

ULTIMATE GUIDE TO CAMPING, CARAVANNING & 4WDING ON THE SUNSHINE COAST



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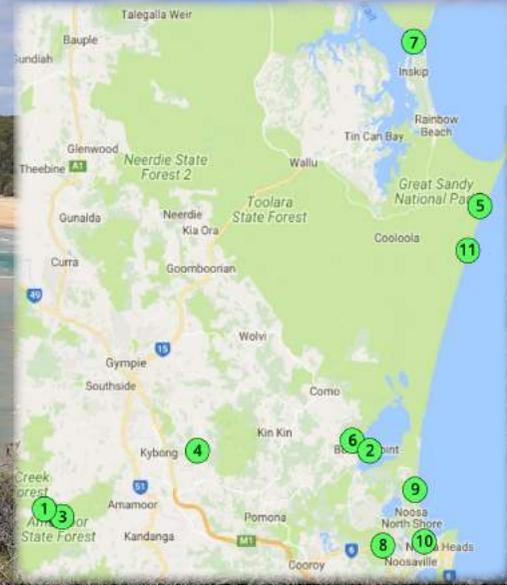
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ULTIMATE Camping Checklist

SHELTER	BEDDING	LIGHTING	KITCHEN
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NORTH



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1. AMAMOOR CREEK CAMPING AREA (NP) (Amamoor State Forest)

Nestled beside the Amamoor Creek and set among woodlands of iron barks and blue gums, this spacious grassy camping area is popular during the annual Gympie Music Muster, held during the last week of August, which attracts thousands of visitors. This camping area is also busy over school and public holidays but at other times it's ideal for peaceful camping and star gazing on clear nights. It is also the only national park campground in the region that allows dogs.

2. BOREEN POINT CAMPGROUND (P)

Camp on the shore of Noosa's largest lake in natural bush surroundings. Suitable for conventional vehicles as well as campervans and caravans, Boreen Point is perfect for those who love remote outdoor activities. Boats are allowed on the lake and kayaks are available for hire. Laundry facilities are now available, and they even have an iPhone and iPad charging station. Dogs are allowed on application.

3. CEDAR GROVE CAMPING AREA (NP) (Amamoor State Forest)

Sleep under the stars and toast marshmallows over a camp fire in the fire rings provided. The open grassy area amongst red cedar and bunya pines is the perfect camping

spot and a great base for your Amamoor adventure. Take a stroll along the Rainforest walk or tackle a longer walk on the Cedar Grove hiking trail. Cool off in the large waterhole in the creek, easily accessed through the gate near the camping area. Cedar Grove is a great place to camp if you want to explore the forestry tracks by 4WD and mountain bike.

4. COBB & CO NINE MILE CAMPGROUNDS (P)

Just south of Gympie is another local favourite, Cobb & Co Nine Mile Camping Grounds. Set on the site of the old Cobb and Co Horse Change Stables at Six Mile Creek, these campgrounds feature just about everything you could want from a farm-style camping adventure. There is a billabong for swimming, a fantastic kids playground and an animal farm. The campground also offers luxury tents to hire if you don't have your own gear.

5. FRESHWATER CAMPING AREA (NP) (Cooloola Recreation Area*)

Take the family back to nature in this popular beach camping area. It is more protected than the beach-front sites so it's an ideal spot when strong winds are forecast. There is abundant native flora and fauna for the nature lovers. Stroll the Freshwater Lake circuit or explore Teewah Beach before continuing your journey on foot along the Cooloola Great Walk. Take the 4WD out for a spin along the Cooloola beach drive or Freshwater Road 4WD track.

6. ELANDA POINT EVERGLADES ECOCAMP (P)

This one is for the nature lovers. Elanda Point is uniquely located in the National Park adjoining the Noosa Everglades. The 65 acre property backs directly onto the Noosa River and offers a wilderness experience like no other. There are a variety of nature walks accessible from the ecocamp and the site also offers a free shuttle bus to and from Noosa.

