



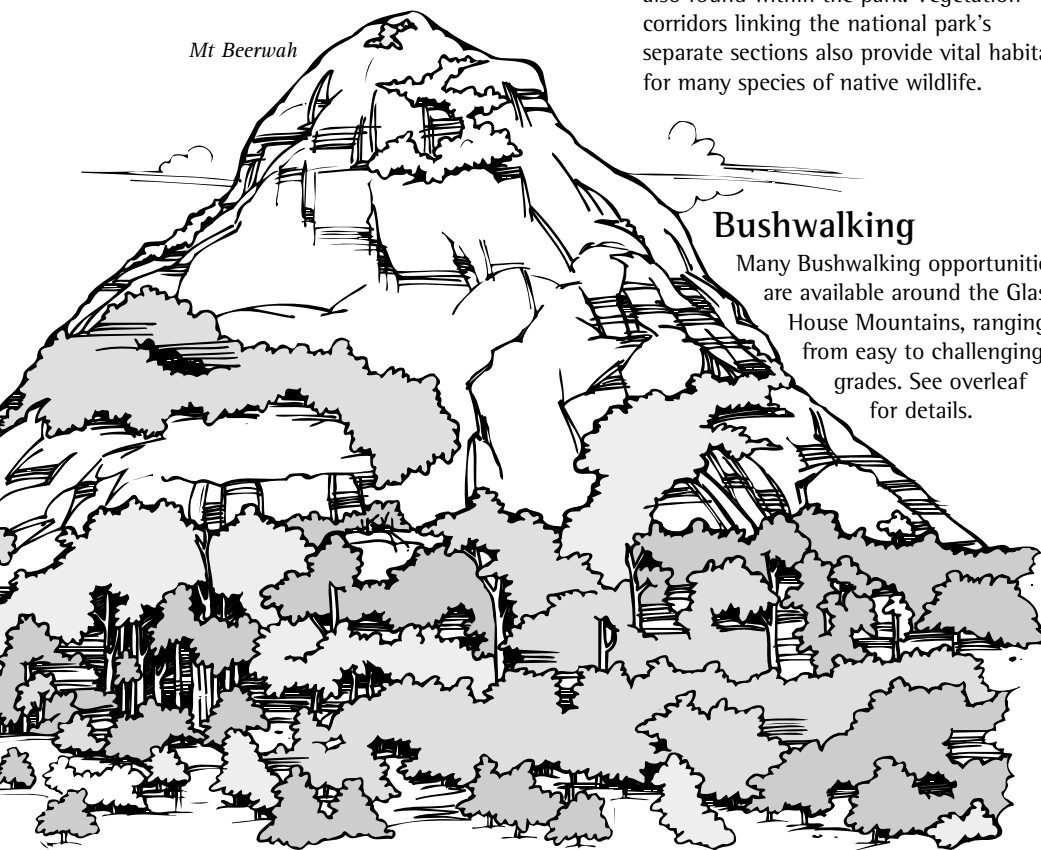
Visitor Information

Glass House Mountains National Park

The volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains, named by Lieutenant James Cook in 1770, are a prominent feature of the Sunshine Coast landscape.

Glass House Mountains National Park protects nine of the sixteen distinctive mountains peaks. Comprising of 920ha the national park is divided into eight separate sections – Mt Beerwah, Mt Tibrogargan/Mt Cooee, Mt Ngungun, Mt Coonowrin (Crookneck), Mt Elimbah (Saddleback), Mt Miketeebumulgrai, and Blue Gum Creek.

Mt Beerwah



Geology

The Glass House Mountains were once lava plugs within volcanic cones, revealed only after 25 million years of wind and water erosion of the cones and the softer surrounding Landsborough sandstone. The mountains are composed of two types of rock, trachyte and rhyolite.

Interesting vertical columns, created as the volcanic mountains cooled, can be seen on Mt Beerwah and Mt Ngungun and are also found on Mt Coonowrin.

Natural features

Remnants of a complex pattern of native vegetation are preserved within the park. Eucalypt open forest and woodlands containing tall blackbutt *Eucalyptus pilularis* and scribbly gum *Eucalyptus signata*, banksia, she-oak and grass tree species surround the mountains. High on the summits, rare and threatened heath species occur.

