

10 TOP TRAILS

The Atherton Tablelands is a superb place for getting outside and enjoying what nature has to offer. From towering rainforests with clear mountain streams, to sweeping vistas atop mountains and everything in between, this unique slice of Australia has something for everyone. Immerse yourself in all this region has to offer on one of the 10 Top Trails.

Each of the 10 Top Trails also has a dedicated brochure outlining what the trail involves, how to get there, what you can see along the way, as well as easy-to-follow track notes to make the most of your experience.

For more information about the region and what to see and do, drop into one of the accredited Visitor Information Centres in Atherton, Herberton, Ravenshoe, Malanda and Yungaburra.



VISIT RESPONSIBLY

- Plan your walk or ride to arrive in daylight hours. Let someone responsible know where you are going, when you expect to be back and what to do if you do not return.
- If you're visiting a national park, state forest, conservation park or forest reserve, check the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service webpage (parks.des.qld.gov.au) for park alerts, management and safety information and to book your camping.
- Reduce the spread of weeds and fungal diseases by cleaning mud and seeds from your equipment (shoes, backpacks, bikes, camping gear etc) before you head off and on return.
- Walk and ride to the conditions and within your abilities. Be prepared for vehicles, walkers, wildlife, or unexpected hazards like fallen trees. Be careful on slippery slopes, cliff edges and at water crossings.
- Take plenty of drinking water. Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.

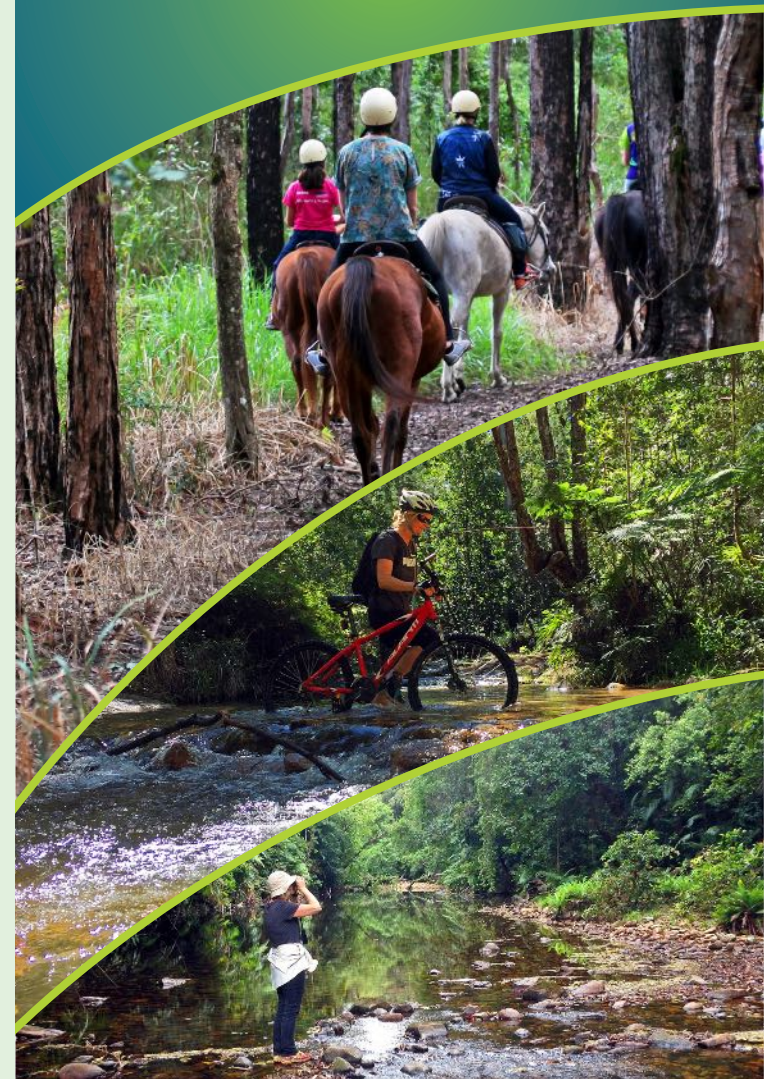
TRAIL ETIQUETTE

The 10 Top Trails are a great way to explore the Tablelands and by following a few simple guidelines, you can ensure all users enjoy the experience.

- Do not obstruct the trail.
- Cyclists must alert other users to their approach in a clear voice and pass at a reduced speed.
- Do not feed or approach animals in paddocks adjacent the trails.
- Observe local signs and regulation.
- Only take dogs on trails where permitted. Dogs must always be on a leash and under control.
- On approaching horse riders, greet them in a clear voice and make arrangements to pass safely.



