



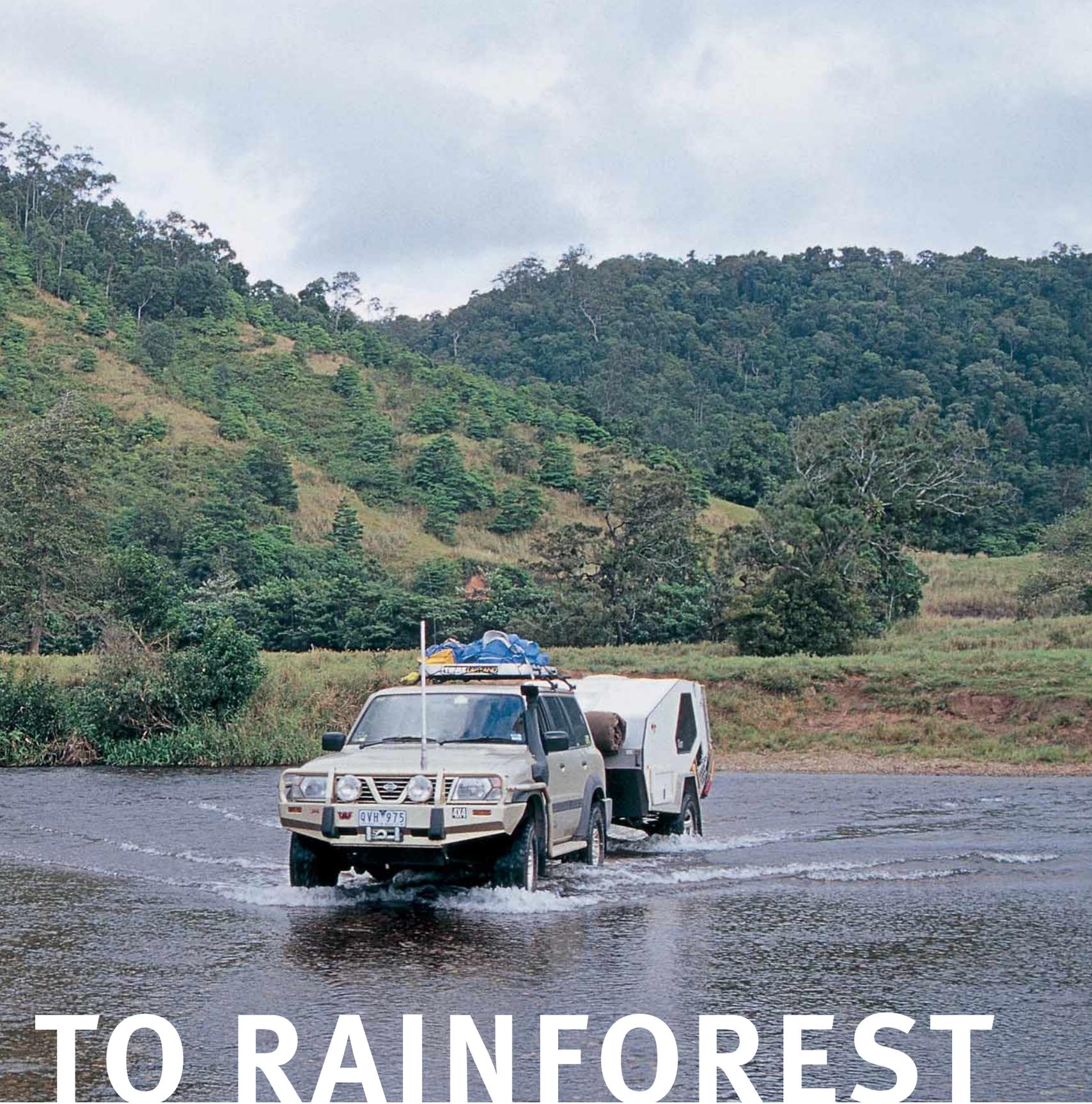
# FROM REEF

There are two ways from Daintree to Cape Tribulation. According to

**F**or many this area is where the magic of the Great Barrier Reef meets the rich rainforest. While these near untouched forests of northern Queensland are a designated World Heritage Area, much of the region and the forested mountain country is protected in national parks. Offshore, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park protects the coastline and reefs as well as the offshore islands.

Two routes cut through this pristine wilderness: the tourist road to Cape Tribulation, which continues on to Bloomfield and Cooktown as a much less used dirt road, and the infamous Cairns Regional Electricity Board (CREB) Track.

