

Binna Burra Camping Weekend

7 – 9 November 2008

Come join us! Experience a 'get away from it all' weekend at Binna Burra – in the heart of UNESCO World Heritage listed Lamington National Park. You will have the opportunity to view the fabulous night skies and see the nocturnal Red-legged Pademelons (small brown wallabies), and to wake up to the sounds and smells of the rainforest.

Walking

Go for a long strenuous hike or a short sightseeing stroll. You'll have plenty of walks to choose from, with a variety of distances and degrees of difficulty. If you want to plan your walks before you go, google Lamington National Park or see the Binna Burra website <http://www.binnaburrallodge.com.au/index.php>.

Birdwatching and other activities

Binna Burra runs regular birdwatching tours from 6.30 am. Keen QETL members will be able to join a walk on Saturday morning, probably for no additional cost. If you're interested in adventure, you might like to try abseiling or the flying fox. You can reserve your spot on one of these activities at the lodge once you've arrived – at your own cost, of course! Investigate these and other activities on the Binna Burra website.

Food

Included in the cost

Friday night	nibbles and supper (fruit cake), tea, coffee, hot chocolate
Saturday breakfast	cereal, fruit, pancakes
Saturday lunch	'make your own' – ingredients laid out for you (at breakfast time) to make your own salad sandwiches/ bread rolls; fruit and cake, too!
Saturday night	BBQ dinner, tea, coffee, hot chocolate
Sunday breakfast	cereal, fruit
Sunday lunch	'make your own' – ingredients provided for salad sandwiches/ bread rolls/ wraps

Not included

- Friday night dinner
Everyone will be arriving at different times, so bring your own dinner or head to the **Binna Burra Tea House** (near the campgrounds) for takeaway pizza. You're staying in a remote area, so food will cost more than it will at your local take-away. As a guide, pizzas will cost about \$20. Last orders 7.30 pm.
- Your own nibbles, snacks, drinks

Please provide your own **esbies with ice** for your drinks and snacks. There are **no fridges** and our eskies will be full.

What to bring

- **linen, blankets OR sleeping bags, pillows**
- comfortable, waterproof walking shoes and clothing, thick socks and sun hat, a pullover for the evenings (yes - even in summer)
- torch /flashlight
- binoculars (bird ID books for the twitchers)
- lunch box and water bottle
- esky for drinks
- towel, personal clothing, rain coat and toiletries
- your camera

Amenities

- full shower and toilet facilities
- coin-operated washing machines and tumble dryer
- coin-operated gas BBQ stoves and hot plates (Cooking is NOT permitted inside canvas cabins)
- firewood – you will need to bring your own – open fires are restricted to designated areas and may be prohibited in times of fire danger
- canvas cabins have lighting but no power points or refrigeration

Arrival and Departure

- Check in: Come directly to campsite and meet Sue from 4pm on Friday 7 November
- Check out: Sunday 10 am

Accommodation

Charge for accommodation is calculated by bed. After reading this, if you have queries about what your accommodation might cost you – particularly if you have young children or you are a single traveller – please speak to Sue Monteath or Kerry Warland.

You'll be sleeping in an onsite safari-style tent accommodating 2 – 6 people:

- tents for 2 – two single beds (limited number available)
- tents for 4 – a double bed and a bunk bed (singles accommodated in these – 3 people in 4-person tent)
- tents for 6 – a double bed and two bunk beds

Tents have pine beds and mattresses, table and chairs, vinyl floors, screened opening windows, lighting, your own private veranda with rainforest or Coomera Valley views.

BYO linen, blankets and pillows!

Accommodation will be allocated on a first come (and pay) basis, with preference given to exchange teachers and their families if this activity is oversubscribed by the due date.

Getting there

From the Pacific Motorway M1, take the Nerang turn-off and follow the signs 26 km to Beechmont and then 10km from the roundabout to Binna Burra Mountain Lodge. Allow approximately 90 minutes from Brisbane, 60 minutes from Coolangatta or 50 minutes from Surfers Paradise.

When you arrive at Binna Burra, you'll see a forked road. Take the left path, which leads to the camp site and the tea house café. If you end up going right, make sure your wallet is full – this leads to the Lodge! QETL members will greet you at the camping area and direct you to your tent.

Please note: From Beechmont onwards, the road is narrow in sections and one way at times. If you are travelling at night, there may be kangaroos or wallabies on the road. If possible, avoid travelling at dusk.

Payment

Please provide complete booking details and **full payment by Wednesday 8 October** (the first week in Term 4) so the QETL won't lose the deposit. If you haven't booked by the due date, any remaining spots will probably have been cancelled!

Cost

Adults: **\$120**

Children (5 – 17, still at school) **\$65**

Interested?

Contact **Sue Monteath** by e-mail: sue_mont@bigpond.net.au or phone 3354 1028. Sue will be away from August 22 until October 7. If you have questions, please contact Sue **before August 22** or contact Kerry Warland on 3893 0624 or e-mail kerrywarland@yahoo.com.au.



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