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2	Lake Barrine Trail	✓	✗	✗	✗		2hrs
3	Malanda Falls Trail	✓	✗	✗	✗		1-2hrs
4	Majors Mountain Trail	✓	✓ Part	✗	✗		3hrs
5	Tumoulin Forest Trail	✓	✓	✓	✗		3-5hrs
6	Koolmoon Creek and Walters Waterhole	✓	✗	✗	✗		4-6hrs
7	Mt Baldy and Mt Yabi Loop Trail	✓	✗	✗	✓		3-5hrs
8	Cannabullen Falls	✓	✓	✗	✗		4-6 hrs
9	Herberton Range Loop Trail	✓	✓	✓	✗		5-7hrs
10	Kauri Creek and Mt Edith Loop	✓	✓	✗	✗		1-2days

1. Peterson Creek Trail



Enjoy this 3.8km return stroll along the banks of Peterson Creek and through the heart of historic Yungaburra. The Petersen Creek Walking Trail is a wonderful example of community spirit. The Yungaburra Landcare Group began rehabilitating the area in 1998 and the resultant trail is a great example of a healthy ecosystem supporting some of the Tablelands' native fauna. This family-friendly trail is one of the best and most accessible spots on the Tablelands to see Platypus and the shy Lumholtz's Tree-kangaroo.

2. Lake Barrine Trail



The Lake Barrine Circuit Trail is in Crater Lakes National Park and is part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The trail is a moderate 5km loop around Lake Barrine that offers secluded forest-fringed views of the lake and excellent opportunities for viewing wildlife. The trail is unpaved in sections, but is generally good with relatively gentle slopes and easy to follow. There are two lookout platforms with views over the Lake. There is also a short loop section (600m) if you don't have the time to do the full Lake Barrine Trail.

6. Koolmoon Creek and Walters Waterhole



This 12km loop trail is part of the Misty Mountains Wilderness Tracks. Follow an old logging trail through towering forests to a clear mountain stream. Spend time exploring Koolmoon Creek and its waterholes, waterfalls and old bridge abutments. Deep within Tully Falls National Park and part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, this wilderness experience will reward your efforts with breathtaking scenery and amazing wildlife.

7. Mt Baldy and Mt Yabi Loop Trail



The 8.4km Baldy Yabi Circuit climbs the summits of Mount Baldy (1,109m) and Yabi Mountain (1,055m) and rewards your efforts with stunning views across the landscape. Enjoy a range of forest types and options for shorter walks, right on the doorstep of Atherton. The Baldy Yabi Circuit Walk encompasses parts of the Herberton Range State Forest and the Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve.

9. Herberton Range Loop Trail



The Herberton Range Shared Trails are an 18km loop across the Hugh Nelson Range in the Herberton Range Conservation Park. Enjoy a wonderful cross-section of landscapes and vegetation, enjoy a swim in the pool at Halls Falls and have a picnic and soak in the expansive views from Drivers Lookout.

10. Kauri Creek and Mt Edith Loop



The Mount Edith and Kauri Creek trail is a 40km loop across the Lamb Range in Danbulla and Dinden National Parks, and part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area on well-formed gravel roads. Walk or ride through a dynamic cross section of landscapes and vegetation, enjoying expansive views from multiple points along the trail. It also offers the opportunity to obtain a permit and camp at the Kauri Creek campground on the shores of Tinaroo Falls Dam, making this a two-day adventure with an enjoyable overnight experience.

3. Malanda Falls Trail



The Malanda Falls Trail comprises two family-friendly trails – the 1.5km Rainforest Walk and 1km Tulip Oak Walk. The trails wind through the rainforest along the North Johnstone River in the Malanda Falls Conservation Park.

Allow time to explore the displays about the Tablelands' volcanic creation, cultural heritage of the Ngadjon Aboriginal people, and the area's unique plants and animals in the Malanda Falls Visitor Information Centre.

4. Majors Mountain Trail



This 6.2km return trail to the summit of Majors Mountain is part of the Misty Mountains Wilderness Tracks. Follow old logging trails and narrow tracks through the forest for rewarding views over the surrounding forest. You can ride the first 2.3km of the trail before leaving the bikes behind for the steep climb to the summit. This trail is within the Tully Falls National Park, and part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Your efforts in reaching the summit are expansive views of this wilderness area.

5. Tumoulin Forest Trail



The 12km Tumoulin Forest Trail is in the Tumoulin State Forest and Forest Reserve. Explore the towering forests by foot, bike or horse. Have a picnic on the banks of The Millstream where it tumbles over McKenzie Falls on its way down the Millstream Valley.



Lake Barrine

TRAIL CLASSIFICATION

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View from Mt Baldy summit



Lumholtz's Tree-kangaroo



Walker on Koolmoon Creek and Walters Waterhole Trail

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