Commonly seen birds include kookaburras, sulphur-crested cockatoos, rainbow lorikeets and pale-headed rosellas. Koalas, lace monitors (goannas), echidnas and eastern-grey kangaroos are also found within the park. Vegetation corridors linking the national park's separate sections also provide vital habitat for many species of native wildlife.

Bushwalking

Many Bushwalking opportunities are available around the Glass House Mountains, ranging from easy to challenging grades. See overleaf for details.

⚠ For your safety

Caution is required at all times. To prevent serious injury to yourself and others, please follow these guidelines.

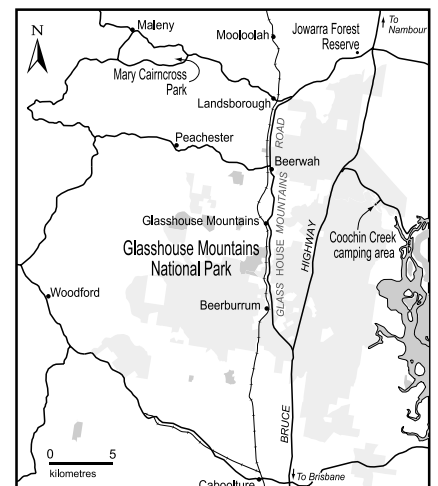
- Stay on designated walking tracks.
- Ensure children are accompanied by an experienced adult and are wearing suitable footwear.
- Carry water, a first aid kit, hat, insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Allow plenty of time to finish your walk in daylight.
- Pay close attention to weather conditions. Avoid walking during wet weather, extreme heat or periods of high fire danger.
- Observe and comply with all safety-related signs on the park.
- Don't have your visit spoilt. Reduce the risk of theft by removing valuables from vehicles.

Caring for the park

Following these guidelines will help protect the natural environment for the future enjoyment of others, and help ensure the survival of native plants and animals living there.

- Everything in the park is protected. Do not take or interfere with plants or animals.
- Leave dogs, cats and other domestic animals at home – they must not be taken into national parks.
- Take your rubbish with you as no bins are provided.

Access



Bushwalking and climbing information

Mt Beerwah 556m

- 2.6km return to the summit. Challenging grade, allow 3-4 hours return. Recommended for experienced climbers only.
- 1.4 km return walk— from the picnic area to the western park boundary gate. Easy to moderate grade, allow 40 minutes return.
- 700m return walk— from the picnic area to the base of mountain. Moderate grade, allow 30 minutes return.

Mt Tibrogargan 364m

- 3km to summit and return. Challenging grade, allow 3-4 hours return. Recommended for experienced climbers only.
- Lookout walk from car park, 800m return. Easy grade, allow 40 minutes.
- Trachyte circuit, 5.6km return from carpark. Allow 2-3 hours, easy to moderate grade.

Mt Ngungun 253m

- 700m to summit and return. Moderate grade, allow 2 hours. This trail is relatively short but steep in places. Inexperienced climbers and family groups should be careful, as the trail passes close to the cliffline. An adult should supervise children closely.

The remaining areas – Mt Coonowrin, Blue Gum Creek, Mt Elimbah, Mt Miketeebumulgri and Coochin Hills – are all largely undisturbed and managed to preserve their natural features, with no walking tracks or facilities provided.

Note: Mt Coonowrin (377m) is closed to public access due to the danger of rock falls. Views of the peak can be seen from roadsides in the local area.

Nearby state forests and forest reserves also offer good views, walking tracks and facilities.

