

## **BEFORE YOU COME TO FRASER ISLAND**

### **Purchasing vehicle permits to drive on Fraser Island**

As it is a National Park, you need to purchase a permit to visit even if you are staying on private land.

Vehicle access permits are required when visiting Fraser Island. Ensure you purchase the permits before you arrive on Fraser Island, and clearly display them on your vehicle windscreen.

\$48.25 (less than 1 month)

Permits can be purchased on line at <https://qpws.usedirect.com/qpws/>

### **Rainbow Beach Tourist Information Centre**

66 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach QLD 4581

The information centre is on the left as you drive into town. Manta Ray barge tickets can also be purchased here. They also have some good maps and information on the island, so this is your best place to pick it up.

Opening hours: Mon–Sun: 7am–5pm. Pay by Cash, Credit Card, EFTPOS

### **Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre**

227 Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road, Hervey Bay QLD 4655

Opening hours: Mon–Sun: 9am–5pm. Pay by Cash, Credit Card, EFTPOS

## **Fraser Island Barges – Tickets and timetables**

### **Manta Ray Barge**

Please stop by the Manta Ray Barge & Permit Office to pay and collect your ticket or pay on board. Located at 66 Rainbow Beach Rd, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581 on the left as you are driving into town. Cash and Card facilities are available.

You can also call their office on 07 5486 3935 and they will organise your permits & barge tickets and post them directly to you.

### **Manta Ray Barge Timetable**

The Manta Ray Fraser Island barge service operates two barges daily from 6.00 am to 5.15 pm (**last barge to Fraser is at 5.00 pm, last barge off Fraser is at 5.15 pm**). The trip to Fraser Island takes approximately 10 minutes. As this service runs back and forth all day approx every 30 minutes there is no need to make a booking. During peak period the barge may start earlier and finish later.

It is highly recommended you plan to be at the barge at no more than 3 hours either side of low tide to ensure an easy run up the beach.



## Fares:

4wd (including passengers)	\$130.00 return
4wd + up to 7×4 Box Trailer Total Length 3.4m	\$200.00 return
4wd + Trailer	\$230.00 return
4wd (including passengers)	\$85.00 one way
4wd + up to 7×4 Box Trailer Total Length 3.4m	\$130.00 one way
4wd + Trailer	\$160.00 one way

## Wanggoolba Creek Ferry

**The Fraser Venture** departs River Heads (20 minutes south of Hervey Bay) daily, landing at Wanggoolba Creek on the western side of Fraser Island. The ferry takes approx 30 minutes to cross the Bay. Wanggoolba Creek is directly opposite the township of Eurong on the eastern beach.

Return Cost	One Way Cost
Off Peak: \$180.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Peak: \$205.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.	Off Peak: \$110.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Peak: \$130.00 per vehicle (standard 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.
Off Peak: \$255.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Peak: \$275.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.	Off Peak: \$155.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Peak: \$165.00 per vehicle (large 4WD) Includes driver only. \$5.00 per extra vehicle passenger.
Off Peak: \$100.00 under 4m (including draw bar) Peak: \$120.00 under 4m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)	Off Peak: \$60.00 under 4m (including draw bar) Peak: \$72.00 under 4m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)
Off Peak: \$140.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) Peak: \$155.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)	Off Peak: \$84.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) Peak: \$93.00 over 4m up to 7m (including draw bar) (boats, campers, caravans & trailers)
Off Peak: \$340.00 per truck (2 axle) Peak: \$380.00 per truck (2 axle)	
Off Peak: \$90.00 per motor bike Peak: \$105.00 per motor bike Includes rider only. \$5.00 per extra motor bike passenger.	Off Peak: \$54.00 per motor bike Peak: \$63.00 per motor bike Includes rider only. \$5.00 per extra motor bike passenger.
Walk on passengers \$60.00 adults, \$30 children (4 - 14 years), infants (0 - 3 years) free.	Walk on passengers \$35.00 adults, \$18 children (4 - 14 years), infants (0 - 3 years) free.
All rates are in Australian Dollars and are valid from 1 July 2019 until 31 March 2020 *Peak Dates: 21 Sep - 7 Oct 2019, 14 Dec 2019 - 27 Jan 2020.	

