

# SELF-GUIDED RESORT WALKS



## Take to the tracks in and around Kingfisher Bay Resort

What better way to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of World Heritage-listed Fraser Island, than by taking time out on the walking tracks to smell the wild flowers and take in the stunning views. There are a number of great short and day walks in and around the resort – here's our pick of the best.

### Staying safe on Fraser Island's walking tracks

Always wear sturdy footwear, take plenty of water, a map, sunscreen, hat and a first aid kit on all walks. Please notify the Rangers at Front Office Reception (ext 3350) of your intended walk route (and make sure you stay on the tracks and observe all signage); of the number of walkers in your party members; and please register your estimated return. We also recommend you avoid walking in the hottest part of the day.

### Tread Lightly

We invite you to help us care for Fraser Island. Take only photos and happy memories and leave only footprints.

Remove rubbish: litter is unattractive and harmful to wildlife. Please be eco-friendly and pick up any rubbish you see. Dispose of all rubbish using the bins at the resort recycling stations. To protect our wildlife, please do not drop cigarette butts on the ground.

To avoid damaging the fragile flora and fauna, please keep to the roads and walking trails to minimise erosion.

Feeding, touching or approaching native animals alters their patterns of behaviour, endangering them and / or yourself. Please be especially careful if you encounter dingoes and follow the dingo safety information.

Keep our waterways clean by refraining from applying sunscreen or insect repellent until after swimming. Soaps and detergents should not be used in island lakes and streams. Show care for our plants and trees. No plants can be removed from the island or introduced to the island.

The island contains many significant spiritual and cultural heritage sites. Avoid behaviour that is damaging or offensive.

### Southern Lookout Walk

- Distance:** 2.3km return.
- Time:** 40 min.
- Grade:** Easy.
- Suitable for:** All ages.
- Track Type/Condition:** Bitumen, firm sand and woodchip track.
- Seasons:** All year round. Moderate shade from tall trees.
- Flora:** Open Eucalypt forest.
- Fauna:** Many species of woodland and forest birds, bandicoots, and gliders (nocturnal), echidnas, snakes and spiders. At the lookout scan the Great Sandy Strait for dugong, dolphins, turtles, stingrays and humpback whales in season (August till October).
- Special Features:** Spectacular views from the top of the dune over the Great Sandy Strait to Hervey Bay, including Big Woody, Little Woody, Picnic and Duck Islands.

### Track Notes:

From the Village Store take the bitumen road up to the junction and turn right uphill behind the top row of Satinay Villas. Step off the road at the information board and picnic table on the left hand side of the road and take the sand track up to the top of the hill. Turn right and walk west along the fire control line with the dingo fence to your left. Go through the dingo fence gate and stroll to the lookout over the Great Sandy Strait. Return via the same route.

### Beerilbee Trail

- Distance:** 2km one way to lookout.
- Time:** 30 mins.
- Grade:** Easy.
- Suitable for:** All ages.
- Track Type/Condition:** Firm sand and woodchip, some soft sand and uphill sections.
- Seasons:** All year round.