7. INSKIP PENINSULA (NP)

Although it is *technically* not in the Sunshine Coast region, Inskip is an absolute favourite among locals. Inskip Peninsula has five different camping areas to choose from, each with direct access to the beach. Many sites even have spots available right next to the dunes. Some sites require 4WD access, so that might influence which area you are able to camp in. Only selected sites will accommodate caravans and camper trailers so do your research before heading up to know which area will. Facilities are basic, there are drop toilets in the camping areas (excluding 'The Oaks').

8. NOOSA BIG 4 (P)

Discover all the Noosa area has to offer from your holiday home away from home. BIG4 Noosa offers heaps of things to do on site, with plenty of entertainment options to keep the kids occupied all holiday long. If you want to explore the area, the park has easy access to whale watching, gourmet dining, pristine beaches, nature walks and all the incredible sights Noosa has to offer.

9. NOOSA NORTH SHORE (P)

Located on the north shore of the Noosa River, the Noosa North Shore Campground is a great location with absolute beachfront. The campground has limited amenities, so it is best suited to the more self-sufficient camper. You can enjoy fishing, surfing, bushwalking, a stroll on the beach and plenty of 4WDing. There is beach access not far from the campground, with a great drive up the beach to Double Island Point, and across to Fraser Island.



*Beachside Camping at Noosa North Shore
(Photo Credit Noosa North Shore)*

10. NOOSA RIVER HOLIDAY PARK (P)

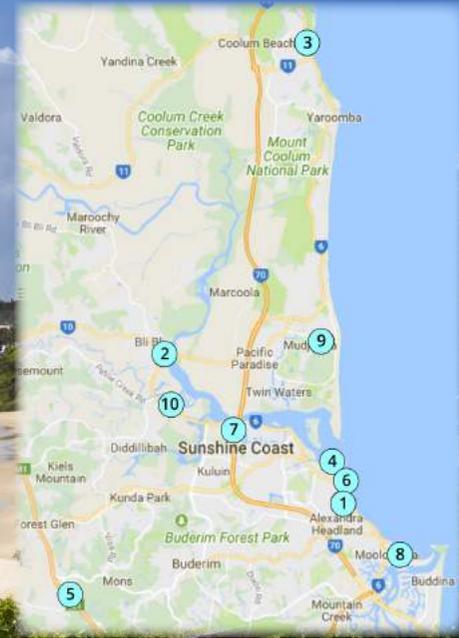
On the banks of the magnificent Noosa River lies one of the most popular holiday parks on the Queensland Coast. A 20 minute walk will take you to either into Hastings Street or Gympie Terrace. Enjoy your days in the area sampling local goods from the chic cafes, restaurants and speciality stores. The world famous Noosa Beach is also accessible by foot, car, bus or ferry.

11. TEEWAH BEACH (NP) (Coolooloa Recreation Area*)

Beachside camping at its best, and so close to home! But be prepared, this spot is for the more serious campers out there. The camping area can only be reached by 4WD and vehicle permits are required. The sites are suitable for tents, walk in camping and off-road caravans and camper trailers with high clearance. There are very limited facilities available, so it is recommended to bring your own portable toilet.

**There are 20 campgrounds in total in Coolooloa Recreation Area, however, many sites have very limited accessibility. Check Department of National Parks website for a full list of campgrounds available in the area.*

CENTRAL



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1. ALEX BEACH TOURIST PARK (P)

Centrally located and only a 2 minute walk to the beach, this park is run by long-time locals who know all the best spots and events on nearby. Walking distance to shops, restaurants and the newly renovated skate park along the 'sunshine strip'. This is an ideal spot for caravanners and campers who want to be in the centre of it all.

2. BLI BLI RIVERSIDE CARAVAN VILLAGE (P)

If you are after a central location with plenty to see and do, look no further than Bli Bli Riverside Caravan Village. This park backs onto the Maroochy River and is within walking distance to some of the area's favourite attractions. There are shops across the road to pick up the things you forgot to pack, and a boat ramp only a minute away if you want to get out and explore the river. Visitors rave about how well the amenities and grounds are maintained by the owners and the fantastic value, year-round rates, meaning no extra charges for staying in peak seasons.