These trek notes take you north from the Daintree Village via the CREB Track to Bloomfield where you can continue north to Cooktown and onto Cape York. You can then do the southern leg on your way back, or



# TO RAINFOREST

**RON MOON** the infamous CREB track is the only choice for the serious off-roader



Cape Tribulation Beach in all its glory

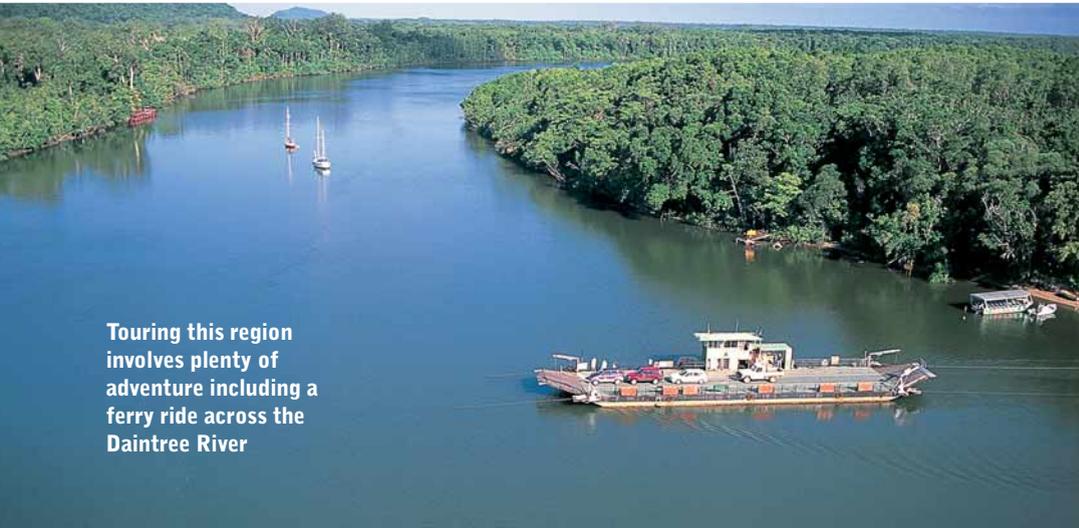
continue on this trek as a continuous circuit route with the trek notes taking you south to Cape Tribulation. From here you join the bitumen for the run to the Daintree River ferry and civilisation.

The CREB Track passes through private land, timber reserve and Aboriginal land. It begins just outside Daintree and heads north to the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Community.

After leaving the grazing land behind at the Daintree River you drive through rich rain-

forest as you head north. It is a great route, which climbs to the top of the range and crosses many beautiful creeks and rivers.

About 20km south of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal community, the track passes a small patch of scrub known as Christies Pocket, an Aboriginal outstation. A track branches off near this point and goes to 'China Camp', a tin mining area in the 1890s and early 1900s. From here you can also visit the well-known and spectacular waterfall, Roaring Meg. Aply



Touring this region involves plenty of adventure including a ferry ride across the Daintree River

## CREB track is only for experienced off-roaders

named, the falls can be heard from some distance and they're certainly worth the detour.

For off-roaders, the pleasant run south from Bloomfield through beautiful rainforest is the best route to and from Cooktown.

As you leave the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal community you cross the Bloomfield River, which has a major causeway across it. From this track junction you can also head the short distance to Bloomfield Falls, a gorgeous spot. You must have permission from Wujal Wujal to visit the falls, ph: 07 4060 8155.

From the causeway it's a pleasant 33km drive to Cape Trib, crossing several streams along the way, which are good spots to break the journey. There are a few steep climbs on this route, and these have been concreted, but even so the road is often closed in wet weather. This route was pushed through virgin rainforest in late 1984 amid much controversy, but it was worth it!

From Cape Tribulation you join the tourist throng in and around the Cape itself and places further south. Still it is worth lingering awhile as there is plenty to see and enjoy.

The road is bitumen for the 36km from Cape Trib to the Daintree River ferry, but it is narrow in parts and carries a fair amount of traffic. Take it easy as there is plenty of wildlife and the creek causeways can become deep and impassable after heavy rain.

You'll pass a heap of tourist attractions and facilities on the way from Cape Trib, where there are a wide range of tours available. Once at the ferry you are back in the tourist mainstream.

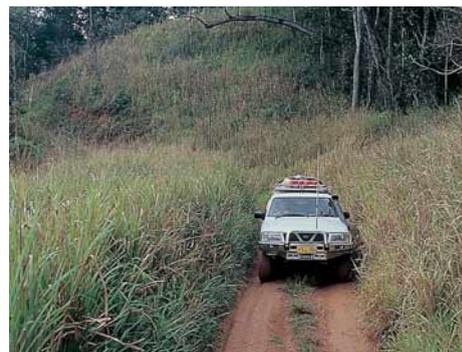
Cape Tribulation, named by Captain James Cook in 1770, is near the centre of Daintree NP, which stretches from Daintree River to the mouth of the Bloomfield River.