Mt Beerburrum (278m)



Wild Horse Mountain

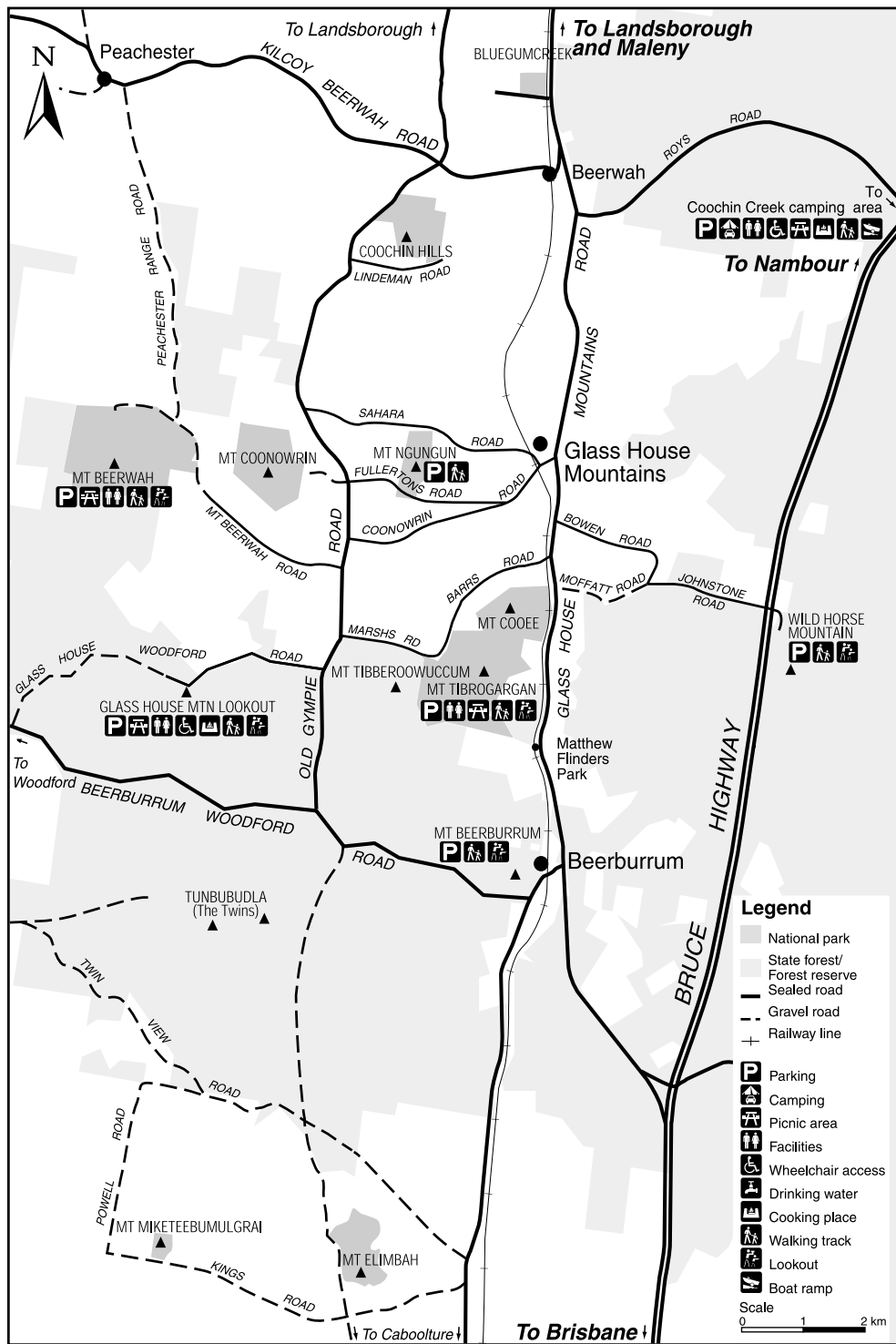


Glass House Mountains Lookout



Beerwah Forest Reserve

Jowarra section



Camping

Coochin Creek campgrounds



Located 9km east of Beerwah township these campgrounds are situated on the banks of the Coochin Creek. Camping fees are \$4 per person per night or \$16 per night per family. Fees are payable at the campground via self-registration. For all recreational permits contact Naturally Queensland on (07) 3227 8186.

Caravan parks and motels are also available in the local area.

For further information

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556m

Mt Coonowrin
377m

Mt Mellum
404m

Coochin Hills
276m

Mt Ngungun
253m

Mt Tibrogargan
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Mt Beerburrum
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