



WELCOME TO DAINTREE NATIONAL PARK

Immerse yourself in mysterious ancient rainforest and rich indigenous culture. Discover an iconic part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area—the Daintree—where tropical rainforest meets the reef.

Stand on pristine beaches where rainforest-clad mountains rise steeply from the coastline sheltering the ancestors of plants that lived millions of years ago. Take a stroll through one of Australia's last extensive stands of tropical lowland rainforest or observe the tangle of mangrove roots at low tide. Duck beneath giant fan-shaped leaves, feel the cool rainforest air and marvel at the diverse plants and animals that fill this 'living ark'. Close your eyes and appreciate the long and continuing connection the Kuku Yalanji people have to this country.

For me, it's such a beautiful place. Simply taking time out in the peace and quiet, sitting at one of many viewing platforms, listening to the sound of water running by—you can't beat that. We're lucky to see so much wildlife ranging from southern cassowaries and buff-breasted paradise-kingfishers in the nesting season, to the elusive Bennett's tree-kangaroo.

Ranger Paul

EASTERN KUKU YALANJI COUNTRY

The Eastern Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people welcome you to their country and ask that you respect their special place. We are proud of our rainforests, mountains, rivers, waterfalls, beaches, sea and reef and welcome people who visit our country in a respectful way.

Our bubu (land), bana (freshwater) and jalun (sea)—our vision is to look after it all. Not only for ourselves, but for everyone—our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Elder Alf Diamond, Traditional Owner for Mossman Gorge section of Daintree National Park

The whole Daintree is a special place. It is a privilege for me as a Traditional Owner to look after this Country again like our old people did. We'd like all visitors to respect this place. Enjoy being here and help look after it.

Jabalbina Yalanji Ranger coordinator Phillip Minniecon

Daintree National Park is part of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Protected Area co-management area, managed together by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Jabalbina Yalanji rangers.

START YOUR JOURNEY

Part of the adventure is just getting there! Take the Great Barrier Reef Drive from Cairns to Cape Tribulation, hugging the stunning coastline of white sandy beaches, fringing reefs and ranges blanketed in dense rainforest. Trust us on this one—it's a drive to remember. Once you arrive, take time to explore the park's two (very different) sections—Mossman Gorge and Cape Tribulation.

DISCOVER MOSSMAN GORGE SECTION

Enter lush ancient rainforest and learn about Eastern Kuku Yalanji people's deep connections to country. Walk past vibrant tropical vegetation, and relax to the sound of water flowing through the gorge. Catch a glimpse of the metallic-blue Ulysses butterfly as it dances through the canopy and listen for the distinctive wompoo pigeon call of 'wallack-a-woo' and 'book-a-rook'. This is a place to truly connect with the spirit of nature.

GETTING THERE

Mossman Gorge section is approximately 75km north of Cairns via the Captain Cook Highway and Mossman. Shuttle buses to the walking tracks operate daily from the Mossman Gorge Centre. (Fees apply).

Take a cultural tour from the Mossman Gorge Centre to experience the rich culture of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people and gain an insight into their deep connections with their land.



WALKS TO EXPLORE

① Baral Marrjanga

270m one way (5–10mins). Grade: easy

Stroll along elevated boardwalks through the lower rainforest canopy to a lookout with spectacular views of the Mossman River and mountain ranges beyond. The track starts from the car park and is suitable for wheelchairs, strollers and vision-impaired visitors. The word *Baral* means track and *Marrjanga* means a group of elders or a number of bosses.

② Lower river track

300m one way (5–10mins). Grade: moderate to easy

Meander alongside Mossman River before joining Baral Marrjanga ①. Enjoy river views from lookouts along the track, taking time to stop and listen to cascading water tumbling down the gorge. Take care on slippery steps and use the handrails provided. This track starts from the car park.



Walk high above Rex Creek (top left), immerse in tropical rainforest (above) and stroll along Baral (right) Marrjanga

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③ Rex Creek bridge

460m return (10mins). Grade: moderate to easy

Catch your breath mid-air over Rex Creek as you cross the suspension bridge. This track starts off Baral Marrjanga ① near the lookout.

④ Rainforest circuit track

2.4 km return (1–1.5hrs). Grade: moderate

Branching off Rex Creek bridge ③, venture deeper into the tranquil rainforest. Admire views of Manjal Dimbi (Mount Demi) from a small lookout before delving into the rainforest to see ribbon-like buttress roots, climbing vines seeking precious light and many rainforest giants dripping with other plants. The track surface changes here and becomes rough and uneven with sections of steps—you need to wear sturdy closed shoes and be reasonably fit. This track can be closed temporarily due to flooding.

