

For your safety and comfort



Estuarine crocodiles are present in the Daintree and Bloomfield Rivers and in most creeks in the park. They may also travel along beaches. Swimming is inadvisable.

- Marine stingers inhabit the sea from October to May, but are not easily seen. Stings can cause serious injury or death. Keep out of the ocean during this period.
- Cassowaries can be dangerous. If confronted by a cassowary while on foot do not turn and run. Back off slowly watching the bird as you go. If the cassowary acts aggressively, try to place a solid object such as a tree between yourself and the bird and wait for it to leave. If nothing else is available hold a backpack or item of clothing at arms length between yourself and the cassowary and back away slowly.
- It can be very hot in the tropics. Ensure that you drink plenty of water and have adequate sun protection.
- Avoid contact with stinging trees (bushes with large heart-shaped leaves) as the hairs on the leaves and stem contain a poison which causes severe itching and pain. Always stay on formal tracks or boardwalks.
- Leeches can be a nuisance when walking in damp areas. Apply repellent over shoes and socks. Leeches will detach if exposed to a flame or sprinkled with salt, repellent or alcohol.
- You should provide a responsible person with your trip details and advise this person upon your return. The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will not be responsible for checking the safe return of walkers.

Southern cassowary



Please drive carefully to avoid cassowaries and other wildlife.

ACTIVITIES (see Zoning Plans for details)	Habitat Protection Zone		
	Conservation Park Zone	National Park Zone	
Aircraft	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bait netting	Yes	Yes	No
Bait gathering (by hand)	Yes	Yes	No
Collecting	Permit	No	No
Limited Collecting	Yes	No	No
Commercial netting	Yes	No	No
Crabbing	Yes	Limit on pots	No
Diving, boating, anchoring, photography	Yes	Yes	Yes
Line fishing	Yes	Limited*	No
Oyster gathering	Yes	Limited	No
Spearfishing (snorkel only)	Yes	Restricted	No
Trawling	No	Sites	No
Trolling	Yes	No Pelagic species only	No

Permits are required for most other activities. This includes research, educational programs, traditional hunting, waste discharge, placement of moorings or other structures, anchoring or mooring for an extended period, tourist operations and most commercial activities.

\* Maximum fo 2 lines/rods per person, and 1 hook/lure per line.

Emergencies: Subject to the Zoning Plans, access to all zones is allowed in emergencies.



