

Girraween National Park

The park

Girraween, 'place of flowers', lies on the northern extremity of the New England uplands at an average elevation of about 900m. Its granite habitat is unique in Queensland with the floral and faunal communities resembling more southern types. Some plants and animals have their sole Queensland distribution here.

Girraween is renowned for its spring wildflower displays.

The park's walking tracks vary from 600m to about 5km.

Camping information

At most times of the year, low visitor numbers make bookings unnecessary; campers are welcome to telephone Girraween to confirm the situation.

Campers intending to visit Girraween during school holidays and long weekends should apply for sites by writing or telephoning the Ranger as far as 12 months ahead.

A stamped self-addressed envelope sent with an application will speed a reply.

A booking is confirmed only when the appropriate fee is paid.

Permits to camp

If no advance booking has been made, a permit to camp must be obtained from the Ranger at the park information centre.

Office hours are 3-4pm daily and at other times, park duties permitting.

Should the office be unattended, consult the after hours information board, set up camp, and collect a permit from the self-registration station in the campground.

Fees may be paid through the post with pre-purchased coupons, cheques, credit card numbers or money orders, by telephone quoting credit card numbers, at the information centre with pre-purchased coupons, cash, credit card or cheque, or at the self-registration station using pre-purchased coupons or cash.

Books of coupons attracting a 10 per cent discount are available from Division regional offices.

Campsites

Intending campers should note that, except at times of peak visitation, only one camping ground is in use to allow the other to regenerate.

If campers prefer a particular camping ground, they should contact the Ranger to find which camping ground will be in use when they visit.

Specific campsites in particular camping grounds are not allocated to or reserved for campers. All must choose from sites available on arrival.

'Caravan and camper-trailer' and 'tent' areas are designated for those uses only. Campervans may use either of these areas, but vehicles must not be driven onto formed tent sites. Should tents and caravans and/or camper-trailers be included within the one camping party, then tents may remain with the group in the designated 'caravan and camper-trailer' areas.

Disabled access

Amenities at Castle Rock campground and the park office are accessible by wheelchair users.

Walking tracks have not been hard surfaced but some have gentle gradients negotiable by wheelchair. Check with local staff for details of track conditions.

Campfires

Please do not gather any firewood from the bush, nor strip bark from the trees for kindling.

Firewood is provided in a central location in each campground.

Firewood is limited so please help conserve the supply. No fires are to be lit on the ground; please use the barbecues and keep burning wood under the cooking plate and bars.

Water

Tap water in the camping and picnic grounds is pumped from Bald Rock Creek and treated before distribution so is safe to drink.

Be conservative in your use of water, particularly in the showers.

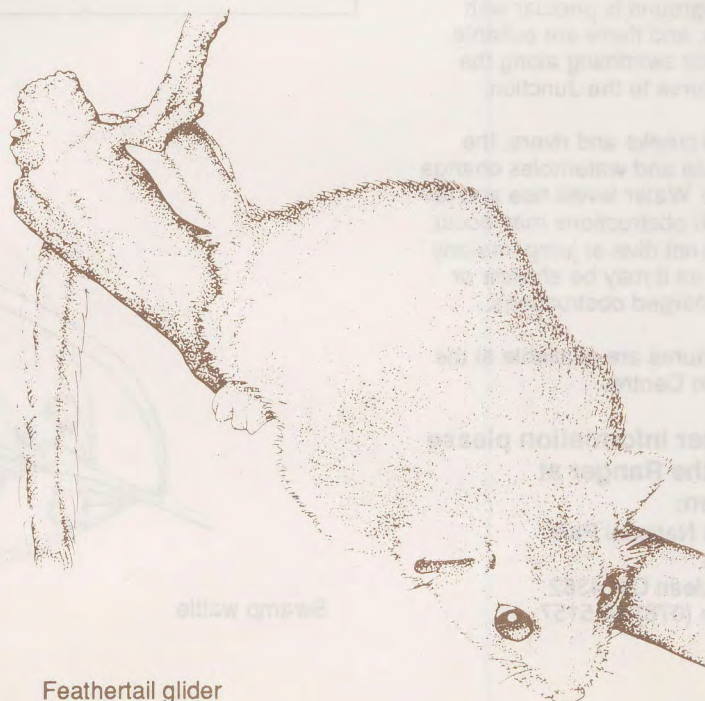
Generators

Campsites are not powered and the use of generators is not permitted.

Bush camping

Bush camping is permitted after a permit is obtained from the Ranger. Restrictions may be imposed depending on conditions in the park.

Please be prepared to give details of your planned itinerary.



Feathertail glider

Provisions

Nearest food and petrol supplies are at Wallangarra, 15km south of Girraween, and Ballandean, 15km north of the park, both on the New England Highway.

Postal service

Mail is delivered to the information centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and may be collected during office hours.