### Beauty Spots Day Tour

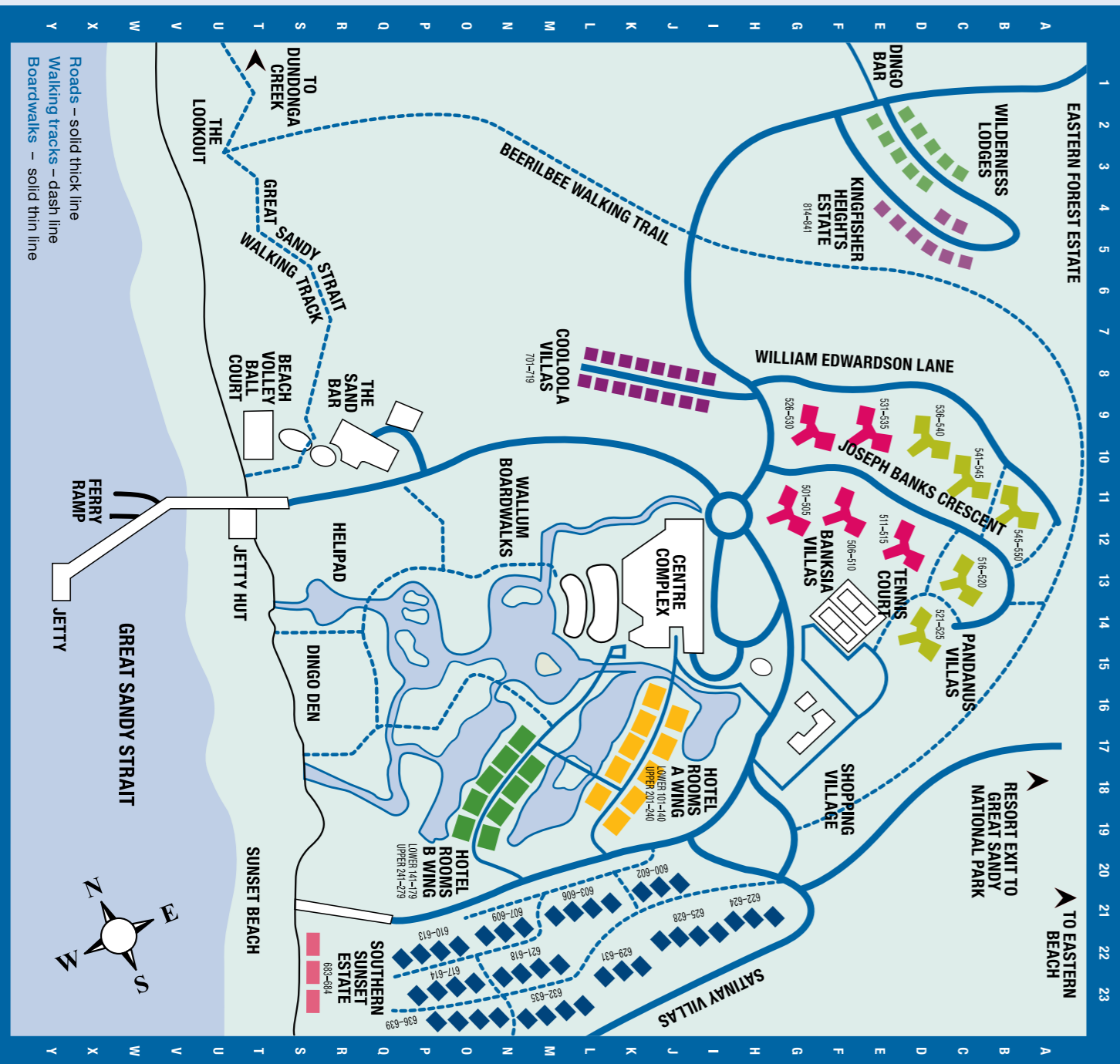
Take in the very best of the island's cultural, historical and beauty spots in air-conditioned comfort. Visit Lake McKenzie - with its clear blue water and white beaches; walk in rainforest at Central Station; drive along Seventy-Five Mile Beach; visit the Maheno and swim in Eli Creek. Daily departures. Lunch and morning tea included.  
**Book at:** Rangers' Desk - ext 3350 or Reception ext 9.

### Personalised Tour

You'll receive one-on-one attention on this Personalised 4WD Tour of Fraser Island. The only limitations are tides and traffic as you explore Fraser Island at your own pace with an expert Ranger to guide you. Bush walk, bird watch, explore lakes or visit places that are off the beaten track. Half or full day tours run on demand. Lunch and morning tea included for full day tour.  
**Book at:** Rangers' Desk - ext 3350 or Reception ext 9.



- Accommodation**
  - K17 Hotel Rooms Awinya
  - (A) Wing
  - N17 Hotel Rooms Boomaniin (B) Wing
  - F12 Banksia Villas
  - K8 Cooloola Villas
  - C12 Pandanus Villas
  - L22 Satinay Villas
  - B3 Wilderness Lodges
  - F4 Houses – Kingfisher Heights Estate
  - R23 Houses – Southern Sunset Estate
- Resort Facilities**
  - J14 Activities Desk
  - J14 ATM
  - G17 Beach Volleyball Court
  - T9 Bottle Shop
  - U12 Canoe / Kayak Hire
  - F13 Car Park
  - J14 Centre Complex
  - H15 Children's Playground
  - J14 Conference Rooms
  - S15 Dingo Den
  - J14 First Aid
  - U12 Fishing Equipment Hire
  - G17 Fuel / Ice
  - R10 Video Games
  - G17 General Store
  - R12 Helipad
  - J14 Internet booths
  - S15 Jetty Hut
  - U12 Junior Rangers Den
  - L19 Laundry Facilities – coin operated A Wing
  - O19 Laundry Facilities – B Wing
- Bars and Restaurants**
  - G17 Coffee Rock Café
  - E1 Dingo Bar
  - J12 Jetty Hut
  - T12 Maheno Restaurant and Lounge Bar
  - L15 Pool Bar
  - R10 Sand Bar Bistro and Pizzeria
  - J14 Seabelle Restaurant and Cocktail Bar
- Centre Complex**
  - Conference Rooms
  - Maheno Restaurant and Bar
  - Seabelle Restaurant and Bar
  - Rangers' Desk
  - Reception





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**Flora:**  
Open Eucalypt woodland, banksia and acacia groves. Bush tucker species, orchids, lilies, many wildflowers in season and spectacular fungi.

