

Visited the Fraser Island World Heritage Area?



Fraser Island lies just north of the Sunshine Coast and boasts world renowned incredible natural beauty: long flat beaches, crystal clear lakes, magnificent ancient rainforests, stunning coloured sand cliffs, enormous sand blows and lovely freshwater streams.

Fraser Island Defenders Organisation (FIDO)

has been dedicated to the preserving the natural integrity of Fraser Island since 1971 and offers week long guided tours of the island to people interested in volunteering some of their time to help restore areas native bushland.



Transport is provided by FIDO from the Sunshine Coast to Fraser Island. Volunteers are **accommodated** in a fully furnished house in one of the larger townships on the island - Happy Valley – and all meals are included.

The next trip departs the Sunshine Coast on Saturday 29 November and returns on Wednesday 10 December 2008.

Cost (contribution to food and fuel kitty) \$150 per person, discounts for full time students, return weeders and FIDO members.

Spaces are strictly limited –express your interest to FIDO's Weeding Coordinator, Laura Simmons weeds@fido.org.au or phone 0439 064 996.



More weeding trip info....

Daily Schedule:

After an early breakfast, the group will undertake 5 hours of weed removal in the bushland surrounding the township aiming to reduce the spread and impact of weeds on the national park.

Lunch will be at the house or a picnic at the destination of the day.

Afternoons will be spent travelling to different locations of interest around the island -sightseeing, walking, relaxing, swimming and enjoying the natural surrounds. Alternatively, the afternoon can be spent at your leisure at Happy Valley, the house is located 2 minutes walk from the beach.

Supper is a home cooked meal – please advise of any dietary restrictions so that this can be taken into consideration when planning meals.

The volunteer work:

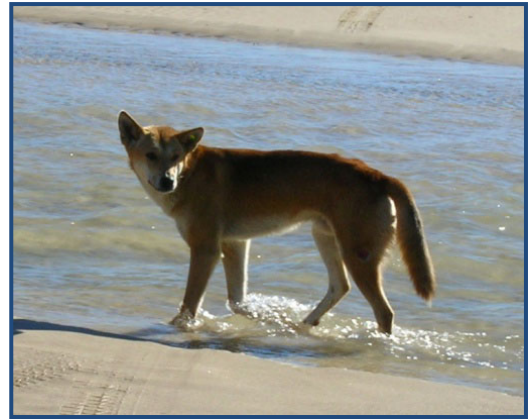
Weeding work will focus on following up on previous years work and targeting any new infestations. Problem species include: Easter Cassia (*Senna pendula*), Lantana (*Lantana camera*), Corky Passionfruit Vine (*Passiflora suberosa*), Mile a Minute (*Ipomoea cairica*), Broad Leaved Pepper Tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*).

The work will sometimes be hard, hot and repetitive. However, efforts will be made to keep it cool by starting early in the morning and change work locations and jobs to break it up a bit. All work is conducted in a safe manner – lots of breaks, water, work in the shade and working to our abilities!

This trip is not all about pulling weeds and working hard! It about enjoying the island in a rewarding way, learning some new things and making new friends.

We'll take a day off in the middle of the trip to venture further into the wilderness to see some different sights. It may be that we will alter the working time during the day to fit in with the tide times so that we can visit a variety of places on Fraser Island over the week.

More travel info and what to bring lists will be provided upon registration. If you have any questions call or email Laura.



Travel to the island is in four wheel drive vehicles from the Sunshine Coast via Rainbow Beach. Pick ups can be arranged from Brisbane, Gympie or Rainbow Beach.