



# Byfield area

## parks and forests

### Visitor guide

Undeveloped bushland, panoramic views, rainforests, streams, sandblows and flowering heaths—Byfield's diversity offers the perfect place to enjoy a break in some of Capricorn Coast's most spectacular scenery.

#### Byfield State Forest

Upper Stony  
Red Rock  
Water Park Creek

#### Byfield National Park

Sandy Point  
Water Park Point headland  
Nine Mile and Five Rocks beaches

#### Byfield Conservation Park

Five Rocks visitor area  
Stockyard Point

#### Corio Bay





Byfield's parks and forests—approximately 39 000 ha—form the southern-most tip of one of the largest undeveloped regions on Australia's east coast.

# Welcome

## Mayimbagu Dharumbul nunthi

Traditional Owners—the Darumbal people—welcome you to their country and ask that you respect and enjoy this special area.

Located approximately 70 km north-east of Rockhampton, this biologically diverse area boasts outstanding coastal scenery. Massive parabolic dunes cloaked with heath, woodland and forest dominate the landscape with the oldest dunes reaching 5–6 km inland.

Large areas of undisturbed wallum heath are a feature of the northern and eastern parts, while further west a mosaic of lowland swamps, rainforest-lined creeks and pine plantations cover the coastal range—a striking contrast to the coast. The north view is filled with the rugged pinnacles of The Peaks and Mt Atherton.

Plants found nowhere else, such as the Byfield fern and Byfield grevillea, thrive in the western parts, while two small heathland shrubs restricted to the Byfield coastal area grow on the exposed headlands. Byfield's extremely varied plant communities and wetland of international significance—Corio Bay and its tributary Water Park Creek—are a haven for many resident and migratory birds.

Fruit pigeons and forest birds bring song and colour to rainforest areas, while migratory shorebirds feed, roost and nest along the coast. Corio Bay and its mangrove-lined banks and estuaries also provide an important breeding ground for prawns and fish.

## Managing the Byfield area

Byfield's parks and forests form part of the last remaining undeveloped areas on the central Queensland coast. The area is co-managed with government agencies and local community groups to conserve the natural and cultural values of the area and protect life and property.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management's (DERM) Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is responsible for managing Byfield National Park, Byfield Conservation Park and the native forest and visitor areas of Byfield State Forest, within the framework of the Byfield Area Management Plan.

QPWS jointly manages Byfield State Forest with Forestry Plantations Queensland (FPQ) which is responsible for commercial forestry operations.

The Byfield coast joins the southern part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. All waters around Byfield, including Corio Bay, are protected marine parks and managed by QPWS in conjunction with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Fire management in Byfield Conservation Park.



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# Experience something different every day

Whether you're seeking an easy afternoon walk or a remote camping experience — park your car and get set to explore.

The Byfield area is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, offering a range of settings to enjoy camping, picnicking, walking, fishing, swimming and surfing. Visitors seeking to get closer to nature will be delighted by the countless opportunities for birdwatching, photography and nature appreciation.

Much of the area is only accessible by foot, boat or four-wheel-drive (4WD), although a conventional vehicle (2WD) will be suitable for some of the State forest's beauty spots and to Sandy Point in Byfield National Park.

To find out more about what to see and do in Byfield, and how to get there, check out the rest of this guide—it will help you plan an enjoyable trip and make the most of your visit.



Above: Nine Mile Beach in Byfield National Park.  
Left: Bowenia Rainforest Circuit at Water Park Creek in Byfield State Forest.  
Below: Upper Stony day-use area in Byfield State Forest.



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# Driving and access

Byfield is a 30-minute drive north of Yeppoon, or one hour from Rockhampton. Water Park Creek and Sandy Point are each a 30-minute drive from Yeppoon. Five Rocks and Nine Mile beaches are at least a one-hour drive from Water Park Creek in good weather.

## Road conditions and vehicle suitability

Road and track conditions in Byfield can change quickly depending on the weather. Flash flooding and creek rises can cut access on all roads and tracks. Check local weather conditions before you arrive.

The table below is an advisory guide for dry weather conditions only. Driving on dry sand tracks is more difficult and road and track conditions change quickly after rain. If you are unfamiliar with the Byfield area, unsure of your driving ability or vehicle capability, go with another vehicle and someone who has been before.

## Safe sand driving

Your vehicle will respond differently on sand. Drivers may choose to reduce tyre pressure to maintain traction in deep, soft sand. Keep within manufacturer's specifications. On tyres with reduced pressure, avoid sharp turns and sudden braking. Reinflate the tyres to specification when driving on harder sand or sealed surfaces.

