

## FEATURES

Border Ranges National Park, a World Heritage Listed rainforest park on the rim of a vast and ancient volcano, adjoins Lamington National Park, in QLD. Border Ranges National Park offers spectacular views, pristine rainforests, waterfalls, Sparkling creeks, steep escarpments and rugged ridges. More than three-quarters of the park is managed as wilderness.

## GETTING THERE

The nearest main centres are Nimbin & Kyogle, both are about half an hour from the Border Ranges National Park.



**Sheepstation Creek Camping Area** is a popular camping spot suitable for families or larger groups. From here a walking track network explores the nearby rainforest and creeks.

**Forest Tops Camping Area** is another smaller camping area set in a grassy forest clearing.

**Camping fees** apply at Sheepstation Creek and Forest Tops camping areas. This is a self-registration system and sites cannot be pre-booked. Campers are advised to pack a gas or fuel stove as moist conditions often make the firewood damp and difficult to light.



**Brindle Creek Picnic Area** provides rainforest picnic facilities beside the beautiful Brindle Creek. No BBQs

**Antarctic Beech Picnic Area** has a northern outlook over Grady's Creek and the NSW/Qld border to the rainforest cladridges of Lamington Plateau. This is a beautiful spot on a sunny day.

**Blackbutts Picnic Area** provides another impressive outlook over the caldera and views of Mount Warning.

**Bar Mountain Picnic Area** is situated high on the caldera rim in the misty realm of ancient Antarctic Beech forest.



**The Pinnacle Lookout** is reached by a short walk. The view from this lofty peak is breathtaking. Help to protect rare plants by staying on the track and not proceeding beyond the lookout platform.

**Tweed Valley lookout** is mostly overgrown with native trees, but has a lovely rest area with picnic tables and toilets.

## Caring for the park

- Leave your pets and firearms at home, as they are not permitted.
- Enjoy the wildlife but do not disturb plants, animals, bushrock, Aboriginal sites or historic places. All are protected.
- Be careful with fire and use only fireplaces provided. Bring your own firewood.
- Drive carefully and keep to public roads.
- Keep the park clean and safe for wildlife. Take your rubbish home.
- Observe all signs, as they are there for your safety and to help you enjoy your visit.
- Keep to walking tracks, as they are designed to have minimal impact.
- Be considerate of other park users - keep your noise to a minimum.
- Please do not feed the wildlife.
- Drinking water is not provided. Please bring your own.