WILDLIFE TO SPOT

Mossman Gorge abounds in fascinating wildlife, from the Daintree River ringtail possum found only here to a spectacular array of birdlife. Don your explorer's hat and go on safari!

Boyd's forest dragon

Keep a watchful eye out for the spikey-scaled Boyd's forest dragon perfectly camouflaged and clinging quietly to a tree trunk in the lower parts of the forest.

Victoria's riflebird

Listen for the unmistakable loud and harsh call of this magical bird. During the mating season the males perform a spectacular courtship display, sitting on a perch and fanning their wings upwards while swaying side to side.

Gaze into Mossman Gorge's lush tropical rainforest (top); Boyd's forest dragon (right); Victoria's riflebird (bottom)

Photo (top): Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt
Photo (right): © Steven Nowakowski
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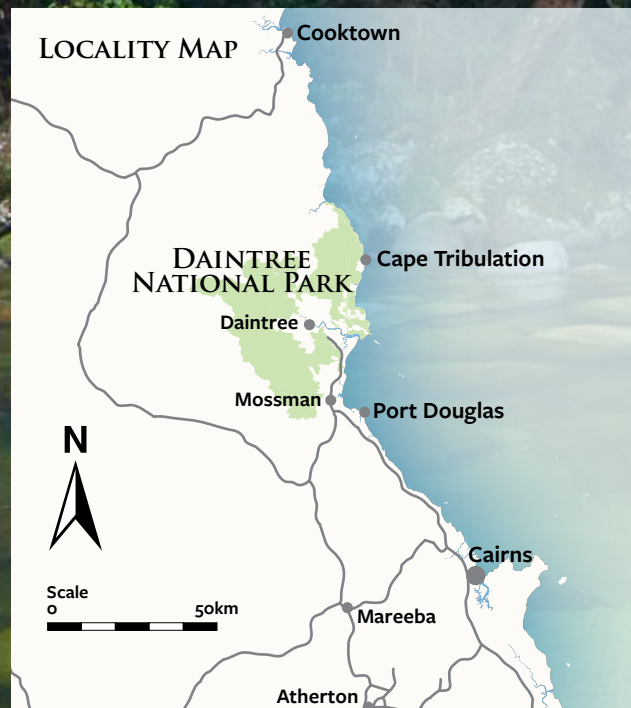
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DISCOVER CAPE TRIBULATION SECTION

Experience the beauty of Cape Tribulation, where lush forested mountains meet white sandy beaches and sparkling blue reef waters. Feel your worries disappear as the Daintree River ferry starts your Cape Tribulation adventure. Drive through tunnels of trees, look far out to sea and do some island spotting, take your photo on famous Cape Tribulation beach and spend time getting to know this nature-lover's paradise.

Cape Tribulation section is approximately 110–143km north of Cairns, via the Captain Cook Highway, Mossman–Daintree Road, Daintree River ferry (operating daily from 6am to midnight) and Cape Tribulation Road. Cape Tribulation Road is not recommended for caravans.

WALKS TO EXPLORE

Choose your own adventure! With so many walks to choose from your toughest decision will be how many can you do in a day?

⑤ Jindalba ('foot of the mountain') boardwalk

650m return (45mins). Grade: easy

Wander along the boardwalk into tropical lowland rainforest. Gaze up at towering trees and feel the cool air wrap around you.

⑥ Jindalba circuit track

3km return (1.5hrs). Grade: moderate

Venture further into the rainforest on this longer circuit track. This track is well marked but is stony in places and crosses rainforest creeks.

⑦ Marra ('rainforest' or 'jungle') boardwalk

1.2km return (45mins). Grade: easy

Meander along this boardwalk and experience both rainforest and mangroves without getting muddy. Every stage in the evolution of land plants for the last 400 million years is represented in a very small area here. There are no toilets or picnic areas at this site.

⑧ Dubuji ('place of spirits') boardwalk

1.2km loop (45mins). Grade: easy

Stroll along the boardwalk through lowland rainforest swamps and mangroves and feel the awe of walking through this ancient forest. Enjoy a picnic in the grassy area or under the picnic shelters. Toilets are located near Myall Beach.

