

Morven Conservation Park

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Park overview

Park size	Morven Conservation Park	256ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt South	
QPWS region	South West	
Local government area	Murweh Shire	
State electorate	Warrego	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Aboriginal Land Act 1991</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Forestry Act 1959</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	
Plans and agreements	Japan—Australia Migratory Bird Agreement	

Park purpose

Morven Conservation Park was formally gazetted on 22 September 1995 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The park was previously known as Morven Regional Park.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Morven Conservation Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving proactive management to understand and protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS). Informal ad-hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites.

Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety.

Informal ad-hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

Park assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public.

Regional ecosystems

Morven Conservation Park protects three regional ecosystems, one of which has endangered biodiversity status, and one is listed as of concern. Table 1.

Plants and animals

One species of conservation significance is recorded from this park, Table 2.

Aboriginal culture

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

Shared-history culture

Post-contact cultural heritage places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Management directions

The endangered and of concern regional ecosystems and one animal species of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to the regional ecosystem through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem through the application of planned burn guidelines and a strategy
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of this regional ecosystem and the animals of conservation significance.

Appendix

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.9.10	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> open forest with a secondary tree layer of <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> and sometimes <i>Casuarina cristata</i> on fine-grained sedimentary rocks	Endangered
6.5.2	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> , <i>Acacia aneura</i> and/or <i>E. melanophloia</i> woodland on Quaternary sediments.	Of concern

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth) status
Animals			
<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	short-beaked echidna	Special least concern	

Table 3: Species listed in international agreements

Scientific name	Common name	CMS	CAMBA	JAMBA	ROKAMBA
<i>Merops ornatus</i>	rainbow bee-eater			✓	

CMS – Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

CAMBA – China–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

JAMBA – Japan–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

ROKAMBA – Republic of Korea–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement