

Park Alert

DINGO SAFETY

K'gari (Fraser Island) Great Sandy National Park June to August

Following the autumn mating season, many female dingoes will be pregnant. Gestation takes about 63 days and litters of 1–10 pups (normally 4–6) are born and cared for (whelped) during the winter months.

Once new born pups arrive, their mothers may be aggressive. They need to find food for themselves and their pups. Remember Give dingoes space, K'gari is their place!

Visitors, tour operators and residents are advised to be dingo-safe! on K'gari. It is recommended that families with young children camp in fenced QPWS camping areas at Lake Boomanjin, Central Station, Dundubara and Waddy Point, or at fenced private camping areas at Dilli Village or Cathedral Beach.

Let young dingoes grow up wild - not reliant on handouts. Do not feed dingoes or leave food available. Every time a dingo receives food from people, its chance of survival is reduced.

Be dingo-safe! Visit <http://www.des.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/dingo-safe.html>

- NEVER feed dingoes.
- Always stay within arm's reach of children, even small teenagers.
- Walk in groups.
- Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- Camp in fenced areas when possible.
- Lock up food stores and iceboxes (even on a boat).
- Never store food or food containers in tents.
- Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.

Report dingo encounters – email dingo.ranger@des.qld.gov.au, tell the nearest QPWS ranger, or phone (07) 4127 9150 – mobile phone charges may apply. Take note of location, vehicle registration, dingo ear tag colour, number and which ear.

For further information about dingoes on Fraser Island please visit <http://www.des.qld.gov.au/parks/fraser/fraser-island-dingoes.html>

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