

Police Paddock Conservation Park

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Park overview

Park size	Police Paddock Conservation Park	63.4ha
Bioregion	South Eastern Queensland	
QPWS region	South East Queensland	
Local government area	Fraser Coast Regional	
State electorate	Maryborough	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Park purpose

Police Paddock Regional Park (now Police Paddock Conservation Park) was formally gazetted as Police Paddock Environmental Park in 1986 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with Maryborough City Council and the Director of National Parks and Wildlife. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted to Police Paddock Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

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, Police Paddock Conservation Park has been assessed as having a medium priority for management. The park 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 medium level means that it will receive a minimum of quarterly routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving a proactive management effort at a moderate level to understand or protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Ongoing consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to support broader continuing park management programs.

This park currently has relatively low levels of 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. A moderate level of infrastructure is provided to support safe and sustainable use by predominantly self-reliant visitors.

Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through ongoing local consultations with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

Park assets are functional and robust and require limited maintenance to protect the natural and cultural values and management capacity.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects three regional ecosystems, one of which has of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Five plant and one animal species of conservation significance are recorded from this park, Table 2.

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. 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*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The of concern regional ecosystem, five plant 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 these values 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 the species of conservation significance.

Appendix

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
12.3.11	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> ± <i>Eucalyptus siderophloia</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> open forest on alluvial plains usually near coast.	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>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	pink nodding orchid	Special least concern	-
<i>Lobelia purpurascens</i>	white root	Special least concern	-
<i>Macrozamia pauli-guilelmi</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered
<i>Nymphoides indica</i>	water snowflake	Special least concern	-
<i>Xanthorrhoea johnsonii</i>	-	Special least concern	-
Animals			
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala	Endangered	Endangered