3. COOLUM BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Coolum Beach is arguably one of the best surf beaches in the country and what better way to enjoy it than staying on absolute beach frontage at the Coolum Beach Holiday Park. Sites with direct access to the patrolled surf of Coolum Beach make this park one of the Sunshine Coast's most popular camping and caravan destinations. Located next to the Surf Club, Coolum Beach Holiday Park is set on ten acres of pristine beachfront land.

4. COTTON TREE HOLIDAY PARK (P)

The best of both worlds awaits you at Cotton Tree Holiday Park with direct access to the Maroochy River and Maroochydore Beach. Surfers will love Maroochydore Beach and paddle boarders or sailors will love the river close by. Maroochy River is an angler's delight with great fishing all year round. Enjoy the spectacular sunsets, with family and friends or retreat to a quiet spot to relax and enjoy the tranquillity. With over eight hectares there is a spacious and shady place for everyone to enjoy.

5. FOREST GLEN BIG 4 (P)

Kid heaven! The resort facilities include a heated pool with 14m waterslide, 9-hole mini golf, two tennis courts, movie nights at the outdoor cinema, large bouncing cushion, and lots of space to run around. Families can sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings, or be as active as you want with all the park facilities available.



Maroochy Beach Holiday Park
(Photo Credit Sunshine Coast Holiday Parks)

6. MAROOCHYDORE BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Another favourite beachside caravan park on the Sunshine Coast, the Maroochydores Beach Holiday Park. Here there is nothing between you and the ocean, with a walkway straight to one of the most popular beaches on the Coast. The patrolled beach offers surfers some magnificent waves and the waters of the Maroochy River's estuary are ideal for young swimmers, boaters, water skiers and fishers.

7. MAROOCHY RIVER PARK (P)

If you are looking for that old fashioned caravan park experience, with all the modern facilities you're used to, look no further than Maroochy River Park. Known as one of the friendliest caravan parks on the coast, the staff go out of their way to make the park feel like a home away from home. The park has recently been through a major refurbishment and update of the guest facilities so if you haven't visited for a while, its worth checking out.

8. MOOLOOLABA BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Arguably the Sunshine Coasts most sought after beachside caravan park, Mooloolaba Beach Holiday Park is situated directly on the stunning Mooloolaba Beach. It is central to some of Mooloolaba's biggest attractions including Sea Life Aquarium, Mooloolaba Wharf and Mooloolaba Surf Club. Safety is ensured with fully fenced grounds and boom gate access.

9. MUDJIMBA BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

The tranquil setting of Mudjimba Beach Holiday Park is the perfect place for a relaxing beachside get away. With beach access points right at your door step and plenty of private sites this park is a shady sanctuary for those wanting to unwind by the beach. You can even bring along your pooch to enjoy the holiday with you.



Safari Tents at Rivershore Resort
(Photo Credit Rivershore Resort)

10. RIVERSHORE RESORT (P)

It's no wonder this holiday park is rated one of the best on the Sunshine Coast by its guests. Rivershore Resort in Bli Bli is the perfect destination for a fun-filled family holiday. Rivershore has a heap of activities on offer to keep the whole family entertained. They even have 'glamping' style safari tents for those who want a little more luxury with their next adventure.



SOUTH

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1. CALOUNDRA WATERFRONT HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Located with direct access to the Pumicestone Passage and within walking distance to beaches and shops, Caloundra Waterfront is the perfect spot for those who want to be close to everything. There's plenty to keep everyone entertained with a kid's playgrounds and pool, as well as bike, kayak and SUP hire nearby.

2. COOCHIN CREEK CAMPING AREA (NP)

Pack the fishing rod and kayak, this spot is perfect for those who like to cast a line or go for a paddle upstream. There's also a boat ramp nearby to launch a small boat. The large shady sites at Coochin Creek are perfect for families or groups with plenty of open grassy areas.

