



SUNSHINE COAST GREAT WALK

18 TO 21 JULY 2024

THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK CROSSES THROUGH THREE QLD NATIONAL PARKS, INCLUDING KONDALILLA, MAPLETON FALLS AND MAPLETON NP'S, AS WELL AS THE MALENY-MAPLETON PLATEAU.

BE ENTHRALLED BY THIS EVER CHANGING SCENERY.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- ANCIENT SUBTROPICAL RAINFOREST AND OPEN EUCALYPT WOODLAND
- WALK THROUGH 3 QLD NATIONAL PARKS - KONDALILLA, MAPLETON FALLS AND MAPLETON
- WATERFALLS, FLOWING CREEK CROSSINGS, GORGES & ROCKPOOLS
- BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE BLACKALL RANGE, GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS AND PACIFIC OCEAN
- DELICIOUS HOME COOKED MEALS.

BRIEF:

-  DURATION: 2 DAYS HIKING, 3 NIGHTS ACCOM
-  DISTANCE: 52- 54 KM
-  DIFFICULTY: MODERATE
-  DATE: JULY 2024
-  ACCOM: TWIN SHARE AIR BNB
-  TRANSPORT / SHUTTLES.

COST:

\$885PP - TWIN SHARE ONLY



DAY 1 - BAROON POCKET DAM TO MAPLETON FALLS NATIONAL PARK (DELICIA ROAD)

GRADE 4

DISTANCE: APPROX. 24.1KM

TIME: ALLOW 6+ HRS

WE START OUT SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND GREAT WALK ADVENTURE AT BAROON POCKET DAM, PASSING THROUGH OPEN WOODLAND, ALONG RIDGES AND CROSSING BRIDGES AND BOARDWALKS OVER PALM-LINED STREAMS.

A FEW STOPS ALONG THE WAY TO OBI OBI CREEK, AND NARROWS LOOKOUT, PROVIDING SPLENDID VIEWS OVER THE NARROWS GORGE.

WE CONTINUE ON THE MAIN TRACK UP A RIDGE TO A LARGE GULLY, AND ONTO BAROON LOOKOUT, WHICH OFFERS US SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF OBI OBI GORGE, LAKE BAROON AND SURROUNDS.



DAY 1 CONTINUED...

THE NEXT SECTION OF OUR GREAT WALK IS CHALLENGING, AS WE TAKE IN THE BEAUTY OF KONDALILLA FALLS AND PATCHES OF RAINFOREST THROUGH DEEPER, SECLUDED VALLEYS. LEADING DOWN A STEEP SLOPE AWAY FROM BAROON LOOKOUT, WE REACH THE BANKS OF OBI OBI CREEK, CROSSING NUMEROUS GULLIES, AS WE WIND ALONG THE CREEK ITSELF, TO THE JUNCTION OF SKENE CREEK, AND UP TO THE DAY-USE AREA FOR A BITE TO EAT.

WE FOLLOW THE ROAD SYSTEM FROM KONDALILLA NATIONAL PARK, WALKING ALONG THE FOOTPATH ON FALLS ROAD, MONTVILLE-MAPLETON ROAD, AND THEN NORTH ALONG FLAXTON MILL ROAD, UNTIL WE REACH THE GREAT WALK ENTRANCE. WE CONTINUE ON, TO THE FLAXTON WALKERS CAMP, THEN HEAD NORTH ALONG THE FIRE TRAIL BEFORE REACHING A VERY STEEP SLOPE.



DAY 1 CONTINUED...

THE GREAT WALK PASSES FROM OPEN FOREST TO RAINFOREST BEFORE ENTERING A PICCABEEN PALM FOREST ON THE BANKS OF BAXTER CREEK. WE FOLLOW THE TRACKS DOWN TO THE WATERFALLS BASE, CROSS THE CREEK AT THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE THEN HEAD BACK UP THE STEEP SLOPE OUT ONTO SUSES POCKET ROAD.