If intending to drive on the beach, make sure you check local tide times and plan to drive within two hours either side of low tide. Beach driving is safer on the falling tide and on hard sand. The beach speed limit is 50 km/hr unless signed otherwise. Further safe sand driving advice is available at [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au).

### Remember

- **All Queensland road rules apply on beaches and in Byfield's parks and forests**—use the same precautions and courtesies you use when driving elsewhere.
- **Drive to your ability**—driving in natural areas presents additional challenges and dangers.
- **The beach is a shared zone without lanes**—watch for other vehicles and pedestrians, and park at right-angles to the wave zone so other drivers can see you have stopped.
- **Keep to designated tracks**—to protect the environment and ensure your safety.

**Drive off the beach into Byfield National Park only on marked tracks.** Access at the entrance of the track is marked with the symbols shown here.



## Boat access

Rockhampton Regional Council provides a formal boat ramp into Water Park Creek at the end of Corbetts Road. Boats may be landed on any of Byfield's beaches providing it is safe to do so. Vehicle access to boat launching from Byfield's beaches is only permitted in certain areas and depends on access conditions, which can change over night. If access conditions are suitable, boats may be launched from:

- Nine Mile Beach and Farnborough Beach (north of Bangalee)
- just south of Corio Bay car park (accessed from Nine Mile Beach) into Corio Bay
- just north of Sandy Point car park into Fishing Creek.

Vehicles and boat trailers must be parked in designated car parks to ensure safe and easy access for other users. Please follow directions on-site.



Accessing parts of Byfield can be a challenge, especially coastal areas. Travel around low tide and know where you are going and what to expect.

	2WD smooth	2WD rough	4WD easy	4WD medium	4WD difficult
<b>Access to</b>	Water Park Creek Red Rock	Upper Stony Sandy Point via Sandy Point Road	Sandy Creek crossing	Sandy Point via Farnborough Beach Five Rocks visitor area Stockyard Point Nine Mile Beach Water Park Point Headland	Five Rocks Beach
<b>Conditions to expect</b>	Sealed roads. Short gravel or dirt sections.	Unsealed gravel or dirt roads with corrugations and potholes. Some one lane with poor visibility sections.	Sand or dirt tracks. One lane with limited visibility. Water crossings.	Sand tracks. One lane with poor visibility. Frequent or extended steep or slippery sections. Water crossings.	Sand tracks. Extremely narrow with poor visibility. Frequent or extended very steep or slippery sections. Water crossings.
<b>Vehicle suitability</b>	Road bikes, 2WD, caravans, camper trailers.	2WD, camper trailers. High clearance recommended.	All-wheel drive and high range 4WD, off-road camper trailers. High clearance with single range and road tyres.	Dual range 4WD, off-road camper trailers. High clearance with all terrain or road tyres.	High clearance vehicles with dual range 4WD and tyres suitable for the terrain. Not suitable for trailers.
<b>Driver experience required</b>	Suitable for novice drivers.	Unsealed-road experience.	Suitable for novice 4WD drivers.	Sand driving experience. Some 4WD experience and/or training.	Sand driving experience. Extensive 4WD experience and/or advanced training.
<b>Recommended recovery equipment</b>			Tyre gauge and compressor.	Tyre gauge and compressor. Recovery equipment.	Tyre gauge and compressor. Winch and recovery equipment.



# Planning your trip

## When to visit

Byfield's parks and forests are open 24 hours a day, all year. Areas may be temporarily closed due to flooding or potential fires — check park alerts on the DERM website before you arrive. Visitors may like to subscribe to the RSS feed for the Central Coast via the park alerts page. Some State forest areas may be closed at times due to forest logging operations — check the DERM or FPQ website, or visit the Yeppoon Tourist Information Centre.

## Camping permits

Camping permits are required to camp anywhere in Byfield's parks and forests. These must be obtained before you set up camp and displayed in a prominent spot. Byfield camping permits can only be issued for seven consecutive nights and are only valid for the number of people and specific site you have booked. Book online or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68). Bookings can also be made at the Capricorn Coast Information Centre on the Scenic Highway in Yeppoon or at Byfield General Store during business hours, seven days a week.

## Answers to common questions

- **Fires** — permitted in some camp grounds and only in fireplaces provided unless otherwise stated (check what is permitted where you intend to camp).
- **Firewood and kindling** — collecting is not permitted. Bring only clean, milled timber for fires as bush wood can introduce pests and disease.
- **Generators** — permitted only between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm, providing they have a sound rating of 65 decibels or less.
- **Domestic animals** — permitted only at Red Rock visitor area and must be on a lead at all times.
- **No bins are provided** — they encourage native animals to become pests. Remove all waste when you leave.
- **Camper trailers and caravans** — are provided for in some camp grounds. Detailed camping information is available at <www.derm.qld.gov.au>.
- **For further information** — see the back of this brochure.

