

Eungella National Park Mackay

The Mackay Highlands is located approximately 80kms west of Mackay where 54,000ha of land is allocated to the Eungella National Park. This Park is set within the spectacular Clarke Range which reaches a height of 1280m at the summit of Mt Dalrymple. This altitude creates a humid subtropical climate ideally suited to moist rainforests, similar to that experienced in southern hinterland townships.

The Park provides a range of walks for all health and age groups such as the Rainforest Discovery Circuit, Granite Bend Track, Clarke Range Tracks and the Crediton Creek Track. Most walks exhibit the diversity of plant life present in the moist rainforest gullies to the dry vine forests.

The isolated location of this Park, positioned between tropical and subtropical rainforest regions, has created an environment that not only has many species of these two forest types but is also home to many unique species of plants and animals.

Platypuses are one of the key tourist attractions here, especially at Broken River. These shy creatures are highly active during the breeding season (winter-spring) from 4-8am and 3-7pm. Sight of the blue Kingfisher darting up and down along the river is a good indication of platypus activity.

Eungella holds significance to the aboriginal people of the Birri Gubba language group. As such, respect for the cultural heritage is recognised.

While in the area, it is worthwhile visiting the local dining and craft attractions, such as Hideaway Café along Broken River Road, and the nearby Eungella Dam.