For updates on fires, floods and park closures please contact  
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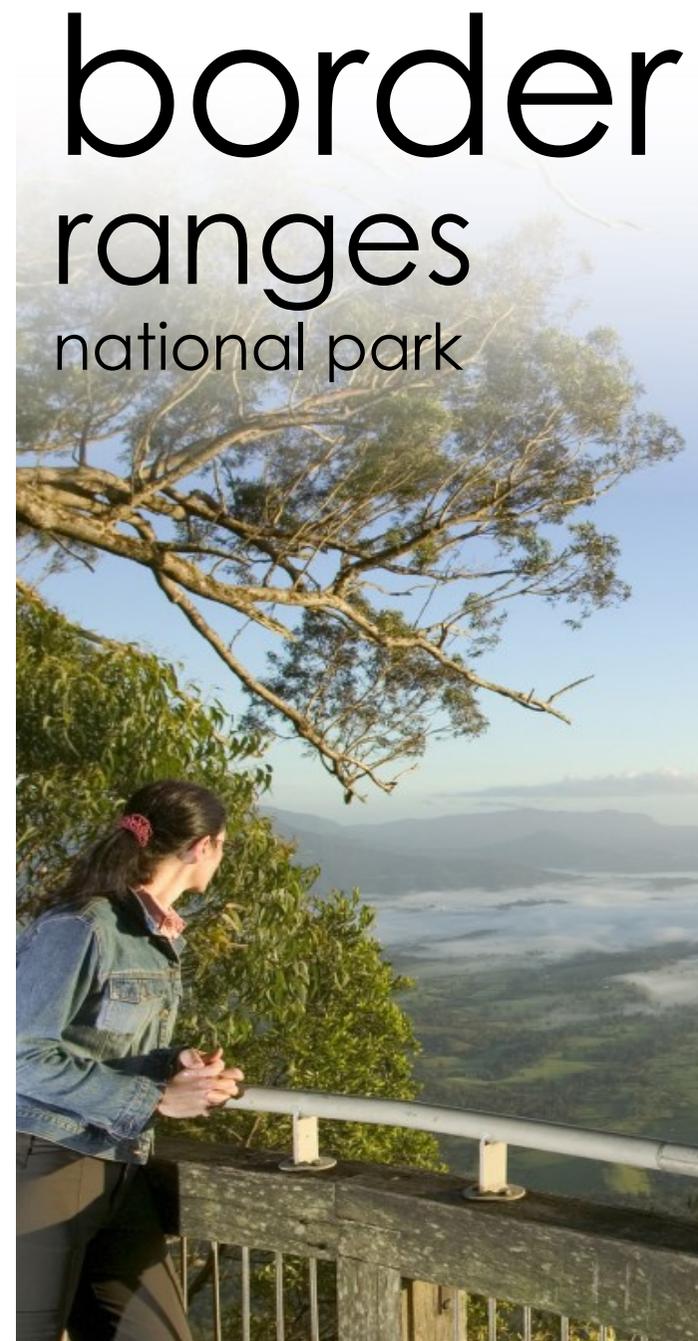
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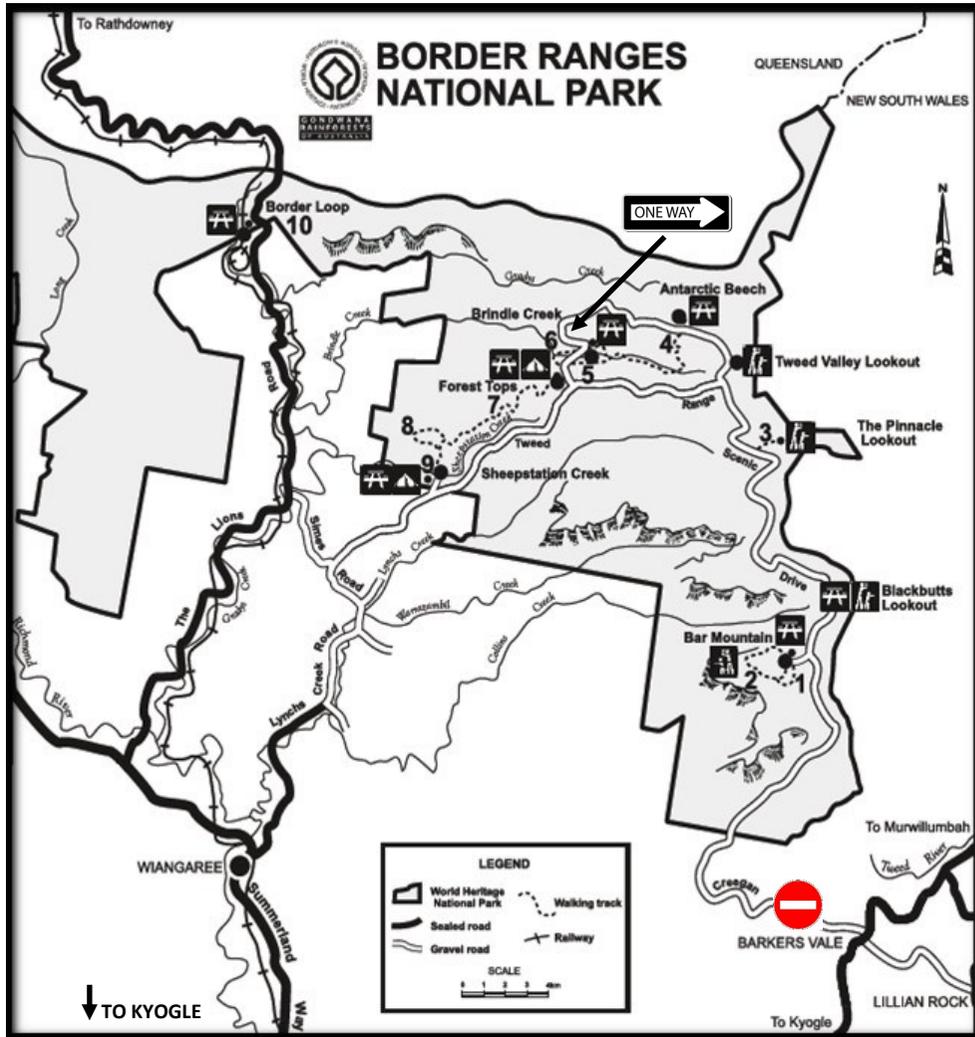
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## WALKING TRACKS

**1. Falcorostrum Loop** (0.75kms, 30min, easy). This walk winds its way through one of the largest stands of Antarctic Beech in the park. Falcorostrum Orchids can be seen clinging to the trunk and branches of these ancient trees, the only place they're found. The forest here is cool temperate rainforest. Albert's Lyrebirds are common here and are most frequently seen on misty overcast days.