## Important safety warnings



Heavy local rain, especially November to March, can cut access across creeks. Carry extra supplies and do not attempt to cross flooded creeks.



Estuarine crocodiles and bull sharks inhabit the area. Take care particularly in and around Corio Bay and the lower reaches of Water Park and Stony creeks.



Byfield's beaches have no lifesaving service and some areas have strong currents.



Marine stingers are prevalent November to May but may be present all year.



Bullrouts (freshwater stonefish) live in freshwater creeks. Their sting can be extremely painful.



Native animals, especially dingoes, can become bold and aggressive if fed. Keep food and scraps stored securely in closed containers or your vehicle so they are not attracted to your camp.

### Be prepared for injuries and emergencies.

Consider taking a satellite phone as mobile reception is unreliable. Limited mobile reception may be available at Stockyard Point headland, on the beach at low tide, or on the last rise of the road to Upper Stony. In an emergency, dial 000; if this fails, try 112.

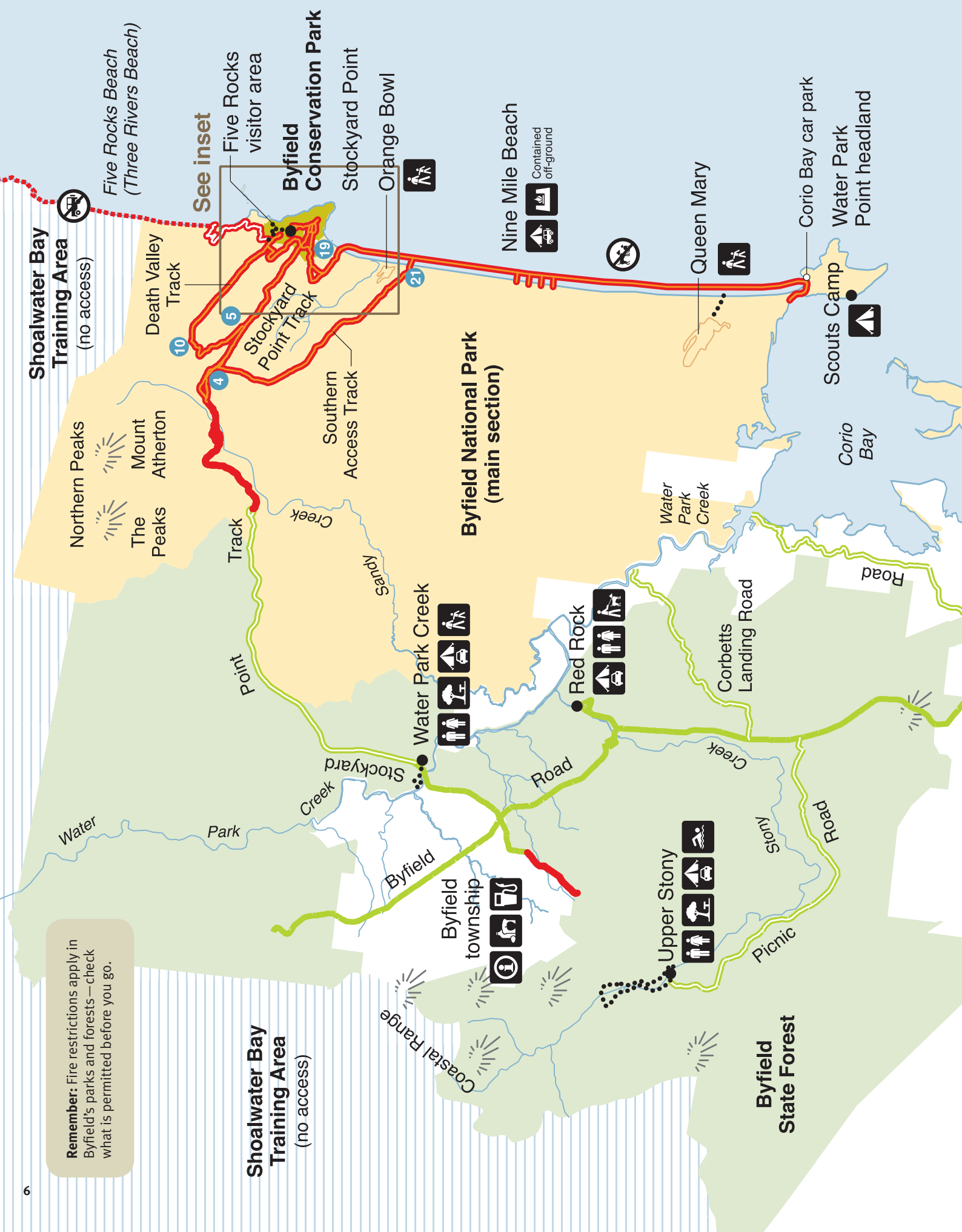
## Essentials to bring

- **A well stocked first-aid kit** — suitable for remote and marine situations.
- **A portable fuel stove** — to eliminate the need for firewood, or clean, milled timber and kindling where fires are permitted.
- **Animal-proof containers** — to secure food and waste.
- **Sufficient drinking water** — as untreated water on-site is not suitable for consumption.
- **Insect repellent** — to guard against mosquitoes, sand flies, midges and ticks.

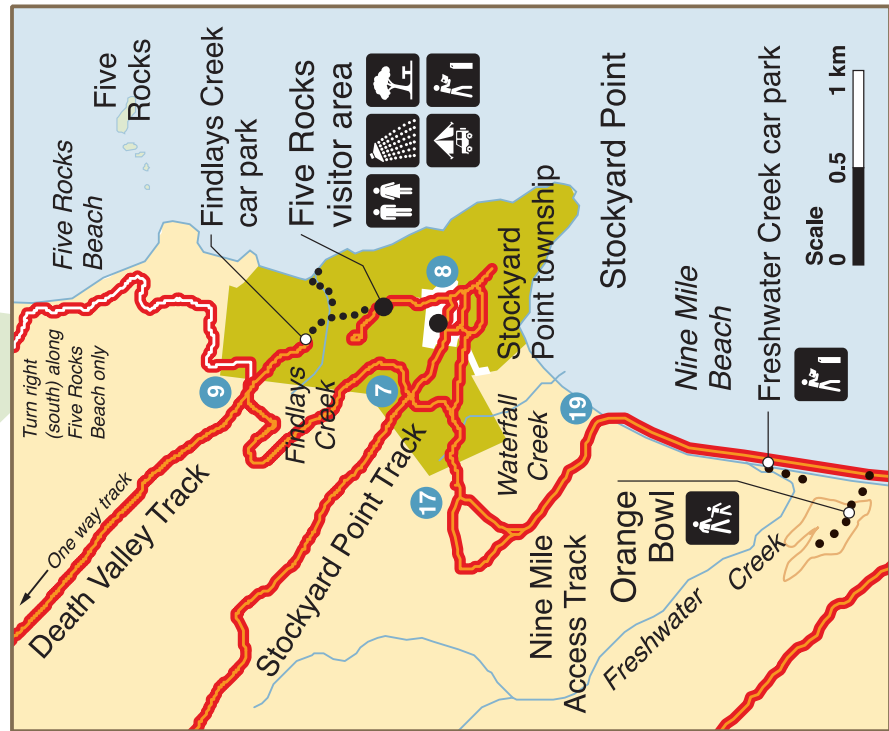
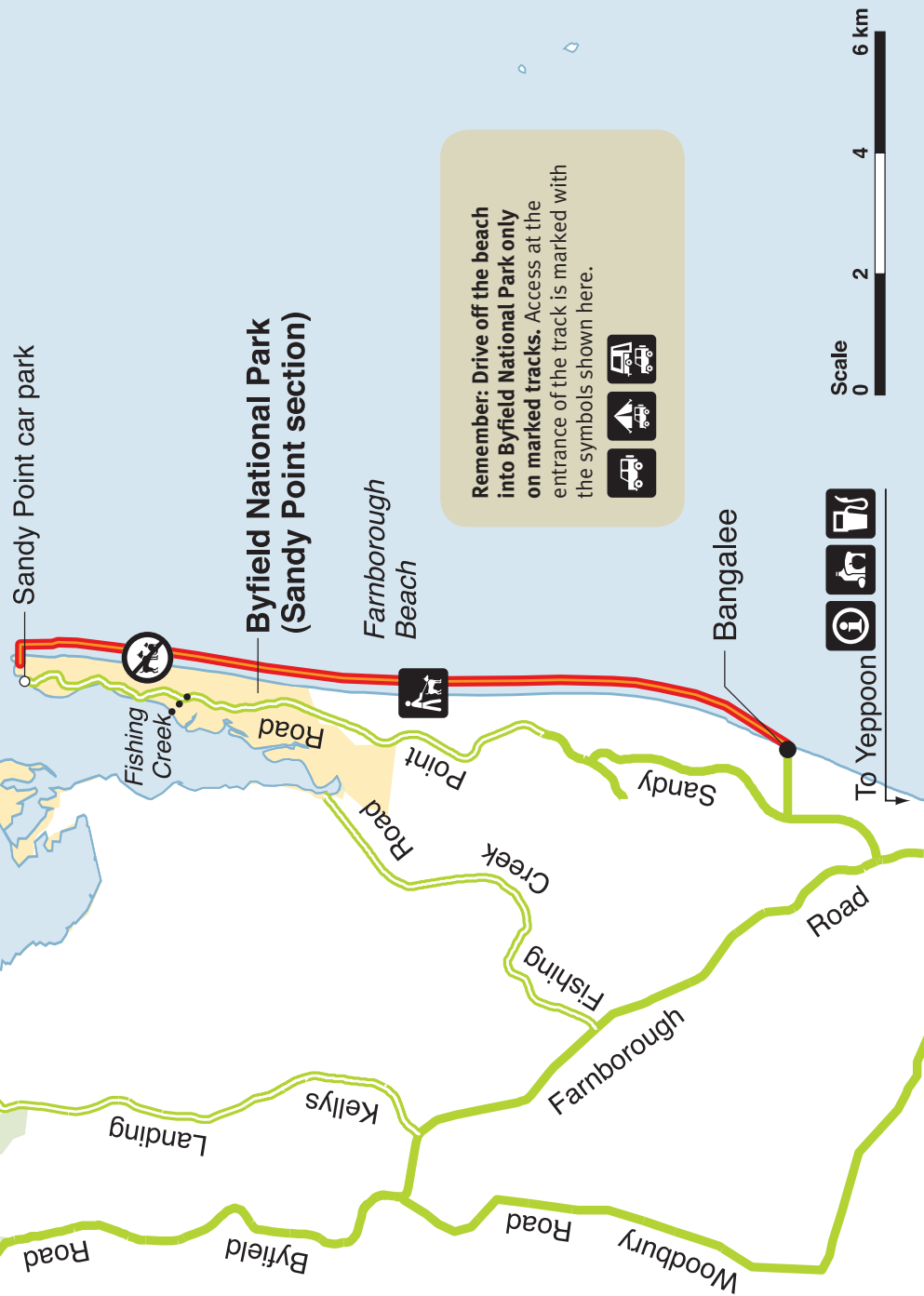
Water Park Creek rises rapidly after rain during the wet season and can cut access to roads.



