



Experience

Border Ranges National Park

Tweed Range Scenic Drive



Take a road trip back in time through ancient Gondwana Rainforests along Tweed Range Scenic Drive and Brindle Creek Road. This 42km driving route is your gateway to the World Heritage-listed wonders of Border Ranges National Park.

Allow a full day to immerse yourself in the outstanding landscapes, as you follow the edge of the Wollumbin Caldera. A short stroll from the car you'll uncover hidden waterfalls, towering trees, rich wildlife, and dramatic views.

World Heritage wonders



Imagine a place where time almost stands still. The Border Ranges is a special place where primitive plants and animals have evolved and landscapes have barely changed in millions of years.

It forms part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area, which stretches past Newcastle to south-east Queensland. The Gondwana Rainforests are globally recognised as home to the most extensive areas of sub-tropical rainforest in the world, and most of its cool temperate Antarctic beech rainforest.



Giant barred frog Photo: Lachlan Copeland/DPIE



Palm Forest walking track. Photo: John Spencer/DPIE

Plants and animals

This region has the highest concentration of mammals, birds, reptiles and frog species in Australia. So, you're bound to come across a creature or two during your visit. Listen out for the call of the Albert's lyrebird, spot a koala in the canopy or rare orchids clinging to the trees.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

The inspiring landscapes of the Border Ranges are deeply woven into Githabul culture. The Githabul People's native title rights were recognised over 1120sq km of Crown Land in northern NSW in 2007. Today, the Githabul People and NSW Government work together to protect culturally significant sites under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

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Getting there

Border Ranges National Park is located on the Far North Coast of NSW. Tweed Range Scenic Drive starts from the park boundary, on Forest Road. To get there:

- It's around 40mins drive north of Kyogle, or 1.5 hour from Lismore along Summerland Way.
- From south-east Queensland, travel through Tweed Heads and Murwillunbah, or via Beaudesert, Rathdowney and Running Creek Road to the NSW border.

It's a good idea to fill up your fuel before heading into the park. The closest service stations are in Kyogle, Nimbin, Woodenbong and Rathdowney.

Park entry fees

Daily motor vehicle entry fees apply. For current fees, or to buy an annual NSW Parks Pass, visit nswparkspass.info



Wake up in the Border Ranges



See camping fees, check availability and book online at nswparks.info/border-ranges

Facilities: Both campgrounds have non-flush toilets, picnic tables, and wood barbecues. You'll need to bring your own firewood, and water for drinking, cooking and washing.

There are no rubbish bins provided in the park, so please take your rubbish away when you leave.

Sheepstation Creek campground

There are 25 campsites suitable for tents, camper trailers and caravans. With plenty of space to spread out, it's perfect for families and groups travelling the Tweed Range Scenic Drive. Check out the nearby rainforest walks before relaxing by the campfire.

Forest Tops campground

There are 3 sites that can each accommodate 1 large tent or 3 smaller tents. Located in a grassy clearing around 6km inside the park, it's a great stop along the Tweed Range Scenic Drive if you're looking for seclusion.

Things to do west to east

Facilities: All picnic areas have non-flush toilets, picnic tables, and wood barbecues (except Brindle Creek). Bring your own firewood.

1 Border Loop lookout and walk

1.5km loop, 15-45min.

Grade 2 

This must-see stop on the Lions Road is in the centre of the park. With views down to Gradys Creek valley and the historic spiral loop railway, the lookout is a mecca for train enthusiasts and photographers.

Nearby, the easy Border Loop walk winds through forest of tall brushbox and tallowwood. You'll then enter rainforest marked by a spectacular strangler fig, before returning to the picnic area near the lookout.

2 Palm Forest walking track

1km one-way, 30min-1hr.

Grade 3 

Starting at Sheepstation Creek, this easy walk follows an historic logging track through lush rainforest to Brushbox Falls lookout. Keep your eyes peeled for the moss-covered rock carvings along the way. If you're lucky, you may see a paradise riflebird.

3 Rosewood loop

6km loop, 1.5-2hrs.

Grade 3 

This longer walk from Sheepstation Creek features some of the oldest trees in the park. The impressive old growth flooded gum, mature rosewoods and white beech are also home to sugar gliders, powerful owls and fruit-doves.

4 Booyong walking track

9km one-way, 5hrs.

Grade 3 

This challenging walk connects Sheepstation Creek and Forest Tops campgrounds as it passes under a dense canopy of majestic booyong trees. It's easily combined with Rosewood loop. If you prefer to walk downhill, arrange a car shuffle or drop-off to start from Forest Tops.

5 Red Cedar loop

750m loop, 20-40min.