**Fauna:**  
Many woodland birds, some snakes, goannas and echidnas. Evidence of bandicoots, bats and gliders (nocturnal). Scan the Great Sandy Strait for dugong, dolphins, turtles, stingrays and whales in season.

**Special Features:**  
Wildfire-affected regenerating bushland can be seen. Look for large forest trees with hollows inhabited by Sugar and Squirrel Gliders, Cockatoos, Lorikeets and Kingfishers. Bandicoot diggings can be found along the track, particularly in the vicinity of fungi and underneath some wattle species.

**Track Notes:**  
From the Village Store take the bitumen road uphill. Before reaching the junction to exit the Resort, turn onto the rubber matted sand track on your left hand side, marked Beerilbee Trail and Lake McKenzie. Follow this track for 147m uphill to the fork, taking the left hand trail towards the ocean. Weave your way along this track to the top of the hill, cross over the bitumen road and follow the wide, flat sand track to the Great Sandy Northern Lookout.

To return to the resort, either:

- Retrace your steps back to the Village Store.
- Turn left at the lookout and follow the sand track downhill to the Sand Bar and Jetty Hut.
- Turn right at the lookout, follow the sand track through the dingo fence and descend to Dundonga Creek. Walk along the south bank of the creek towards the ocean and return south along the beach to the Jetty Hut.

*NB This third option is unsuitable at high tide.*

## McKenzie's Jetty Walk

**Distance:** 5km return.  
**Time:** 1.5 hrs.  
**Grade:** Easy.  
**Suitable for:** All ages.  
**Track Type/Condition:** Beach.  
**Seasons:** All year round. This walk is exposed in full sun and not suitable at high tide.

**Flora:**  
Beach and Mangrove vegetation.

**Fauna:**  
Scan the Great Sandy Strait for dugong, dolphins, turtles, stingrays and whales in season. Look closely on the beach to discover soldier, sand bubbler and ghost crabs, beachworms and elephant snails. Shorebirds

forage on the sand flats and woodland and forest birds inhabit the wooded sand cliffs above.

**Special Features:**  
Coloured Sands, Mangroves, McKenzie's Jetty

**Track Notes:**  
From Kingfisher Bay Resort Jetty Hut, turn south and walk along the beach for 2.5km to the ruins of McKenzie's Jetty, including the remains of an old sawmill boiler.

Z Special Unit ruins can be accessed 20 minutes from McKenzie's Jetty via the shady track up to the left of the creek (additional time required).

*The beach should not be attempted at or near high tide. Please check tide times before departure and ensure you leave enough time to complete the walk safely and comfortably.*

## Dundonga Creek Walk

**Distance:** 3.3km return.  
**Time:** 1 hr.  
**Grade:** Easy to moderate.  
**Suitable for:** All ages.  
**Track Type/Condition:** Firm sand and woodchip track, beach, some steps and uphill sections.  
**Seasons:** All year round. The beach section is exposed in full sun and not suitable at high tide.

**Flora:**  
Beach and mangrove vegetation, open mixed woodland. Flax lilies, hyacinth orchids and Lady's Slipper are some of the more unusual wildflowers to be encountered in season.

**Fauna:**  
Scan the Great Sandy Strait for dugong, dolphins, turtles, stingrays and humpback whales in season (August till October). Look closely on the beach to discover soldier, sand bubbler and ghost crabs, beachworms and elephant snails. Rays, fiddler crabs and many species of fish, particularly juveniles, inhabit the creek and its banks. Inspect the mangroves closely for butterflies and specialised birdlife.

Shorebirds forage on the sand flats and woodland and forest birds inhabit the wooded sand cliffs above. Goannas, skinks and other lizards are often encountered on the forested duneside, along with many woodland birds. Spot the nesting hollows of Rainbow Bee-eaters and Striated Pardalotes in the sheer sand cliff faces. The endangered Illidge's Ant-blue butterfly lives among grey mangroves in this habitat.

**Special Features:**  
Dundonga Creek, coloured sand cliffs, old growth mangrove forest.

**Track Notes:**  
From the Jetty Hut or Sand Bar, take the trail behind the volleyball net, signposted Balargan Circuit and North White Cliffs Lookout.

Wind your way on an easy incline up the side of the dune through eucalypt woodland to the Great Sandy Northern Lookout. Continue over the hill, through the dingo fence and descend to Dundonga Creek. Walk along the south bank of the creek towards the ocean and return south along the beach to the Jetty Hut.