## Getting to the Vehicular Barges/Ferries

### Inskip Point Barge from Rainbow Beach

The shortest and most cost-effective transfer to the Island is from the bottom of the Island crossing from Inskip Point (just north of Rainbow Beach) to Hook Point on Fraser Island on the Manta Ray.

Inskip point is about 15 mins north of Rainbow Beach (well sign posted). It is bitumen all the way to the Point, and then about 200m sand down to where the barge comes in. Just follow the tracks. It is highly advisable to let air out of your tyres, before you drive onto the sand. This short stretch of sand to the barge gets very dry, and even very experienced drivers will get bogged here if tyres remain inflated at bitumen driving levels. Check with your manufacturer for the recommended air pressure for your vehicle for driving on sand.

### River Heads Ferry from Hervey Bay

From Boat Harbour Drive, you will need to turn on to Elizabeth Street at the roundabout near the Urangan Woolworths and follow this road past airport. Please turn left on to River Heads Road (which is signed and may come up in electronic GPS navigation systems as Ariadne Road) and follow the road all the way to end to arrive at ferry loading area. The Ticket Hut will be located on your right hand side.

### River Heads Ferry from Maryborough

Follow the Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road and, at the large roundabout, take the Boral Road exit. Continue along until you see signage for River Heads Road (on your right hand side). Follow this road all the way through to the ferry loading area.

It takes approximately 45 minutes (depending on the state of the sand tracks) to drive from the creek landing to Eurong.

**Departure times from River Heads to Wanggoolba Cree daily at:** 8.30 am, 10.15 am and 4.00 pm

**Departure times from Wanggoolba Creek to River Heads daily at:** 9.00 am, 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm



## WHAT TO BRING

1. All your food and drink requirements for your stay. While basics can be purchased from the local store (bread, milk, ice, sweets, coffee, toilet paper, alcohol, petrol and diesel) don't rely on it to purchase all your food for your trip. Not only is it very expensive, its stocks are narrow and limited. A second shop and bakery are located at Eurong has a broader range of groceries.

We keep a limited supply of kitchen foodstuffs: tea bags, instant coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, flour, kitchen wraps (glad wrap, alfoil, baking paper), oils, some herbs, garbage bags, tea towels and cleaning supplies.

2. Sheets for all the beds you will be using. The configuration of the beds is as follows:
  - 2 x queen
  - 1x double
  - 4 x single bunk beds. The top bunks are not recommended for children under the age of 9 or adults over 75kgs.
  - 1 x porta cot stored in the downstairs queen bedroom
  - 2 x spare single mattresses.

There are two spare single mattress stored under the bunk beds if your numbers stretch to twelve.

Each bed has a mattress protector, pillows with pillow protectors, and a doona with cover. Additional blankets are kept in the cupboards of the main bedroom downstairs.

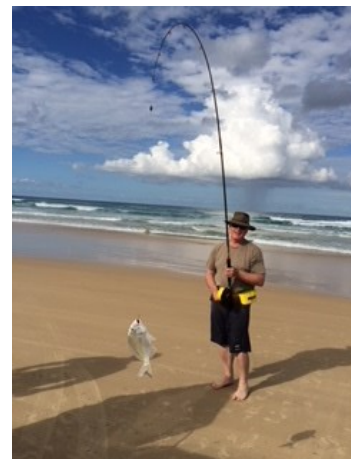
3. Towels – both bath and swimming
4. Toilet paper. There will be a roll and a spare in each toilet on your arrival. Please bring additional supplies to meet your needs for the length of your visit.
5. Fishing rods and tackle to catch some of these:

The shop keeps limited supplies of frozen bait, but it is quite expensive, so bring, or catch your own.

The eugarie (or pippies) are easy to dig up off the beach. They present as air bubbles on the beach when cars drive over them at low tide. Dig down about 5cm under each air bubble to yield great fresh bait.

And if you have the skill, there are plenty of beach worms available to catch once you have acquired some burley (and some worming skills).

6. Boogie boards or blow up rings for floating down Eli Creek.



7. Books to read (or you can read your way through our library of books in the lounge)
8. There is no TV at the house, but a large library of board games, cards and a poker set are provided.
9. A Four-Wheel Drive vehicle to get you around the island. At least basic recovery gear - Max Tracks to wedge under your tyres if bogged, and a snatchem strap to hook onto the kind vehicle that agrees to pull you out of the sand.