Photo: Matt Kayes



**Remember:** Fire restrictions apply in Byfield's parks and forests — check what is permitted before you go.



### Legend

	<b>Byfield National Park</b>		2WD smooth
	<b>Byfield Conservation Park</b>		2WD rough
	<b>Byfield State Forest</b>		4WD easy
	<b>Shoalwater Bay Training Area (no access)</b>		4WD medium
	<b>Ocean</b>		4WD difficult
	<b>Creek</b>		No vehicle access

### Tracks and roads

	Intersection number
	Walking track
	General store
	Petrol
	Toilet
	Shower

	Day-use area		Swimming
	Camping		Fires permitted
	Car camping		Information
	4WD camping		Dogs on leash
	Walking		Domestic animals prohibited
	Self-guided walk		No vehicle access



# Visitor areas and facilities

Ranging from 2WD accessible picnic areas with automatic barbeques and toilets, to remote 4WD coastal camping areas, Byfield's visitor areas offer something for everyone. Detailed camping information is available at [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au) to help choose a camp site that suits your needs. For more details on walking and other recreation opportunities, read pages 10 and 11.



Freshwater Creek, Nine Mile Beach, Byfield National Park.







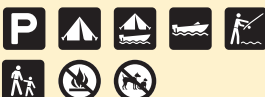


Five Rocks camp site, Byfield Conservation Park.

Toilets	Camper trailer	Swimming	Domestic animals permitted
Day-use area	Motorhome	Canoeing/kayaking	Campfires prohibited
Open fires	Car camping	Fishing	Camping prohibited
Automatic BBQ	Caravans	Motorcycles	Domestic animals prohibited
Wood BBQ	4WD camping	Walking	Bullroar
Parking	4WD camper trailer	Scenic views	Strong currents
Shower	Boat camping	Interpretive trail	Water—treat before drinking
Walk-in camping	Boating	Nature appreciation	