3. DICKY BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

With direct access to one of the Sunshine Coast's most spectacular beaches, it's no surprise the Dicky Beach Holiday Park is one of the most popular beachside

caravan parks. Located on the beachfront at Caloundra's Dicky Beach, this park has a variety of accommodation, ranging from camping to caravans as well as studio units.

4. GOLDEN BEACH HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Walking distance to one of the Sunshine Coast's favourite beaches, the Golden Beach Holiday Park is an ideal spot for beach lovers. With newly renovated facilities and plenty of nearby activities, this is a great for those who enjoy getting out and about on the water. Its central location is ideal for those who want to be in the middle of all the best Caloundra has to offer.

5. OCEAN BEACH (P) (Bribie Island)

This is one for the self-sufficient camper. Ocean Beach Camping area features 64 campsites spanning a couple of kilometres along the open ocean side of Bribie Island. The campsite is only accessible via the beach or the inland sand track. A 4WD is essential to get there and vehicle permits are required. Facilities are very limited too, so it is recommended to bring your own portable toilet.

HINTERLAND



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1. CHARLIE MORELAND CAMPING AREA (NP)

The open grassy camping area at Charlie Moreland is the perfect place for a family trip or getaway with friends. There is plenty to do with nearby walking, mountain bike and horse riding trails. Or simply enjoy getting away from it all, relaxing by a campfire listening to the sounds of nature. The grounds are well looked after, with loads of open spaces for everyone to enjoy.

2. BLUFF CREEK CAMPGROUNDS (P)

The privately-owned Bluff Creek Campground in Kenilworth is a fantastic spot for a long weekend escape. There are campsites suitable for couples, families and larger groups with each being located nearby the beautiful clear creek with swimming holes and plenty of fish. There is lots to do in the area, or you can just enjoy the peace and quiet on this beautiful property.

3. BORUMBA DEER PARK (P)

This family owned and operated caravan park is the perfect place for the whole family to enjoy. There is heaps to see and do with swimming, fishing and kayaking in Yabba Creek and plenty of walking tracks and park grounds to explore. They even have deer feeding along the fence adjoining the nearby forestry.

4. BOOLOUMBA CREEK CAMPGROUNDS (NP)

An absolute favourite among Sunshine Coast locals, Booloumba Creek is a fantastic spot to escape away to. There are 3 different camping areas to choose from: area 1 and 3 are tucked away in the rainforest, and area 4 is an open area suitable for caravans and camper trailers. With lookouts, waterfalls, walking tracks and crystal-clear creeks to swim in there is plenty to keep you occupied.



Booloumba Creek Camping Area 4

5. GHERRULLA CAMPING AREA (NP)

This camping area is a little harder to get to, as it is only accessible via 4WD in dry conditions. But if you are willing to head off the beaten track for your next escape this might be worth the visit. There are only 3 sites to choose from, but this secluded spot is perfect for when you really want to switch off and get back to nature.

6. KENILWORTH CAMPING (P)

Another local favourite in the hinterland, this privately-owned campground is also a fully operational dairy farm. With creek side camping spots and plenty of grounds to explore it's a great location for your next family adventure. Whether you go for a swim, kayak, bike ride or check one of their dairy tours everyone is sure to enjoy themselves.