WE TRAVEL ALONG THE ROAD UNTIL WE REACH THE ENTRANCE TO MAPLETON FALLS NATIONAL PARK, WHERE WE TAKE THE WOMPOO CIRCUIT TRACK FROM THE LOOKOUT. FOLLOWING THE GREAT WALK, WE HEAD OUT OF THE PARK ALONG DAYMAR ROAD, BEFORE CROSSING DELICIA ROAD AND ENTERING THE OPEN SCLEROPHYLL FOREST OF MAPLETON NATIONAL PARK.

WE FOLLOW THIS TRACK TO OUR DAY 1 END POINT AT DELICIA ROAD ENTRANCE POINT.

SHOES OFF, FEET UP, DAY 1 IS DONE 



DAY 2 - LEAFY HEAD TRAIL ENTRANCE TO GHEERULLA FALLS (MAPLETON NATIONAL PARK CIRCUIT)

GRADE 4

DISTANCE: 27-30KM ONE WAY

TIME: ALLOW 6+ HRS

DAY 2 SEES US WALKING ALONG THE FIREBREAK NETWORK AND MULTI-USE TRACK THAT MAKES UP PART OF THE GREAT WALK. WE SHARE THIS FIRST SECTION WITH MOUNTAIN-BIKES AND HORSE RIDERS.

WE LEAVE THE FIRE TRAIL JUST BEFORE THE UBAJEE WALKERS CAMP, SITUATED AT THE EDGE OF THE GHEERULLA VALLEY, BEFORE BEGINNING A STEADY DESCENT DOWN TO THE BASE OF GHEERULLA FALLS.

THE GREAT WALK TRACK EVENTUALLY JOINS AN OLD LOGGING ROAD AT THE BASE OF THE SLOPE. THIS GRADUALLY LEADS UPHILL AND OVER A RIDGE.



DAY 2 CONTINUED...

FOLLOWING THE GREAT WALK, WE PASS THROUGH DRIER, OPEN WOODLAND AS YOU CLIMB HIGHER AND HIGHER ALONG THE SLOPES OF THE LOWER GHEERULLA VALLEY. IT'S STEEP FROM HERE, UNTIL THE TRACK LEADS AWAY FROM THE CREEK TO A ROCKY RIDGE UP TO GHEERULLA BLUFF.

WE WALK ALONG THE RIDGE THROUGH DRY, SCRIBBLY GUM FOREST THAT OFFERS VIEWS OVER THE MARY VALLEY TO KENILWORTH, CONONDALE RANGE, GYMPIE AND NORTH TO THE COOLOOLA SAND BLOW.

A STOP AT THILBA THALBA VIEWPOINT PROVIDES US WITH STUNNING VIEWS OVER THE LOWER GHEERULLA VALLEY TO MAPLETON NATIONAL PARK'S WESTERN AREA. CONTINUING ALONG THE RIDGELINE, WE WALK THROUGH DRY WOODLAND, MOIST FORESTS AND ENJOY VIEWS OF THE VALLEYS SURROUNDING US.



DAY 2 CONTINUED...

WE FOLLOW THE TRACK ALONG THE ORIGINAL PIONEERS ROAD, KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE HINDU TRACK, CROSSING DELICIA ROAD AND HEADING DOWN THROUGH WET FOREST TO A SMALL CLEARING ON THE BANKS OF GHEERULLA CREEK. CHECK OUT GHEERULLA FALLS FROM THE SPUR TRACK NEARBY!

TAKE THE MAIN TRACK FROM THE CLEARING AND CROSS THE CREEK, HEADING OUT FOR THE FINAL SHORT LEG OF DAY 2.

MEET OUR TRANSPORT AT OUR EXIT POINT, PUT YOUR FEET UP, ENJOY THE BUS RIDE BACK TO OUR ACCOMMODATION, WHERE WE CAN REMINISCE ABOUT COMPLETING THIS CHALLENGING GREAT WALK!

THANKYOU FOR CHOOSING YOUR NEXT ESCAPE.