

Cape Hillsborough Driving Itinerary

Mackay – Cape Hillsborough National Park

Time to complete itinerary: 1 day

Distance travelled: Approximately 100km round trip

Total walking time: Approximately 2-4 hours

Start in Mackay

- Cape Hillsborough National Park is about 50km north-west of Mackay by road.
- From Mackay, travel north on the Bruce Highway for 20km and turn right into Seaforth Road. Travel a further 20km and turn right onto Cape Hillsborough Road. It is then 10km to the public carpark and the main park entrance.
- **The Old Station Teahouse** serves delicious homemade goods, tea, coffee and drinks in lush rainforest settings. Try the scones, jam and cream to tantalise the tastebuds.

Sunrise with the wallabies and kangaroos

- The best time to see Cape Hillsborough Beach is at sunrise, when the wallabies and kangaroos feed on the beach for breakfast. You will get some fantastic photographs if you stand back and let the wildlife do their thing. Feeding the animals is strictly prohibited as it can make them very ill.

Bushwalking

- There are four great bushwalks at Cape Hillsborough National Park ranging from easy to moderate difficulty.

Diversity Boardwalk – 1.2km return (Grade: Easy)

Appreciate the diverse plant communities and their unique wildlife. This walk also highlights the importance of such diversity for the Yuibera people and their culture. The first 300m of the walk is accessible to wheelchairs.



Bushwalking (continued)

Beachcomber Cove Track – 2.2km return (Grade: Moderate)

This track starts from the northern end of the Cape Hillsborough picnic area, and then passes through open eucalypt forest and remnant rainforest with hoop pines, ferns and vines. The track ends in Beachcomber Cove, where walkers can enjoy pleasant views from a lookout on top of the ridge.

Yuibera Plant Trail - 1.2 km return (Grade: Easy)

Walk or drive 1.2 km along the gravel road that starts from the southern end of the picnic area beside the resort. Once there, take this self-guiding trail to learn more about the Yuibera people's traditional use of plants in the area.

Andrews Point Track - 5.2 km return or 2.8 km return via the beach (Grade: Moderate to difficult)

Follow the beach from the boat ramp to reach the start of this track. After climbing numerous steps at the beginning of the track, you will be rewarded with spectacular views from several lookouts.

At low tide, you can return to Cape Hillsborough picnic area along the beach. At high tide, you will need to retrace your steps along the track.

Swimming

- Explore the tidal rock pools at Cape Hillsborough or go kayaking to Wedge Island, just off the coast.
- Wear stinger suits when swimming or wading in the ocean at Cape Hillsborough as marine stingers are common throughout the year.

Would you like to wake up and see sunrise on the beach with the kangaroos and wallabies?

Mackay Tourism can make your booking at Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park on

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