7. KENILWORTH HOMESTEAD (P)

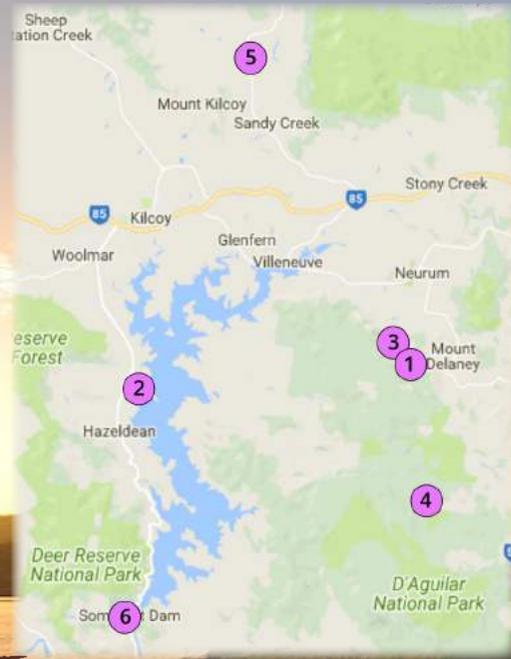
This stunning private property is situated right on the banks of the beautiful Mary River and just 2km from Kenilworth township. The campground offers both powered and non-powered sites and even has a couple of vintage caravans you can hire. They also have a spa cabin for those who want a little more luxury on their farm-style getaway.



*Kenilworth Homestead overlooking Campsites
(Photo Credit Kenilworth Homestead)*

8. PEACH TREES CAMPING AREA (NP)

The open shady spaces of Peach Trees make it the perfect spot for large groups. There is a creek for swimming and shared fire rings to gather around and swap stories. Peach Trees is also one of the only campgrounds in the area that has a wheelchair friendly campsite to cater for those with accessibility difficulties.



*Lake Somerset
(Photo Credit: Visit Brisbane)*

WEST

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1. ARCHER CAMPING AREA (NP)

This small campsite is perfect for anyone looking for a secluded spot for their next trip. Pitch your tent in one of the shaded, grassy sites and take a refreshing dip in the creek. Or if you're looking for a bit more excitement head out on one of the 4WD or bike tracks that are accessible from the camping area. There are only 9 sites available, but if you are looking for a quiet place to escape to, this one is worth checking out.

2. LAKE SOMERSET HOLIDAY PARK (P)

Hook up the boat and hit the road. If you haven't been to Lake Somerset Holiday Park already, we've got your next camping spot sorted. Set on 45 acres, camp under the stars or live it up in one of the on-site safari tents or cabins. With direct access to the water this spot is an absolute favourite for lovers of watersports. There are also plenty of on-site activities like mini golf and a playground for the kids to enjoy. So, whether you enjoy waterskiing, fishing, kayaking or prefer to stay on land, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

3. NEURUM CREEK BUSH RETREAT (P)

If you're looking for a bush park that's got it all, look no further than Neurum Creek Bush Retreat. This family owned and operated campground has everything on offer with swimming holes, bike paths, walking trails and plenty of open space to explore. The site also has tents and gear to hire if you don't have your own gear, plus an onsite shop if you forget to pack something.



*Neurum Creek Bush Retreat from above
(Photo Credit Neurum Creek Bush Retreat)*



*Rockpools at Sandy Creek Campin
(Photo Credit Sandy Creek Campin)*

4. NEURUM CREEK CAMPING AREA (NP)

This secluded camping spot is off the beaten track and perfect for a quiet trip away. Set up camp amongst the towering forests and take a short stroll down to the nearby creek for a swim. This park is also home to a stunning array of native flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled for the rare Richmond Birdwing butterfly while you enjoy your stay. Like the Archer Camping area, this spot is a great base if you want to get out and explore the 4WD & bike tracks that run through the D'Aguliar National Park.

5. SANDY CREEK CAMPIN (P)

This 500 acre, privately owned campground is located in the beautiful Kilcoy countryside. There are 20km of tracks that can be enjoyed on foot or by mountain bike. The property features stunning rockpools and resident populations of wallabies and king parrots. Perfect for your next family camping trip this park has a quiet, relaxed atmosphere with plenty of space for everyone to get out and about enjoying the great outdoors.

6. SOMERSET PARK CAMPGROUND (P)

Another option for those wanting to get out on the water at Lake Somerset. Located at the Southern end of Somerset, this campground has all the basics you need with plenty of open spaces and shady camp sites. There is direct access to the lake from the sites and a children's playground in the day use area close by. The grounds are well maintained and perfect for anyone who like to get out on the water for a ski, fish or kayak.