⑨ Kulki

600m return (10mins). Grade: easy

Follow the boardwalk from the picnic area to a viewing platform overlooking iconic Cape Tribulation beach. The name *kulki* is the Eastern Kuku Yalanji peoples' place name for Cape Tribulation. A short walk from the Kulki car park takes you south to beautiful Myall Beach. Toilets and picnic tables are provided.

Take a stroll along Marra boardwalk or enjoy the ocean view on the Kulki walk.

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WILDLIFE TO SPOT

Cape Tribulation section is home to many different animals—some primitive and others found only here or in very few other places. Walk quietly and keep your eyes open to increase your chances of seeing them!

Southern cassowary

See Queensland's amazing flightless rainforest bird—the southern cassowary, helping regenerate the rainforest by eating fruits and spreading seeds.

Musky rat-kangaroo

While mostly active at night, you may be lucky enough to see musky rat-kangaroos feeding on the forest floor. These tiny forest gardeners play an important role in rainforest regeneration, leaving forgotten hoarded fruit buried in the ground to germinate.



CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATION

Spend a night under the stars to experience Daintree after dark. The shady camping area at Noah Beach, just 50m from the sandy shore, provides a great place to camp. Let the sound of rolling waves send you to sleep. This camping area is suitable for cars, small campervans and camper trailers but not caravans, large campervans, rooftop campers or motorhomes. Camp site size restrictions apply. Please visit queenslandnationalparks.com.au for details.

Camping must be booked before arriving.

This camping area is closed during the wet season. Book your camping online at qld.gov.au/camping or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68). Mobile service is not available in many areas of the national park.

Alternatively choose from private accommodation such as motels, bed and breakfasts, lodges, private camping areas and budget dormitories. Please visit tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au for details.

Musky rat-kangaroo (far left)
Southern cassowary (left)

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BE CASS-O-WARY

Never approach cassowaries or their chicks as male cassowaries will defend them aggressively. Feeding cassowaries is illegal and dangerous, and has caused cassowary deaths—always discard your food scraps in closed bins. If you slow down or stop your vehicle to view a cassowary, be careful of other traffic.



MARINE STINGERS

Dangerous stinging jellyfish ('stingers') may be present in the coastal waters off Cape Tribulation section at any time, but occur more frequently in the warmer months. For your safety, always stay out of the water. Estuarine crocodiles live in the sea and estuaries in this area, do not swim or paddle here. See croc wise section below.



BE CROC WISE

Never approach, feed or harass crocodiles—stay well away! Crocodiles are dangerous and you should never take unnecessary risks in crocodile habitat. Crocodiles are a hidden and unseen danger, without fear of humans. Even though you cannot see them, crocodiles may be close by.

Always obey crocodile warning signs—stay out of the water and well away from the water's edge, especially when fishing. Watch children closely and dispose of food scraps and fish waste carefully to avoid attracting crocodiles.

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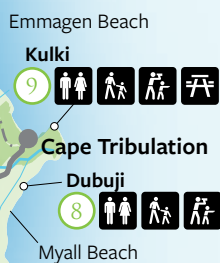
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WALKS AT A GLANCE

Location	Grade	Distance	Walking time	Access point
Mossman Gorge				
① Baral Marrjanga	Easy	270m (one way)	5–10mins	Mossman Gorge Centre
② Lower river track	Moderate to easy	300m (one way)	5–10mins	Mossman Gorge Centre
③ Rex Creek bridge	Moderate to easy	460m (return)	10mins	End of Baral Marrjanga
④ Rainforest circuit track	Moderate	2.4km	1–1.5hrs	Rex Creek bridge
Cape Tribulation				
⑤ Jindalba boardwalk	Easy	650m (return)	45mins	Jindalba car park
⑥ Jindalba circuit track	Moderate	3km (return)	1.5hrs	Entrance to Jindalba boardwalk
⑦ Marrja boardwalk	Easy	1.2km (return)	45mins	Marrja car park
⑧ Dubuji boardwalk	Easy	1.2km loop	45 mins	Dubiji car park
⑨ Kulki	Easy	600m (return)	10mins	Kulki car park



RANGER FAVOURITES



As an Indigenous ranger I love to show visitors the rainforest fruits that are in season and what's edible and what's not.

Ranger Will

Photo (above and below right): © Qld Govt

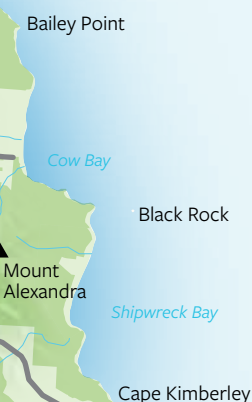
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My favourite experience as a ranger is seeing visitors learning about, and experiencing the many natural wonders of the Daintree.