**2. Bar Mountain Circuit** (3.5kms, 3hrs, medium difficulty). The Bar Mountain Circuit branches off the Falcorostrum Loop and winds its way down the ridge towards the western escarpment. As you descend the forest changes from cool temperate

rainforest to warm temperate rainforest. Nearer the escarpment edge where drier conditions prevail you enter an area of wet eucalypt forest dominated by huge New England Blackbutt and Brushbox. From the lookout there are spectacular views into Collins Creek and west to Mount Lindsay and Mount Barney.

**3. The Pinnacle Walk** (0.2kms, 10min return, easy). This short walk is one of the highlights of the park. No other walk in the region offers such a dramatic encounter with the Mount Warning caldera. The first part of the walk is through subtropical rainforest. Closer to the escarpment edge you burst out of the rainforest into a stand of New England Blackbutt. The track finishes at a lookout platform with spectacular views of Mount Warning and the Tweed valley 1000m below.

**4. Brindle Creek Walk** (5kms, 3hrs, medium difficulty). This walk incorporates part of the Helmholtzia Loop and follows the line of Brindle Creek, linking Brindle Creek Picnic Area with Antarctic Beech Picnic Area. Lush rainforest, stands of Antarctic Beech and numerous waterfalls are among the attractions of this walk. A

number of endangered frogs breed here so please don't swim in the creek as the chemicals contained in insect repellents and sunscreen can harm or even kill local frog populations. You will need to have a vehicle at both ends of the walk or retrace your steps.

**5. Helmholtzia Loop** (1.2kms, 1hr, easy). This loop walk takes its name from the rare stream lily that is found only in the rainforests of north-east NSW and south-east Queensland. These large strap-leaved plants are usually found along the banks of creeks and gullies. Lush rainforest, abundant epiphytes, Hoop Pines and stands of gnarled Antarctic Beech are features of this loop walk.

**6. Red Cedar Loop** (0.75kms, 30min, easy). The highlight of this short walk is a giant Red Cedar. Measuring 48m in height and 133cm in diameter, it's probably about 1000 years old. Cedar trees often grow close to creek lines. This made them easy pickings for the early cedar-getters, who used flooded creeks and rivers to float the logs down to waiting ships and sawmills.

**7. Booyong Walk** (10.5kms, 5hrs, medium difficulty). Named after the tall and majestic booyong trees that dominate these forests, this track provides an enjoyable introduction to the rainforests of the park. The track links Sheepstation Creek Camping Area with Forest Tops Camping Area. It's best to start this walk at Forest Tops and avoid a long uphill climb. This walk incorporates the Palm Forest Walk and provides access to the Rosewood Loop.

**8. Rosewood Loop** (6kms from Sheepstation Creek, 3hrs, medium difficulty). About one-third of the way along the Booyong Walk you'll see signs for the Rosewood Loop. If you start this loop from the Sheepstation Creek end you will travel down to a creek. You can take a swim here but be warned that even in summer these waters are cold. The Rosewood Loop is known for its superb rainforest, old growth Flooded Gum and mature specimens of Rosewood and White Beech. Rainforest fruit-doves, bowerbirds and many smaller rainforest birds are common along these tracks.

**9. Palm Forest Walk** (2kms, 1hr, easy to medium difficulty). Walk through rainforest and eucalypt forest near Sheepstation Creek Camping Area to Brushbox Falls. This track follows the line of an old bullock trail and logging road. Closer to the creek you enter the subtropical rainforest above the falls. Near here you pass a sandstone rockface into which the early cedar-getters carved their names.

**10. Border Loop Walk** (1.2kms, 30min, easy). This short loop walk provides a wonderful opportunity to relax after a long drive. It starts at the picnic area and initially passes through pleasant grassy wet eucalypt forest dominated by brushbox, Sydney Blue Gums and Tallowwood, before entering a very interesting stand of subtropical rainforest.