*Somerset Park Campground
(Photo Credit Findacamp)*



8 NATURAL WONDERS OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

THE Sunshine Coast is home to a huge range of natural attractions. From waterfalls, mountain ranges, rainforests, waterways and beaches, there is something for everyone to appreciate during their visit to the area.

We've put together our top 8 natural attractions that we think are a must see for anyone spending a bit of time here in our little slice of paradise.

GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS

As one of our local icons, no trip to the Sunshine Coast is complete without checking out the Glass House Mountains. Admire from afar on your journey up to Maleny or take a closer look by exploring the surrounding areas and national parks in Beerwah and Beerburrum. If you're feeling adventurous you can even climb/hike sections of Mount Ngungun, Mount Beerwah & Mount Tibrogargan.

GARDENERS FALLS

Just a few minutes' drive from Maleny township, Gardners Falls is a local favourite for cooling off on a hot summer's day. A short 800m walk from the carpark on Obi Lane, this gem of a spot is well worth the detour on your journey through the hinterland.

EWAN MADDOCK DAM

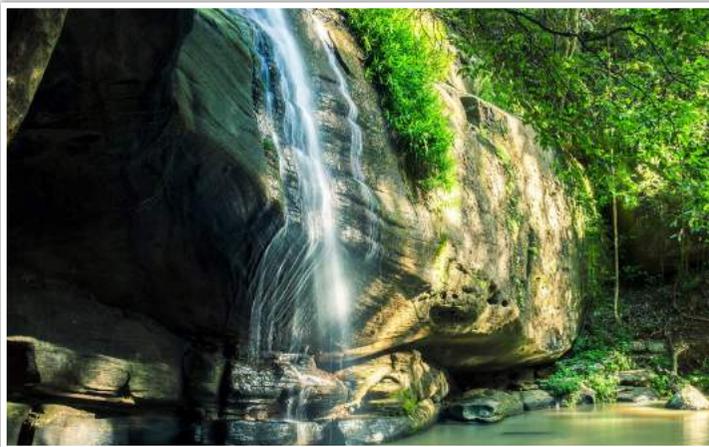
A popular recreation destination, Ewan Maddock Dam is worth checking out on your way up the coast. Whether you enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, canoeing, hiking, mountain bike riding or horse riding, there are heaps of tracks and facilities to enjoy.

KONDALILLA FALLS

Another must see in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Just a few minutes outside of Montville this spot is a well-known favourite among locals. It's a 4.7km round trip to get to the base of the falls and back (with 300 stairs). If you can't make the full circuit its worth the hike to the Rock Pools (2.4km). Your hard work is greatly rewarded with a picturesque swimming hole and stunning views out through the valley waiting for you at the pools.

BUDERIM FALLS

It's hard to believe this little pocket of natural wonder exists so close to town but tucked away behind the township of Buderim you'll find this spectacular spot. A short 20 minute walk through the winding rainforest takes you down to the stunning waterfalls and multiple swimming holes. If you're short on time, this spot is perfect for a quick visit.



Buderim Falls



Kondalilla Falls Rock Pools

MOUNT COOLUM

If you're feeling fit and looking for spectacular views of the coast you definitely want to tackle the hike up to the summit of Mount Coolum. The steep 1.6km track is not for everyone but if you are up to it, the view at the top is worth it. It is a very popular place for locals, so it can get pretty busy at peak times.

NOOSA NATIONAL PARK

In the centre of the Noosa region lies this stunning National Park. Featuring spectacular coastal views from various lookouts and five walks to choose from, this park is worth spending a bit of time exploring. This park is also a wildlife sanctuary so keep your eyes peeled for snoozing koalas and plenty of native birdlife.