Grade 2 

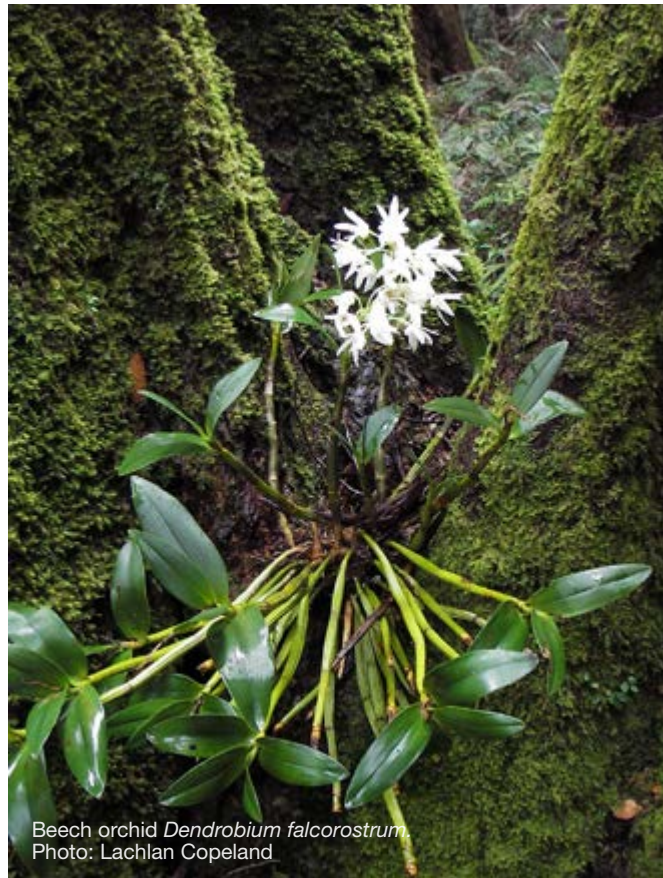
Stretch your legs on this short walk from Brindle Creek picnic area. The highlight is a giant red cedar tree, around 1000 years old and 48m high. Look for birds nest ferns, staghorn and orchids growing on the trunk.

6 Helmholtzia loop walking track

1km loop, 20-40min.

Grade 3 

From Brindle Creek picnic area this kid-friendly walk gets its name from the rare helmholtzia lily, found only in pockets of rainforest near the border. Keep an eye out for spiny crayfish and giant barred frogs that live around the rainforest creeks.



Beech orchid *Dendrobium falcorostrum*.
Photo: Lachlan Copeland

7 Brindle Creek walking track

6km one-way, 2.5-3hrs.

Grade 3 

Starting from Brindle Creek picnic area this walk showcases cascading waterfalls, huge hoop pines and Antarctic beech. Turn around at Selva Falls or continue 2.7km to Antarctic Beech picnic area.

8 Pinnacle lookout and walk

600m return, 30min.

Grade 2 

The Pinnacle lookout is a real show-stopper, even in poor weather. Only 300m from the carpark, along an easy track, you'll be wowed by uninterrupted views across World Heritage-listed rainforest.

Perch on the rim of the ancient volcanic crater as the Tweed Valley stretches out 1000m below, with Wollumbin (Mount Warning) rising at its centre. On a clear day you can see as far as the Pacific Ocean. Birdwing butterflies and flocks of topknot pigeons can be seen in this area.

9 Blackbutt lookout and picnic area



Located right on Tweed Range Scenic Drive, this popular picnic area sits on the edge of the Tweed Caldera. There's also a lookout with dramatic views of Wollumbin and the Tweed Valley.

10 Bar Mountain circuit

4km loop, 2 hours.

Grade 3 

Set out from Bar Mountain picnic area down the ridge to Bar Mountain lookout. You'll be rewarded with panoramic views of Collins Creek and beyond to Mount Lindesay and Mount Barney.

11 Falcorostrum loop

650m loop, 15-30min.

Grade 3 

From Bar Mountain picnic area this short walk winds through large stands of Antarctic beech trees, some 2,000 years old. This is the highest point the park, at the same elevation as the summit of Wollumbin.

Rare Beech orchids cling to the tree trunks, with brilliant white blossoms during spring. Albert's lyrebirds are often seen and heard in this area.

