

Burleigh Heads National Park

Gold Coast



Located in South East Queensland jutting out into the ocean is the Burleigh Headland's 27ha National Park with a diverse flora spanning rainforest, gum forest, coastal heathland, mangroves, pandanus and grassland. Traditionally the land was of great value to the indigenous Kombumerri people who used the land for food, ceremony and story telling.

Vegetation of note worth seeking out at various times of the year are hoya plants in flower, native sarsaparilla vine, coastal hibiscus, edible pandanus and fruiting figs. Also worth appreciating are the different species of eucalypts, ferns and climbers seen throughout the various ecosystems.

Viewing platforms along the walkways provide advantage points to look out for passing whales during the migration season. Dolphins are a regular sight off the headland. Sea-eagles, kites and ospreys are frequent in the skies over the ocean, while brush turkeys and smaller birds dart from one covered spot to another.

The Burleigh Head National Park has a number of access points and pathways, most of which are accessible to wheelchairs. Picnic areas are provided.

Though this prime landscape has been preserved for future generations to enjoy, the damage done by domestic pets in killing native fauna, the infestation of non-native plants and the litter left by visitors is disappointing. However credit and appreciation is given to volunteers who support this park in maintenance and manning the information booth.