*NB This walk is unsuitable at high tide as Dundonga Creek becomes a deep fast flowing stream at this time.*

*The beach should not be attempted at or near high tide. Please check tide times before departure and ensure you leave enough time to complete the walk safely and comfortably.*

## Special Unit Circuit Walk

**Distance:** 5.9km return.  
**Time:** 2.5 – 3hrs (return).  
**Grade:** Easy to moderate.  
**Suitable for:** All ages. Please take care with children.  
**Track Type/Condition:** Bitumen, firm sand and woodchip track.  
**Seasons:** All year round. Moderate shade from tall trees. Not suitable at high tide.

**Flora:**  
Eucalypt and acacia dominate these mixed woodlands and beautiful Beerilbee Creek is fringed by rainforest species. Coloured sands, mangroves and the possibility of spotting a dingo, add to the scenery on the return beach leg.

**Fauna:**  
Bandicoots, gliders (nocturnal), echidnas, golden orb weaver spiders, snakes, many woodland birds, soldier crabs and shorebirds. Look out for dugong, dolphins, turtles, stingrays and whales in season.

**Special Features:**  
The Z Special Unit ruins and interpretation signage brings to life the experience of commando soldiers from six countries, training on Fraser Island during WWII.

**Track Notes:**  
From the Village Store take the bitumen road up to the junction and turn right uphill behind the top row of Satinay Villas. Step off the road at the information board and picnic table (on the left hand side of the road) and take the sand track up to the top of the hill. Turn right and walk west along the fire control line with the dingo fence to your left.

Go through the dingo fence gate and stroll to the lookout over the Great Sandy Strait. Turn left (south) and follow the marked walking trail along the ridge of the dune to Z Special Unit (75mins).

We suggest that you take time to explore the area before continuing along the marked walking trail to McKenzie's Jetty, the site of the only on-island sawmill (20mins). Turn right along the beach and return to Kingfisher Bay Resort Jetty, past the rusting boiler, coloured sands and mangroves (25mins).

*Please note this trail may be walked in reverse order by starting along the beach. Please do not attempt to walk the beach route at or near high tide. Please check tide times before departure and ensure you leave enough time to complete the walk safely and comfortably.*

## Great Sandy Strait (Northern Lookout) Walk

**Distance:** 1.2km.  
**Time:** 20 mins.  
**Grade:** Easy to moderate.  
**Suitable for:** All ages.  
**Track Type/Condition:** Firm sand and woodchip track. Some steps and uphill areas are on an easy incline.  
**Seasons:** All year round.

**Flora:**  
Eucalypt woodland.

**Fauna:**  
Goannas, skinks and other reptiles are often encountered on the forested duneside, along with many woodland birds.

**Special Features:**  
Butchulla scar tree.


**Track Notes:**

From the Jetty Hut or Sand Bar, take the trail behind the volleyball net, signposted Balargan Circuit and North White Cliffs Lookout. Wind your way on an easy incline up the side of the dune through eucalypt woodland to the Great Sandy Northern Lookout.

To return to the resort, either


- Retrace your steps back to the Sand Bar and Jetty Hut
- Turn your back on the Lookout and follow the wide sand track back to the bitumen road. Cross over the road and follow the continuing sand track downhill behind the Banksia villas to the Village Store.
- Turn your back on the Lookout and follow the wide sand track back to the bitumen road. Turn right and walk downhill along the road to the roundabout in front of the resort main reception. Please be aware of traffic on the road.
- Turn right at the Lookout, follow the sand track through the Dingo Fence and descend to Dundonga Creek. Walk along the south bank of the creek towards the ocean and return south along the beach to the Jetty Hut. NB This option is unsuitable at high tide.

*The beach should not be attempted at or near high tide. Please check tide times before departure and ensure you leave enough time to complete the walk safely and comfortably.*



### Guided Canoe Paddle

Take to the waters of the Great Sandy Strait for a Ranger-guided canoe paddle. Spot raptors and rays on this gentle, 1.5 hour paddle that's suitable for all fitness levels and for families. Keep your eyes peeled for stingrays and raptors!  
**Book at:** Jetty Hut - ext 7357 or Rangers' Desk - ext 3350.



### Bush Tucker Talk & Taste

Quandong, Lillypilly and Akajura roll exotically off the tongue... and during this convivial, hands-on session you'll discover our bush tucker's origins and how to incorporate native food into modern day menus. Bush Tucker sessions, with a Resort Ranger and Chef, run in Seabelle restaurant. Check above for timings.



### Jetty Hut

The Jetty Hut is the resort's main marine hub and the one-stop shop to hire marine gear, learn to fish, buy bait and tackle, enjoy a cool ice cream treat or catch beach breezes and a mango-coloured sunset over the Great Sandy Strait. Cheese platters and drinks available for purchase. It's also the spot to meet new friends on your guided canoe trip.

Check with reception before heading out and collect your map