Campers' stamped letters may be delivered to the information centre to be sent with outgoing mail.

Messages

Park staff will attempt to relay any urgent message to a camper immediately. Non-urgent messages are put on message boards outside the camping grounds' amenities blocks.

Public telephone

An STD public telephone is located in the carpark adjacent to the Information Centre. Girraween staff do not always have 'change' for use in this telephone. If you anticipate making calls while visiting the park, please bring a supply of coins with you.

Emergency numbers

Stanthorpe	
- Hospital	81 2211
- Ambulance	81 2233
- Fire	81 2166
- Police	81 1022
Wallangarra	
- Police	84 3120

Swimming

A waterhole in Bald Rock Creek near the picnic ground is popular with swimmers, and there are suitable locations for swimming along the creek's course to the Junction.

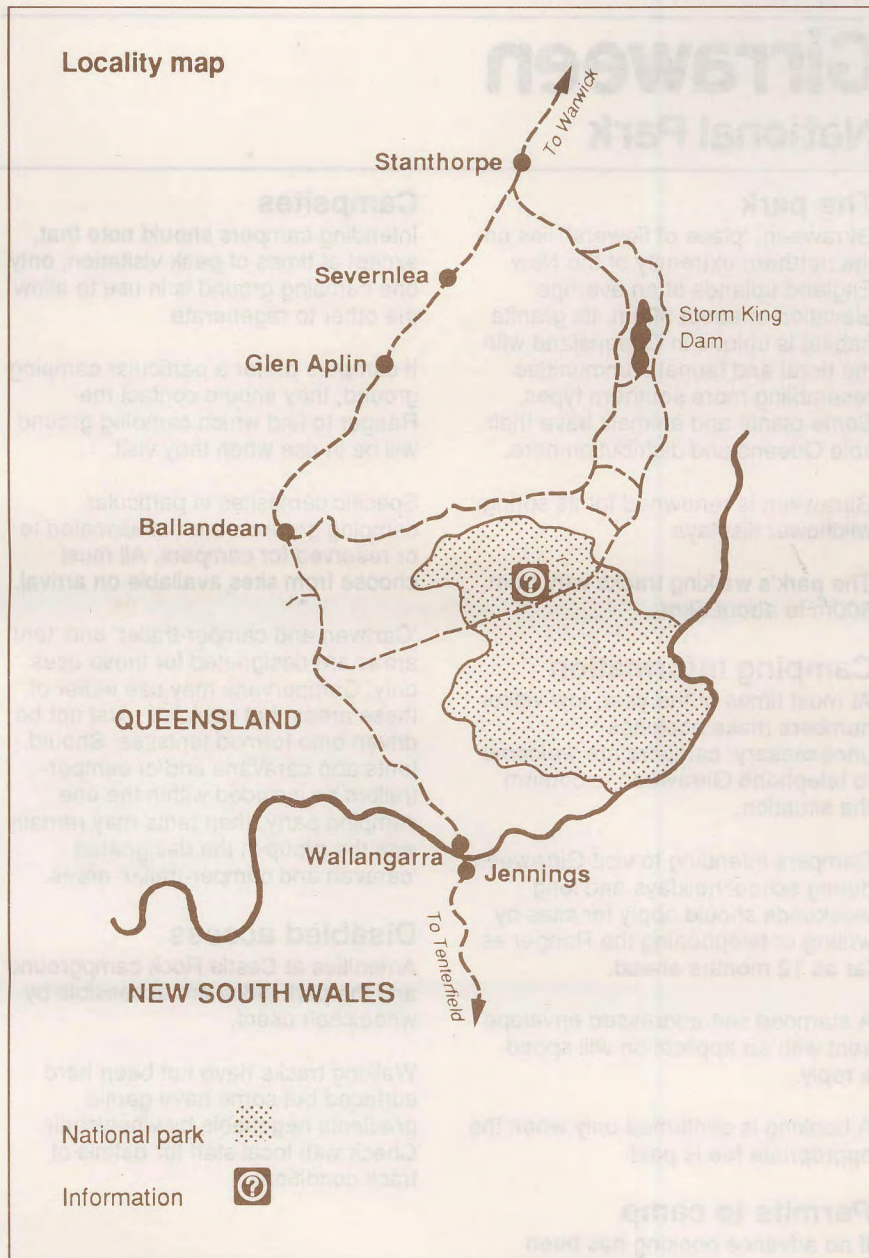
As with all creeks and rivers, the watercourse and waterholes change constantly. Water levels rise and fall and hidden obstructions may occur. Please do not dive or jump into any waterhole as it may be shallow or have submerged obstructions.

Park brochures are available at the Information Centre.

For further information please contact the Ranger at Girraween:

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Wyberba,
via Ballandean Qld 4382
Telephone (076) 84 5157

Locality map



Swamp wattle