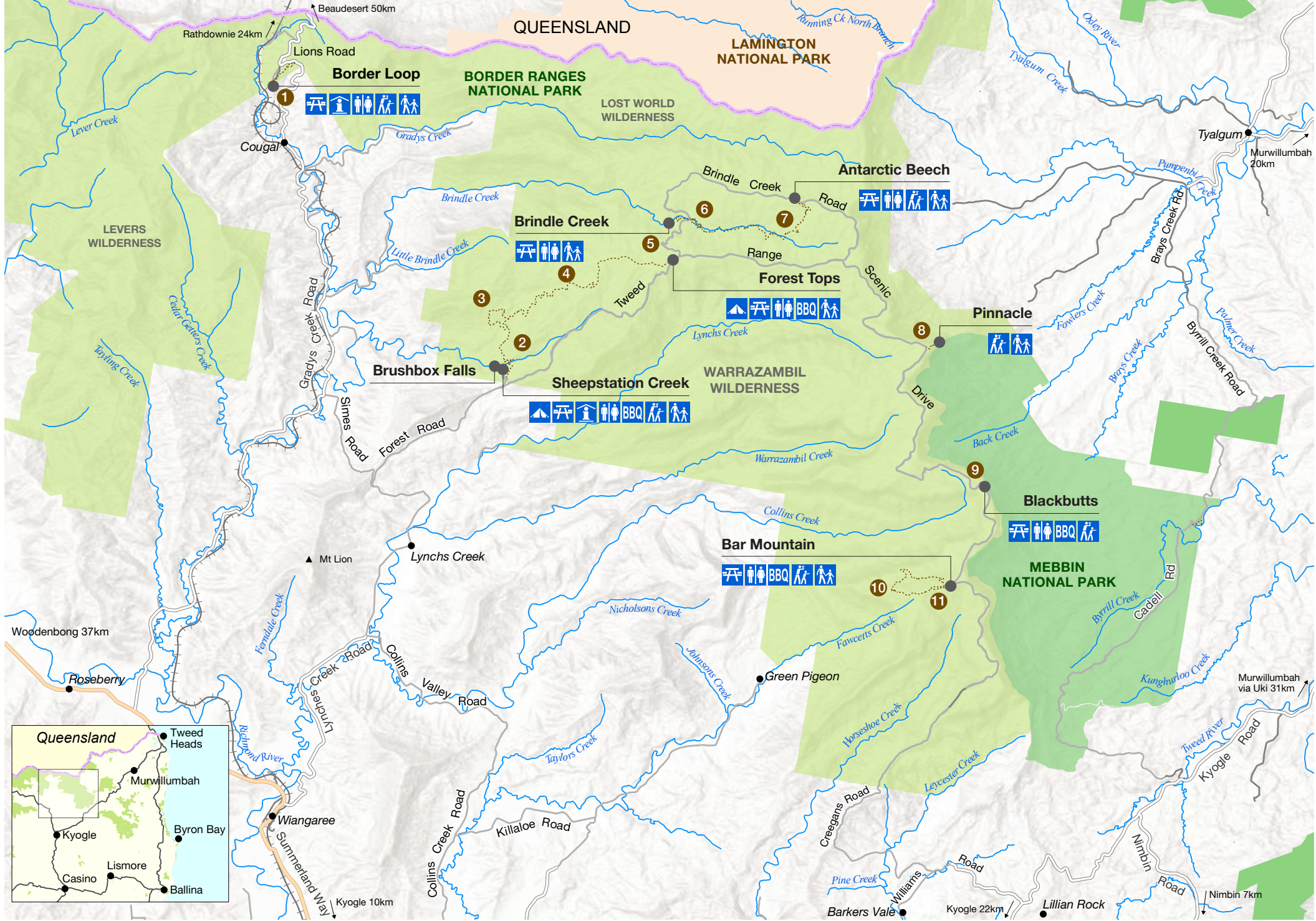
Roads

Tweed Range Scenic Drive can be completed in around 4-5 hours. Allow a full day to enjoy the views, walks and scenery at a leisurely pace.

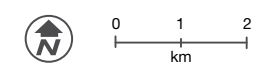
- The 42km Tweed Range Scenic Drive and Brindle Creek Road are graded all-weather gravel.
- Due to the steep roads, caravans and buses must be left at Sheepstation Creek campground. They can't enter the park via the eastern or Murwillumbah Road entrance.
- Please observe the 40km per hour speed limit and always drive to conditions.
- The Brindle Creek Loop Road is a one-way road, only accessible from the western or Forest Tops end.



Photo: John Spencer/DPIE



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| Border Ranges National Park | State Border | Unsealed road | Campground | Toilet | Barbecue | Walking track |
| Other NPWS reserve | Distributor road | Walking track | Picnic area | Information | Lookout | |
| Queensland reserve | Sealed road | Railway | | | | |



This map does not provide detailed information on topography, alerts or opening times and may not be suitable for some activities.



Palm Forest walking track. Photo: Branden Bodman/DPIE

Safety in parks

- Many NSW parks are remote places, weather can change quickly and conditions may be unpredictable.
- Be aware of the risks and take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of children in your care.
- If hiking, advise family and friends of your travel plans. Fill in a trip intention form at nswparks.info/trek.
- Stinging trees, ticks and snakes exist in this park, so bring a first aid kit.
- There's limited mobile phone reception in this park. For more information visit nswparks.info/safety.

Caring for our park

Protecting our natural and cultural environment depends on the cooperation of all who visit national parks.

- Pets are not permitted in NSW national parks, so dogs and other animals must stay at home.
- Take your rubbish with you when you leave.
- Remember all plants and animals are protected. Please don't feed the wildlife.
- Smoking, firearms and chainsaws are prohibited.
- Fires are permitted in fireplaces provided. Bring your own firewood.
- Please help us protect aquatic species. Avoid contaminating creeks with soaps and sunscreens.

**For more information visit
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