Byfield State Forest at a glance			
Visitor area, facilities and recreation opportunities	Access	Further information	
<b>Upper Stony</b> 	2WD rough, 11 km from Byfield Road	A popular location in a pocket of native bush beside a picturesque freshwater stream. Features the vulnerable Byfield grevillea. Upper Stony camp ground offers shared toilets and camp sites with fireplaces. Camp sites are available for tents and caravans up to 4 m. Picnic tables, toilets and automatic barbecues are provided in the day-use area. Note: Stony Creek may be unsuitable for swimming after prolonged dry weather.	
<b>Red Rock</b> 	2WD smooth, 1 km from Byfield Road	Set among pine trees, close to the main road and with ample space, Red Rock is a convenient base camp. It is the only place in Byfield where visitors can camp overnight with their dog, providing it is leashed. Camp sites are available for tents and caravans up to 4 m but only some camp sites have picnic tables and wood barbecues. Shared facilities are provided next to the car park and toilets. Note: Swimming is discouraged at Red Rock because estuarine crocodiles are known to frequent the intertidal section of Stony Creek downstream.	
<b>Water Park Creek</b> 	2WD smooth, 4 km from Byfield Road	Nestled in riparian forest, Water Park Creek is the perfect spot for bird enthusiasts and those wishing to see the Byfield fern (a cycad found only in this area). Toilets, shared picnic tables and automatic BBQs are provided in the day-use area and camp ground. Camp sites are available for motor homes, tents and camper trailers up to 3 m. Note: Swimming is discouraged at Water Park Creek because estuarine crocodiles frequent the downstream intertidal section.	



Byfield Conservation Park at a glance		
Visitor area, facilities and recreation opportunities	Access	Further information
Five Rocks visitor area 	4WD medium, 28 km from Water Park Creek	Surrounded by coastal woodland with access to a secluded and vehicle-free beach, Five Rocks is popular with family groups. Camp sites are available for tents and camper trailers up to 3 m. Five Rocks day-use area has picnic tables only, but camp ground toilets and cold showers are only a short walk away.
Stockyard Point 	4WD medium, 28 km from Water Park Creek  Walk from Five Rocks visitor area	The only known home of the rare Byfield matchstick and <i>Commersonia perkinsiana</i> , this headland offers scenic views over Nine Mile and Five Rocks beaches. Please drive respectfully through Stockyard Point township.

Byfield National Park and Corio Bay at a glance		
Visitor area, facilities and recreation opportunities	Access	Further information
Five Rocks Beach 	4WD difficult, 34 km from Water Park Creek  Walk from Five Rocks visitor area at low tide	Byfield's remotest beach is open to visitors however vehicles are only permitted south of the vehicle access track (turn right onto the beach only). The northern section provides a vehicle-free opportunity on foot only. Please heed all warning and safety signs.  Note: Vehicle access to Five Rocks Beach has many blind corners and is difficult to negotiate. Vehicle rollovers have occurred in the past—travel is at your risk.
Nine Mile Beach 	4WD medium, 32 km from Water Park Creek  Boat	Freshwater streams, sand blows and miles of surf and sand make Nine Mile Beach a popular destination. Some camping areas offer ocean views but no facilities. Only some areas are suitable for off-road camper trailers. Be aware these camping areas do not have numbered sites and operate on a first-in, first-choice basis for where to set up camp. Camping area details are online.  Note: Fires are permitted but you must bring your own fire container and take it and all fire waste home with you. Fire containers must have legs to keep the fire off the ground and sides be fully enclosed.
Water Park Point headland 	4WD medium, 44 km from Water Park Creek  Boat, canoe or kayak	Scouts Camp at Water Park Point headland is a small, secluded camping area with views across Corio Bay to Sandy Point. There are no facilities at Scouts Camp and access is by boat or a 30-minute walk at low tide from Corio Bay car park.
Sandy Point 	2WD rough, 4WD medium, 18 km from the roundabout on Farnborough Road  Boat, canoe or kayak	With Byfield's most accessible surf beach and close proximity to Corio Bay, Sandy Point has become a popular destination for surfing, fishing and birding enthusiasts. Be aware that access is governed by tides. If driving along Farnborough Beach, plan to drive within two hours either side of low tide.  Note: From 1 September 2011, domestic animals will not be permitted on the beach adjacent to the national park.
Corio Bay 	2WD rough, 4WD medium, Boat, canoe or kayak	Fringed by mangroves and listed as a wetland of national significance, Corio Bay is a popular day destination for boaters and bird watchers. Corio Bay is shallow so check tide heights and times to plan a safe trip on the water.  Note: Swimming is discouraged in Corio Bay because estuarine crocodiles and bull sharks feed here.

# Walking in Byfield

Byfield offers a wide range of walking opportunities suitable for beginner and experienced walkers. Many of the walks listed below are suitable for beginners but require a moderate to good level of fitness. Undefined tracks require walkers to have suitable navigation skills and experience. The coastal range and northern peaks have no marked tracks but are popular for longer treks. Contact DERM for important safety and walking advice if planning to visit these more remote areas.