This region of north Queensland with its rich diversity of rainforests, upland rainforests, swamps and heathlands, abounds in animal life. You may even spot a cassowary.

No fishing or collecting is allowed between Cape Tribulation, north to Bloomfield, in a strip 500m wide from the low water mark. South of Cape Tribulation, line fishing and amateur bait netting is allowed.

### STANDARD AND TIMES

The CREB track should only be used by experienced four-wheel drivers. During the Wet the track is impassable and even light falls of rain can make some of the descents extremely hairy and dangerous. The area should be avoided if it has rained or about



Tracks can get pretty narrow up here

to, and it is no place for a camper trailer. Even the Cape Trib-Bloomfield road can be closed after light rainfalls and the steep climbs, if wet, are no place for camper trailers.

The 71km of the CREB track will take between three to six hours driving. The 77km south from Bloomfield to the ferry will take another two to three hours.

You could do this complete circuit in a long day but take your time and enjoy all of the delightful places you pass through.

### PERMITS, ACCESS AND CAMPING

The Daintree River ferry is 105km north of Cairns, 10km from Daintree Village and costs \$10-15. It gives access to Cape Tribulation, Daintree NP and places further north. Ferry staff can be contacted on ph: 0438 987 536, or AH, ph: 07 4098 7536.

You must have a Qld NP&WS 'Permit to Traverse a State Forest or Timber Reserve' to travel the CREB. Contact Qld NP&WS (Atherton), ph: 07 4091 1844, fax: 07 4091 3281.

The only place you are allowed to camp along the CREB Track is at Roaring Meg Falls. Apply to NP&WS in Atherton for this permit. Then, prior to accessing the area, you must contact Burungu Aboriginal Corporation at Wujal Wujal. Contact names and phone numbers are sent with camping permits.

This track passes through private land so leave gates as you find them.

There is a designated camping area within Daintree NP at Noah Beach, 8km south of Cape Trib. A small fee is payable and you need a camping permit from the Ranger.

For further information on the Daintree NP, contact the NP&WS Ranger at Cape Tribulation, ph: 07 4098 0052, or the Regional Office in Cairns, ph: 07 4046 6600.

### ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

There are no facilities along the CREB track between Daintree and Wujal Wujal.

North of Wujal Wujal you can camp at the very pleasant Bloomfield Camping and Cabins, ph: 07 4060 8207.

Bloomfield River Store, ph: 07 4060 8174 can supply fuel, basic food stuffs, fishing gear and the latest info on the fishing.

Peppers Bloomfield Lodge, is a remote lodge near the mouth of the Bloomfield River, ph: 07 4035 9180.

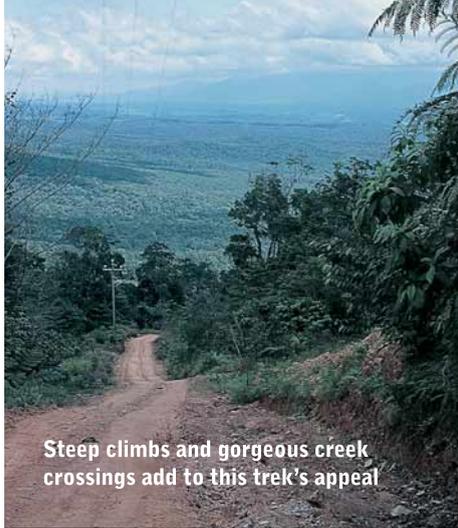
There is a wide range of accommodation available in privately-owned resorts and lodges throughout the Daintree-Cape Trib area. There are also numerous camping grounds, such as at Daintree Village, Rainforest Camp Caravan Park and Pilgrim Sands Holiday Park at Cape Tribulation.

For more info contact Douglas Shire Council, ph: 07 4098 2599, Cape Tribulation Environment Centre, ph: 07 4098 0063, or Daintree Village Info Centre, ph: 07 4098 6243.

Fuel and/or limited supplies can be obtained at Daintree Village, Cow Bay Service Station, Cow Bay, the Rainforest Village, south of Thornton Beach or, Mason's Store at Cape Trib itself.

### INFORMATION, MAPS AND GUIDES

Best maps: Hema Maps' Cairns to Cooktown, or Cape York. Best guidebook: Ron and Viv Moon's, *Cape York, an Adventurer's Guide*.



