensland waters contain jellyfish, known commonly as marine stingers.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goodhealthintnq/topics/jellyfish.asp>

<http://www.lifesaving.com.au/>

Be sun-smart

Wear a hat, shirt and sunscreen, even on overcast days, to avoid sunburn. Drink frequently to avoid dehydration.

Weather

Always be prepared for wet weather. After rain, creeks and rivers in North Queensland can flood. Always check the weather forecast before you begin your walk.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/>

Flooding

Take these simple steps to ensure the safety of you, your family and friends during a flood.

http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/flood/EMA_Flood_Action_Guide.pdf

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Cyclones

During the summer months of November to April, cyclones pose a threat to the Far North Queensland region.

http://www.missionbeachtourism.com/pdfs/Cyclone_Preparedness_for_Travellers1.pdf

Traffic & Travel Information

131940 Showing incidents, closures & limits, special events and roadwork.

<http://highload.131940.qld.gov.au/>

Crocodiles – Be Croc Wise

Crocodiles are potentially dangerous. Never take unnecessary risks in crocodile habitat. You are responsible for your own safety

<http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/register/p01101aa.pdf>

Snake safety

Watch out for snakes. Though rarely seen, they are always around. If you do see a snake, calmly walk away without disturbing it. Some snakes are more active at night, so always use a torch, wear shoes and watch where you walk. Remember all native wildlife, including snakes, are protected.

http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/snakes/snake_bites.html

In case of emergency

In the event of an emergency, communication equipment is vital. You should carry at least one form of communication equipment. Life Threatening Emergency**000**

Maps and Walking Tracks Queensland

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/parks/maps/>

Walking Safely

Make sure the park you want to visit has walks suitable for your bushwalking experience and level of fitness.

http://nprsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/bushwalking/walk_safely.html

Walk softly

Leave no trace. Never chase, scare or feed animals. Stay on the track. Remember in a national park everything is protected.

http://nprsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/bushwalking/walk_softly.html

Pets

Please leave your pets at home; domestic animals are not permitted in National Parks in the Wet Tropics.

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