Ranger Brendan



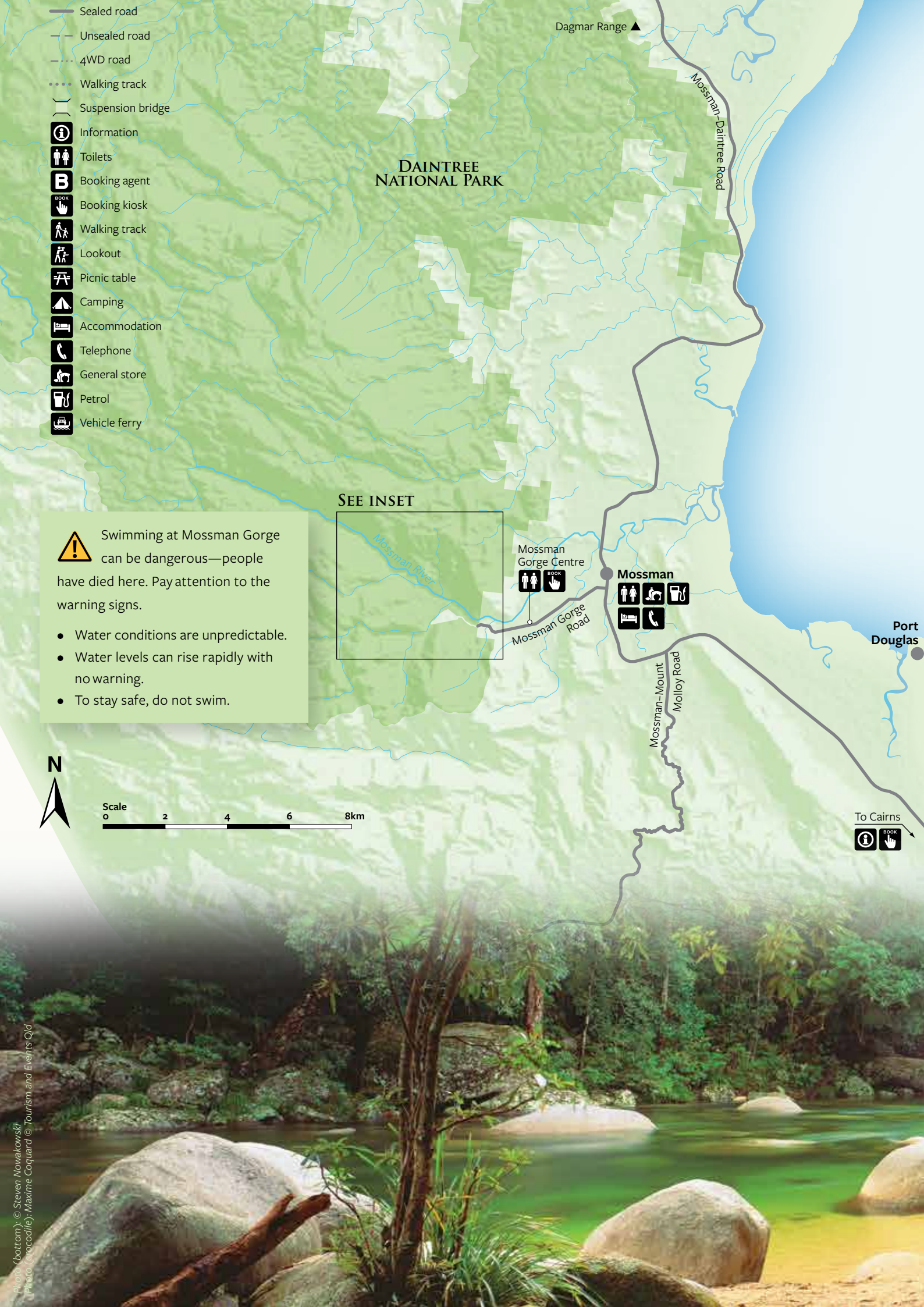
Take the time to relax and enjoy the views of the mouth of the Daintree River from Mount Alexandra lookout.

Ranger Brendan



Kulki lookout is one of the many spots where the rainforest meets the reef. It is here where you may see dolphins, dugong, turtles or even a whale frolicking out on the horizon during the migration season.