Access point	Track name	Distance and time	Description
State Forest areas			
Upper Stony day-use area	Venusta Circuit 	900 m return Allow 20 mins	Stroll along the creek valley through pockets of Byfield grevillea, which flower in spring. Enjoy a quick dip in Stony Creek at Freemans Crossing to cool off.
Upper Stony day-use area or camp ground	Stony Creek Circuit 	4.3 km return Allow 4 hrs	Wander beside picturesque Stony Creek through eucalypt forest and mature exotic pines with heath understorey. Logging operations may close this track for part of 2011–2012; see FPQ website.
Water Park Creek day-use area	Bowenia Rainforest Circuit 	1.2 km return Allow 30 mins	Catch glimpses of Water Park Creek through small openings in tall turpentine forest and enjoy the cool rainforest that features the ancient fern-like cycad, <i>Bowenia serrulata</i> (Byfield fern).
Five Rocks day-use and Nine Mile Beach areas			
Stockyard Point	Stockyard Point 	Undefined Allow 30 mins return	Park near the communications tower and take a short stroll along the headland to enjoy uninterrupted coastal views to the north and south.
Five Rocks day-use area or camp ground (access also from Findlays Creek car park)	Little Five Rocks Beach track  	1 km return Allow 1 hr	Passing Findlays Creek wetland and shady pandanus stands, follow a picturesque stepped track to vehicle-free Little Five Rocks Beach.
Little Five Rocks Beach track	Five Rocks headland and beyond 	Undefined Allow 3–4 hrs return	From Little Five Rocks Beach track, continue 900 m north along the beach at low tide to explore the headland and then Five Rocks Beach and beyond. Check tide times before leaving.
Nine Mile Beach 400 m from Northern Access Road (Junction 19)	Freshwater Creek 	500 m return Allow 30 mins	Park at the mouth of Freshwater Creek and stroll 250 m to picnic among shady she-oaks beside the creek—take a towel for a freshwater splash along the way.
Nine Mile Beach 1.4 km from Northern Access Road	Orange Bowl 	1.45 km return Allow 1 hr	Stroll just 250 m on a well-formed track through shady foredunes to the base of Orange Bowl sand blow. Continue another 475 m across exposed sand to enjoy panoramic views over Byfield's coast and hinterland. Take a picnic to enjoy and only walk in the cool of the day.
Nine Mile Beach 9.9 km from Northern Access Road	Queen Mary 	4 km return Allow 2 hrs	Explore Queen Mary sand blow, Byfield's largest active sand blow on the southern end of Nine Mile Beach. The track is marked from the beach to the base of the sand blow only.
Corio Bay car park	Water Park Point headland 	Undefined Allow 4 hrs	Navigate around Water Park Point headland at low tide to enjoy secluded beaches and views of Corio Bay. Leave at least 2 hrs before low tide to ensure you have enough time to return safely.
Sandy Point			
Sandy Point Road	Fishing Creek track	800 m return Allow 20 mins	Take a short walk to Fishing Creek at low tide through mangroves and salt flats. A small sign marks the start of the walk.





## Other opportunities in Byfield

### Special encounters with nature

Anywhere in Byfield will bring you closer to nature; however, certain times of year will delight visitors with some spectacular displays.

**February to March:** an ancient cycad—the Byfield fern—fruits at Water Park Creek.

**April and August to September (depending on season):** heathland wildflowers cloak the dunes in the hinterland of Byfield National Park beaches.

**June to September:** whales play close to the coast on their migration north.

**September:** the vulnerable and endemic Byfield grevillea sets small but beautiful flowers.

**September to March (peaking December to February):** migratory shorebirds roost, feed and nest along the coast and in Corio Bay.

**October to April:** rainbow bee eaters bring colour and movement to heathlands and headlands and forest pigeons feed at Water Park Creek.

Byfield grevillea.



Photo: Matt Kayes

### Cycling and mountain biking

Byfield by bicycle is a perfect way to enjoy the area. Main access roads between Byfield businesses, Water Park Creek, Upper Stony and Red Rock are suitable for road cycles; however, be prepared for sections of gravel. Mountain bikes are recommended to explore State forest tracks. Most of the tracks in Byfield national and conservation parks are sandy and unsuitable for mountain biking.

### Horse riding

Horse riding is permitted along most State forest tracks; however, horses are not permitted in Upper Stony or Water Park Creek visitor areas or Byfield national and conservation parks. At Sandy Point, horse riding is permitted along Farnborough Beach only, up to 8.4 km north of Bangalee beach access. Horses are not permitted on the beach adjacent to Byfield National Park.



Little Five Rocks Beach Track,  
Byfield Conservation Park.