NOOSA EVERGLADES

Located between Noosa North Shore and Rainbow Beach this little-known spot is one for the nature lovers. The 60km stretch of river and lake system is one of only two Everglade environments identified on the planet making it especially unique. Best experienced by kayak or private tour, the Noosa Everglades is worth slowing down to take your time through this pristine natural environment.



Noosa Everglades

BEST 4WD TRACKS



4WDing is a bit of a rite of passage here on the Sunshine Coast and it's no wonder with the huge range of tracks in our region. There is something for every skill level from the novice to the extreme off-roader. We've put together our top picks to check out on your next off-road adventure.

Before we get into the list here are a few general tips for anyone heading off the beaten track:

- Travel in a group where possible
- Always bring recovery gear (see our top 10 things to pack)
- Don't attempt tracks out of your skill level or beyond the limits of your vehicle
- Make sure you have the necessary permits for the areas you plan to visit.

GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS

The tracks at the Glasshouse Mountains are a favourite among local 4WD enthusiasts and it's easy to see why. Featuring rainforests, gorges, steep inclines, creeks and

plenty of red dirt, you'll feel a world away from the nearby highways and townships. There is a heap of 4WD tracks to explore, from the 4WD novice all the way up to the extreme off-roaders.

The toughest and most spectacular of the Glasshouse 4WD tracks would have to be the infamous Big Red Track. Big Red is a 4WD track for the **very experienced** with a very well set up 4WD (a roll cage is suggested for the toughest sections). Most experts say to be prepared to break something on this track, so it is **definitely** only for the highly experienced off-roaders.

LANDCRUISER MOUNTAIN PARK

With over 200kms of 4WD tracks designed for all skill levels, you'll easily find a track or two to keep you entertained for the day. There are tracks ranging from easy to difficult with hill climbs, gullies and creek crossings galore on this privately-owned property. If one day isn't enough time to explore, the park also offers camping areas with hot showers & toilets. So why not get your mates together and make a weekend of it!

GREAT SANDY NATIONAL PARK (COOLOOLA RECREATION AREA)

For those who love beach driving, this is the track for you. The track starts with a barge trip across the Noosa River and continues on in spectacular fashion. With 30kms of endless ocean on one side and massive sand dunes, spectacular coloured sand cliffs and coastal forests on the other, the views alone make this trip worthwhile.

Depending on your preference, you can then head inland along the Freshwater Road for impressive coastal rainforests or keep travelling north up the beach to the popular Double Island Point. It is important to note that a vehicle access permit is required for the Cooloola Recreation Area. These can be purchased from the [National Parks website](#).



*Crossing Booloumba Creek in Conondale National Park
(Photo Credit Australias Guide QLD)*

CONONDALE NATIONAL PARK

A good starting track for any novice 4WDers is Conondale National Park. The main track travels through the mountainous Conondale Range, with thick rainforest and tall eucalyptus dominating the track. The track also features a few shallow creek crossings, with some interesting climbs and descents also in the mix. Although it is a relatively short track it is easy to make a day of the drive. There are plenty of lookouts, waterfalls, walking tracks and swimming holes to check out along the way.

BRIBIE ISLAND

With easy access via a bridge joined to the mainland, Bribie Island is the perfect spot for a 4WD day trip. The island itself is quite developed but still boasts a few hidden gems if you are willing to head off the beaten track. The beach drives on Bribie feature pristine white sand, freshwater lagoons and even some old WWII bunkers. The northern beaches feature some great surfing spots and spectacular scenery, and the inland 4WD tracks are a great for exploring the coastal bushland. Permits are required for beach driving and camping, they can be purchased from the [National Parks website](#).

DRIVING ON THE BEACH



Beach driving is one of the most popular activities around here on the Sunshine Coast. As popular as it is though, it does take a bit of know how to keep everyone travelling safely on the beach. We've put together a few helpful tips and tricks that we've learnt over the years of exploring some of QLD's best beach tracks.