Ranger Kylie



Dagmar Range ▲

Mossman-Daintree Road

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- Sealed road
- Unsealed road
- 4WD road
- Walking track
- Suspension bridge
- Information
- Toilets
- Booking agent
- Booking kiosk
- Walking track
- Lookout
- Picnic table
- Camping
- Accommodation
- Telephone
- General store
- Petrol
- Vehicle ferry

SEE INSET

Mossman Gorge Centre

Mossman

Mossman Gorge Road

Mossman-Mount
Molloy Road

Port Douglas

To Cairns

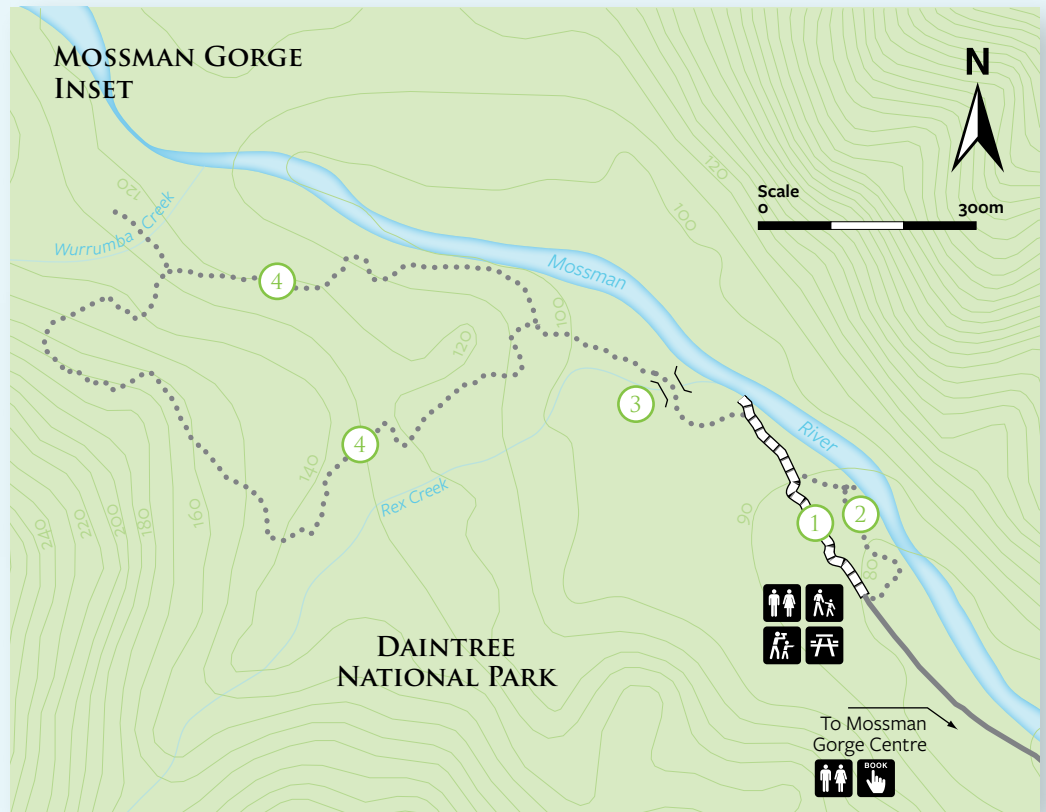


Swimming at Mossman Gorge can be dangerous—people have died here. Pay attention to the warning signs.

- Water conditions are unpredictable.
- Water levels can rise rapidly with no warning.
- To stay safe, do not swim.



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EXPLORE SAFELY

Make your visit to the Daintree memorable for the right reasons.

- Avoid stinging trees with their large, heart-shaped leaves. Touching any part of the plant results in a very painful sting. If stung, and symptoms are severe, seek medical advice.
- Always tell a responsible person your route and expected time of return. Contact this responsible person when you return and have a contingency plan in place if you fail to contact them by the agreed time. If you change your plans, inform them.
- Don't shortcut off walking tracks and boardwalks.
- Check the park website for access, closures and conditions before visiting.
- Use insect repellent for ticks and leeches.
- Remember mobile phone reception may be poor or non-existent.

CARING FOR THE DAINTREE

- Avoid disturbing animals and plants.
- Leave your pets at home.
- Don't feed wildlife and take your rubbish, including food scraps, with you when you leave.
- Use no shampoo or soap in or near waterways.
- Don't place rubbish or contents of chemical toilet tanks in the toilets.
- Always stay on walking tracks.