Photo: DERM



Beach stone-curlews.

Photo: DERM

### Water-based activities

Farnborough, Nine Mile, Little Five Rocks and Five Rocks beaches are popular surfing destinations, while Water Park Creek and Corio Bay are perfect for canoeing and kayaking. The lower reaches of Water Park Creek are tidal and Corio Bay is shallow so plan your trip around tides. Launching is possible from the western side of Water Park Creek, just north of the causeway and at council boat ramps—see Boat access on page 4 for more information on boat launch and landing sites.

Freshwater swimming is recommended at Upper Stony, while Findlays and Freshwater creeks on the coast offer a quick, freshwater dip. Creeks may be dry or stagnant after prolonged dry weather, so check conditions before you go. Please read Planning your trip on page 5 for safety warnings.

### Fishing and boating

Corio Bay and Byfield's beaches are popular fishing destinations. All waters around Byfield are protected marine parks and zoned to balance recreation and commercial use with long-term conservation goals. Farnborough Beach and most of Nine Mile Beach are in a Conservation Park (yellow) Zone, which allows certain activities and has some limits on line fishing. Corio Bay and the waters east of the yellow zone are blue zones, meaning general use. Fish size and bag limits apply—contact Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol for details. Contact DERM, local bait and tackle shops, or <www.gbrmpa.gov.au> for a Great Barrier Reef Marine Park zoning map with permitted activities.

Water Park Creek is accessible to motorised boats 6 km downstream of the causeway; however, please remember that this waterway and Corio Bay are tidal.

### Vehicle-based activities

Byfield provides beginner to advanced four-wheel-driving and trail bike riding opportunities—see Driving and access information on page 4. Remember all motorised vehicles must be registered and drivers must be licenced. For safety and conservation, vehicles are only permitted on marked tracks.

Tracks through Byfield State Forest provide extensive walking, cycling, mountain-bike riding, horse riding, trail biking and four-wheel-driving opportunities but remember these are shared tracks.

- All tracks in State forest areas, including the Venusta and Stony Creek walking circuits departing from Upper Stony, may be closed at times due to routine forestry operations.
- Unlawfully constructing tracks or modifying roads, tracks or fire lines is strictly prohibited.
- For your safety, please heed all safety and track closure signs and visit the FPQ website before your trip.





Camping at Nine Mile Beach, Byfield National Park.

Photo: DERM

## Looking after Byfield during your stay

Everything in Byfield's parks and forests, living and dead, is protected for visitors today and in the future—follow this advice to ensure your impact is minimal.

- **Follow the advice of rangers and on-site signs.** They are there to help keep you safe and protect the environment.
- **Wash yourself and your cooking utensils at least 50 m from waterways.** Always take water away from streams to avoid contaminating them. Never use soap in streams.
- **If no toilets are provided, bring a portable camping toilet.** Dispose of waste at home. Otherwise bury it at least 15 cm deep and 50 m from waterways.
- **Use designated camping areas and camp sites.** Stay on designated vehicle and walking tracks. Creating new ones can cause long-term damage to sensitive plants and cultural sites.
- **Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints.** Encourage others to do the same.

Byfield fern.



Photo: John Augusteyn.

## Permits

You must have a valid permit to camp in Byfield's parks and forests—see Planning your trip on page 5 for permit information. Group activity permits may be required for organised group activities that could interfere with the general public's use of the area. Commercial activity permits are required for conducting any commercial activities, such as guided tours, commercial filming or photography. Permits are required to conduct any type of research.

## Further information

Visit DERM at <[www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks)>

- Go to 'Park alerts' for the latest information on access, closures and conditions.
- Go to 'Book a camp site' for camp bookings.

Or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

## Useful contacts

### For FPQ-managed State forest information

Forestry Plantations Queensland

<[www.fpq.net.au](http://www.fpq.net.au)>

Phone: 07 4837 4100 Fax: 07 4935 1205

### For marine park information

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

<[www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au)> Phone: 1800 990 177

### For boating and fishing information

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol

<[www.deedi.qld.gov.au](http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au)>

Phone: 13 25 23

### For tourist information

Capricorn Coast Tourist Information Centre

<[www.capricorncoast.com.au](http://www.capricorncoast.com.au)>

Scenic Hwy, Yeppoon

Phone: 07 4939 4888

### Yeppoon Police Station (24 hrs)

Phone: 07 4939 0000

## In an emergency call 000



- If there is difficulty connecting to 000 from a mobile phone, try 112.
- If deaf or speech or hearing impaired, call 106 using a text phone.
- Stay with the injured person—keep them calm and protect them from the elements.
- Remember coverage is very limited. Lookouts and ridgelines are best.

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