LEGEND

— 2WD access

- - - 4WD access

Wet tropics information

Picnic area

Toilets

Camping

Barbeque

Ranger station

Interpretive walking track

Lookout

Fishing

No fishing

Airstrip

Vehicular ferry

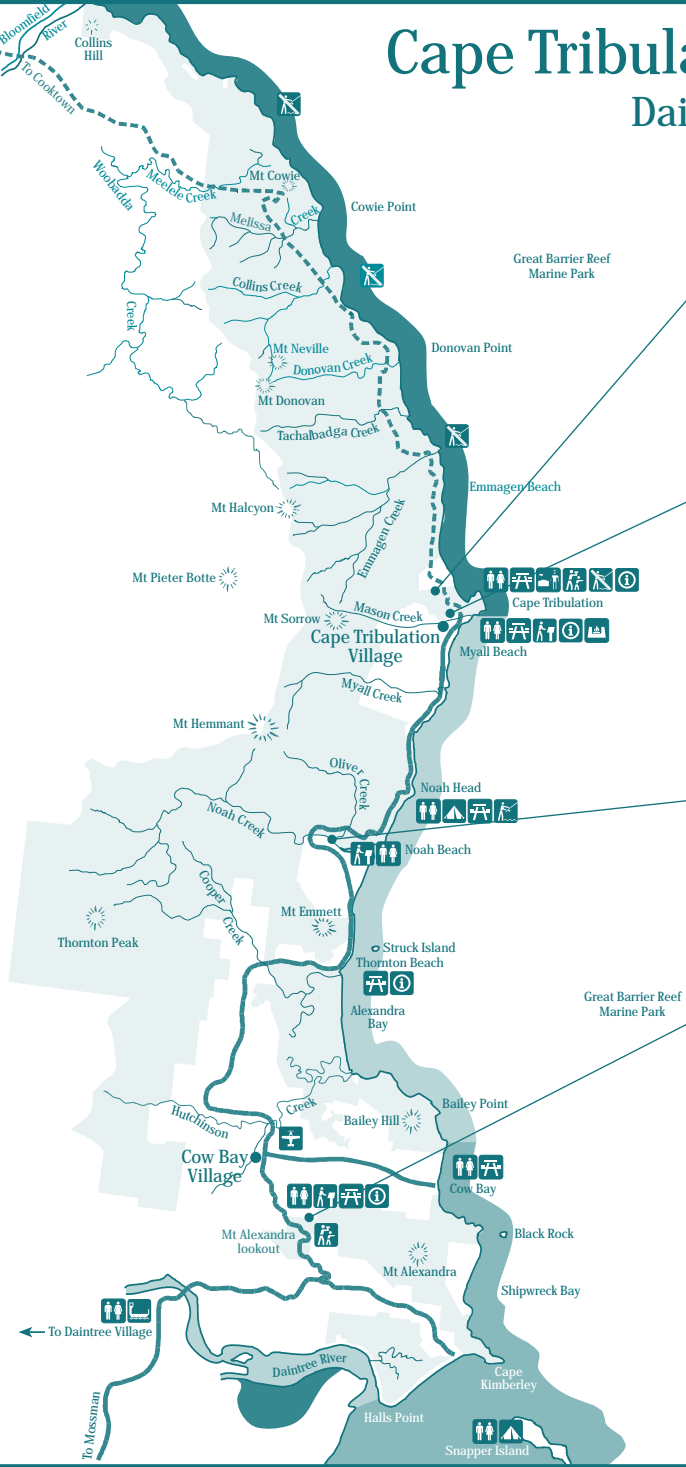
National park

Marine park

The estuaries, beaches, reefs and coastal waters around Cape Tribulation are protected as part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. National Park (green) Zone extends north of Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield in a 500m wide strip -- all fishing, spearfishing and collecting are prohibited here. Conservation Park (yellow) Zone, which allows limited fishing and collecting, extends south from Cape Tribulation to Cow Bay. Refer to the map and activities table for more details.

# Cape Tribulation Section

## Daintree National Park



**Kulki** picnic area at Cape Tribulation has water, toilets and picnic tables. A 400m boardwalk leads from the carpark to a viewing platform overlooking the ocean and beach. A short walk over the saddle west of the headland provides an easy link between Kulki and Myall Beach.

**Dubuji** features a 1200m boardwalk through rainforest, swamps and mangrove. Interpretive signs explore the survival strategies used by rainforest plants and animals. Walking time is about 45 minutes. The site has extensive grassed picnic areas with tables, shelters, toilets and barbeques. A short boardwalk provides easy access to north Myall Beach.

**Marrdja** has a boardwalk at Oliver Creek providing insight into botanical aspects of the rainforest and mangroves. Leave about 45 minutes to explore this boardwalk.

**Jindalba** has a large picnic area with toilets, shelters and tables. There is a short (650m) boardwalk providing excellent views across different levels of the rainforest.

These visitor sites sometimes experience heavy use. Private businesses in the area offer rainforest recreational opportunities in quieter settings.

Private camping areas, accommodation, restaurants and recreation facilities are available in the area.

## Camping

There is a national park camping area at Noah Beach, 8km south of Cape Tribulation. The camping area is closed after heavy rains and during the wet season. Toilets, water and a shower stand are provided.

The required camping permit may be obtained from the ranger or from the self-registration stand at the camp ground. Maximum stay at this site is seven nights.

There are four camping sites on Snapper Island with toilet and barbecue facilities. Permits must be obtained from Queensland Parks and Wildlife offices in Cairns or Mossman.

Private camping areas, hostels, resorts and holiday units are located adjacent to the national park.

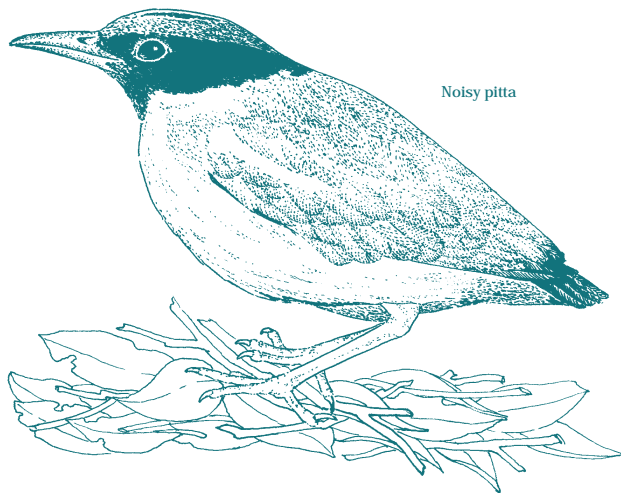
## Biological diversity

The Cape Tribulation Section of Daintree National Park contains a rich mosaic of vegetation ranging from coastal mangroves, swamps and rainforests to upland rainforests and heathlands.

This area is recognised as one of the most biodiverse in the Wet Tropics and Australia. A number of species are found here and nowhere else.