Steep climbs and gorgeous creek crossings add to this trek's appeal



For more treks and four-wheel drive information check out the Nissan website: [nissan.com.au/patrol](http://nissan.com.au/patrol)

### LEGEND

- TL Turn left
- TR Turn right
- VR Veer right
- VL Veer left
- KR Keep right
- KL Keep left
- TOL Track on left
- TOR Track on right
- LAF Leave as found
- SO Straight on
- PSA Straight ahead
- SP Sign posted

### TREK NOTES

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| <p><b>0.0</b> (0.0) Daintree Village. Opposite general store, TL into Stewart Creek Rd.</p> <p><b>1.0</b> (1.0) Road junction. TR onto Upper Daintree Rd; Cross bridge and veer right again after bridge.</p> <p><b>10.0</b> (9.0) Bridge – PSA</p> <p><b>10.2</b> (0.2) Track Junct – VR.</p> <p><b>GPS</b> <b>16° 11' 59" S 145° 17' 24" E</b></p> <p><b>10.3</b> (0.1) Daintree River crossing</p> <p><b>10.4</b> (0.1) Gate – PSA. From this point ignore side tracks and stay on main track.</p> <p><b>11.7</b> (1.3) Grid – Track climbs steeply.</p> <p><b>21.1</b> (9.4) Creek Crossing – good spot to stop. Steep climb out of creek.</p> <p><b>23.5</b> (2.4) Good views – track continues steep in parts.</p> <p><b>30.8</b> (7.3) Track on left to lookout – very steep. PSA.</p> <p><b>31.7</b> (0.9) Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>33.3</b> (1.6) Creek crossing – good water.</p> <p><b>34.3</b> (1.0) Creek crossing – old bridge on left. Steep climb out of creek.</p> <p><b>37.4</b> (3.1) Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>37.6</b> (0.2) Tank and shed on right – PSA.</p> <p><b>38.0</b> (0.4) Station on left – PSA. Numerous tracks around here.</p> <p><b>40.6</b> (2.6) T/J – PSA. Right leads to</p> | <p>China Camp and Roaring Meg Falls – follow signs.</p> <p><b>42.3</b> (1.7) Track on right – PSA.</p> <p><b>43.7</b> (1.4) Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>45.9</b> (2.2) Creek crossing – cement causeway.</p> <p><b>60.7</b> (14.8) Gate. 'Dawn Vale Station'.</p> <p><b>63.2</b> (2.5) T/J – VL onto main Bloomfield-Ayton Road. Power lines overhead.</p> <p><b>GPS</b> <b>15° 56' 17" S 145° 19' 24" E</b></p> <p><b>63.6</b> (0.4) Granite Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>65.8</b> (2.2) Bloomfield River Inn and store on right. PSA.</p> <p><b>71.2</b> (5.4) Bloomfield Beach Camping Ground.</p> <p><b>Route south begins at Bloomfield Beach Camping Area</b></p> <p><b>0.0</b> (0.0) Head south on main road from camping area.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> (5.4) Bloomfield River Inn and store on left. PSA</p> <p><b>8.3</b> (2.9) CREB Track on right. PSA.</p> <p><b>Zero Trip Meter</b></p> <p><b>0.0</b> (0.0) Continue south on main road</p> <p><b>1.1</b> (1.1) Enter Wujal Wujal. Keep left on main road.</p> | <p><b>1.8</b> (0.7) Service station to left. PSA.</p> <p><b>2.3</b> (0.5) Track junction. TL across causeway over Bloomfield River. Straight ahead leads to Bloomfield River Falls.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> (2.9) Begarra Outstation to left – PSA. Road parallels river for some time.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> (3.0) Luana Creek crossing. Route climbs steeply from here.</p> <p><b>11.2</b> (3.0) Woobadda Creek crossing. Good spot to stop.</p> <p><b>14.5</b> (3.3) Meelele Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>17.5</b> (3.0) Bill Forester lookout. Steep descent from here.</p> <p><b>18.7</b> (1.2) Melissa Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>20.3</b> (1.6) Collins Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>21.0</b> (0.7) Parking area and walking trail to beach on left. PSA.</p> <p><b>24.2</b> (3.2) Donovan Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>25.7</b> (1.5) Tachalbadga Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>27.7</b> (2.0) Emmagen Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>32.0</b> (4.3) Rykers Creek crossing.</p> <p><b>33.2</b> (1.2) Cape Tribulation. Parking area to right.</p> |
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**From here south it is 36km to bitumen to the Ferry across the Daintree River. From there it is 10km to Daintree village or 25km to Mossman.**