

Evelyn Creek Conservation Park

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Park overview

Park size	Evelyn Creek Conservation Park	620ha
Bioregion	Einasleigh Uplands	
QPWS region	Northern	
Local government area	Tablelands Regional	
State electorate	Hill	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Park purpose

Evelyn Creek Regional Park was formally gazetted as Evelyn Creek Conservation Park in 1999 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The former Evelyn Creek Regional Park has returned to Evelyn Creek Conservation Park.

The park purpose is to preserve and protect a representative section of open forest at high altitude on the wet tropics ecotone.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Evelyn Creek 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 will 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. Evelyn Creek Conservation Park is subject to a determination of native title for the Jirrbal People.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides no developed 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.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Evelyn Creek Conservation Park protects six regional ecosystems, one of which has of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include one plant species, Table 2. Limited flora and fauna surveys have been conducted within this park.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and First Nations People see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are documented for this area. All proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The one of concern regional ecosystem and one plant species of conservation significance, are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to this value 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
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem and species of conservation significance.

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
9.3.15	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> +/- <i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i> +/- <i>Melaleuca</i> spp. fringing woodland on channels and levees.	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
Plants			
<i>Stylidium oviflorum</i>	-	Special least concern	-