The rainforests are of particular interest. Recent discoveries of new species include the masked white-tailed rat and a number of primitive flowering plant species. These forests are thought to have been the evolutionary cradle for much of Australia's unique wildlife.

The rich and varied fauna of the forests includes Bennett's tree kangaroo which is found only in this area. As a visitor, you are unlikely to see this shy animal. You are likely to see some of the beautiful birds – the wompoo pigeon, the noisy pitta and the white-tailed kingfisher on its summer visit from Papua New Guinea.



Noisy pitta

There are also a number of cassowaries – giant flightless birds reaching up to 2m – in the park. If you are lucky enough to see a cassowary, please remember that they can be dangerous and must be treated with caution.

## Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

One of only a few places worldwide to meet all four criteria for World Heritage listing, Queensland's Wet Tropics

contain outstanding examples of major stages in the earth's evolutionary history, continuing biological evolution, exceptional beauty, and habitat for threatened species.

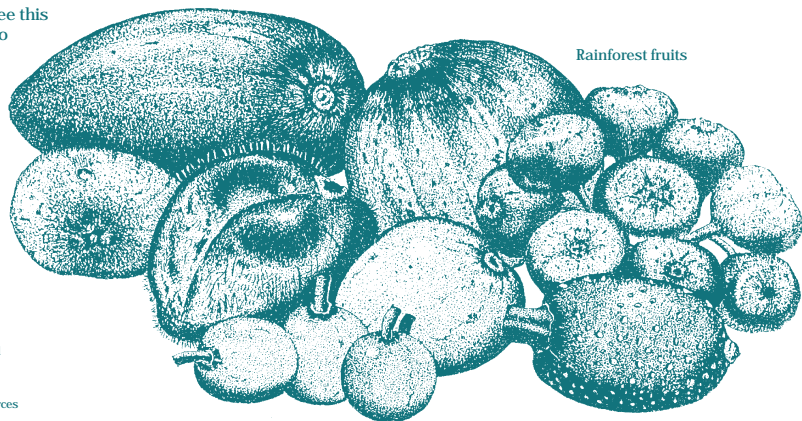
## Further information

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For information on the Kuku Yalanji culture and traditions contact Mossman Gorge Community Rangers on (07) 4098 1305 or the Wujal Wujal community on (07) 4060 8155.



Rainforest fruits

## Visitor information

# Cape Tribulation Section Daintree National Park



## Rainforest and reef meet in the Cape Tribulation

## Section of Daintree

## National Park in the Wet

## Tropics World Heritage

## Area. The park protects

## lush tropical rainforests,

## rugged mountain and

## coastal scenery and the

## traditional lands of the

## Kuku Yalanji people.



Boyd's forest dragon *Hypsilurus boydii* may be seen clinging to a branch watching for insects to devour.

Kulki is the traditional name for Cape Tribulation. It is used by the Kuku Yalanji, the local Aboriginal people, who have inhabited this area for many thousands of years. The headland was given its European name by Captain Cook, after his ship, Endeavour, was holed on a reef in the area in 1770. 'I named . . . the north point Cape Tribulation because here began all our troubles.' The name has been reminding us of his tribulations ever since.

The Cape Tribulation Section of Daintree National Park (17 100ha) stretches in a narrow, discontinuous and ragged strip from the Daintree River in the south to the Bloomfield River in the north with the McDowall Range as its western boundary. The land slopes steeply up from the coast: the cloud-swept summit of Thornton Peak, only a few kilometres inland, has an altitude of 1374m.

A trip to this area gives visitors a rare chance to experience two of Australia's World Heritage sites – the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics World Heritage area. Both areas are valued for their biological diversity.

## Access

From Cairns, travel north 104km along the Cook Highway via Mossman to the Daintree River ferry. This operates 6am–midnight seven days a week, Christmas and Good Friday excepted.

Drivers should take care to keep to the left along the narrow, winding roads in the range section of the park. Because of the steep grades and creek crossings, the road past Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield is unsealed and generally suitable only for four-wheel-drive vehicles. It may be closed after heavy rain, especially from December to April. Check with the RACQ (4033 6711) for current road conditions.

## Caring for national parks

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service manages the park to conserve its outstanding natural and cultural values for the benefit of local, national and international communities.

Regulations are designed to help care for national and marine parks. Please observe the following to ensure enjoyment for all users:

- Campfires are prohibited. Please use fuel stoves.
- No dogs or cats are permitted in the area.
- Take all your rubbish away with you.
- Do not drive off formed roads.
- Do not feed native wildlife.
- Firearms, axes, machetes, chainsaws and generators are prohibited.

Care for our national parks