TOP 10 MUST-HAVES FOR BEACH DRIVING:

- **Permit** – Some areas require permits prior to access
- **Tyre Deflator** – We use Staun tyre deflators
- **Air Compressor** – For re-inflating tyres when you come off the beach
- **Shovel** – Digging will be required if you get stuck
- **Snatch Strap** – If you get really stuck, you'll need this so someone can snatch you out.
- **Shackles** – For connecting the snatch straps
- **Bridle** – to connect the two recovery points on your vehicle.

- **Rated Recovery Point** – very few vehicles come with rated points as standard. **Be sure to only attempt a recovery using rated recovery points.**
- **UHF Radio** – especially important if you are heading somewhere with limited phone reception.
- **MAXTRAX (or equivalent)** – these will help get you out of just about anywhere.



OUR 7 TIPS FOR BEACH DRIVING:

- 1. Always remember that road rules apply.**
- 2. Lighten your load.** The less weight you have in the car, the less likely you are to get bogged.
- 3. Know the clearance of the car.** Check how much room you've got between the chassis of your car and the ground, so you know how to attack bumps and tracks.
- 4. Know the tides.** Avoid driving two hours either side of high tide. It is recommended to travel on the beach in the two hours either side of low tide.
- 5. Lower your tyre pressure.** Your tyre pressure can be lowered using either an air compressor or tyre deflators. Reducing the tyre pressure flattens the tyres to increase the amount of surface area making contact with the sand which will give you better traction.
- 6. Momentum is Key.** If you're approaching soft sand, make sure you maintain or slightly increase your speed. As you slow down, your tyres will start to sink into the sand, so the engine has to work that little bit harder to get through. To maintain forward momentum, a slight increase in speed will see if tyres 'float' on top of the sand rather than sinking through.
- 7. Change Your Speed Gradually.** Avoid sudden acceleration or slamming on the brakes as doing either will push you into the sand. The best way to stop is to slow down by taking the foot off the pedal and have the sand's traction stop the vehicle. To speed up, gently, but steadily, press on the accelerator.



Beach Driving on Fraser Island



TIPS FOR CAMPING & CARAVANNING WITH PETS

To ensure the safety and enjoyment for you, your pet and other campers there are some important things to consider when you are planning to take your furry family members on your next adventure.

Bonus Tip #1: Include a temporary tag on your pets collar with the details of your campsite, so they can be returned as quickly as possible.

BEFORE YOU GO:

- Confirm where you are staying will allow your pet/s
- Ensure your pet is up to date with vaccinations/medications
- Check the details on your pet's identification tag and microchip are up to date.
- Scout out pet-friendly parks/beaches in the area you are staying
- Find and save the phone numbers of the 24-hour vets in the area.

WHAT TO PACK:

- Sturdy leash
- Chain or running wire
- Any medication or treatments/Doggy First Aid Kit
- Food & Water bowls
- Waste bags
- A familiar bed or blankets
- Muzzle (just in case)
- Toys and treats
- Extra Towels

Bonus Tip #2: If your dog has not had much experience with long car rides or unusual environments, take the time to do some extra training before your trip. Take your dog on a few extended car rides in the lead up to your holiday and visit a few new places. This will get your dog accustomed to new situations and should make the travelling experience a little easier to handle.

CAMPGROUND QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

	Tent Camping	Caravan/Camper Trailer Sites	Powered Sites	Beachside	Swimming P = Pool N = Natural (Creek/Lake/Beach)	Campfires Permitted * = Communal Fire Pits Available	Generators Permitted	Toilets	Showers	Playground/Kids Facilities	Dog Friendly	Cabin/Glamping Option	Seasonal Activities	Walking /Bike Tracks	Phone Coverage	Access to Shop	4WD Access Only
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Cedar Grove Camping Area	✓	✓	✗	✗	N	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
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Freshwater Camping Area	✓	✗	✗	✗	N	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
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Ocean Beach (Bribie Island)	✓	✗	✗	✓	N	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
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Neurum Creek Bush Retreat	✓	✓	✗	✗	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
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FULL MAP OF CAMPGROUND LOCATIONS





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