

National Parks

PROTECTED AREAS - leading to National Parks.

“What one does not understand, one will not value,

What one does not value, one will not protect.”

A decision was made many years ago that some of the State Land of Queensland was to be protected for the conservation of Nature. These dedicated areas were to be representative of the biological diversity, natural features and wildness of this vast country.

The definition of Nature as stated in the current Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992 included, but was not limited to; “ecosystems and their constituent parts”; “all natural and physical resources”; “natural dynamic processes”; and “the characteristics of places, however small or large that contribute to their biological diversity and integrity; or their intrinsic or scientific value”. The Act contains a broader definition of “Diversity” for those interested.

The Act proceeded to define twelve (now thirteen) classes of protected areas. Those that are of interest here are noted below and detailed lists are accessible by clicking on the associated link:

- national parks (scientific);
- national parks;
- national parks (recovery);
- conservation parks;
- nature refuges.
- national parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) (most recent)

The detailed lists in accordance with the legislation that are posted on this site may contain some individual summary descriptions and links from a particular park to the corresponding Environmental Protection Agency Parks and Forests website, where detailed information is posted regarding the park in question, walking and camping possibilities and booking availability.

Not all parks listed in the legislation have descriptive information or are open to the public due to restricted access requirements, are too remote or are considered to be too difficult to access.

The protected areas referred to above are to be found in all the different bio-regions of Queensland.

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We have very little National Park - so the land that we do have MUST be protected and augmented.
National Parks under Attack.

National Parks are a magnet for people who would seek to benefit financially from the vision of those men and women who fought for the establishment of the protected areas that we do have in Queensland. What we do have is very little in area and incomplete in representation as compared to the other States in Australia, so the land that we do have MUST be protected, effectively managed and augmented, so that it is not overwhelmed and irreparably damaged by the burgeoning population.

There are many things that you can do and see in National Parks across Queensland. You can camp, bushwalk, bird watch and look at the beautiful scenery to name a few of the various attractions and activities on offer. Many of the Parks have rich vegetation and rainforest canopies within them and they provide an abundance of biodiversity of all types of flora and fauna.

There are National Parks, Conservation Areas and Recreation Areas across Queensland and many are only a short distance from Brisbane so if you are local to the city, there is no excuse not to go out and experience one of these beautiful areas today.

We hope you enjoy your experiences when you visit any of the range of the locations listed below.

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