

# Kwiambal National Park



Kwiambal National Park is a secluded reserve past Inverell offering swimming, scenic picnic opportunities, cheap accommodation, mountain biking, birdwatching and fishing.

Pronounced Kigh-am-bal, Kwiambal National Park is a quiet achiever. Tucked away near the NSW-Queensland border, its isolation is also its attraction: come for the nature, stay for the privacy. There's a good chance you'll have a great deal of space to yourself, with day trippers travelling through the outback and grey nomads the most frequent visitors in the area.

Though the park has a history of tobacco farming, white cypress-pines and ironbarks are in ready supply, accompanying dramatic granite gorges and twisting waterways that thunder after heavy storms. The open plains are often covered with kangaroos – stick around for dusk and dawn and you might even see the resident emus.

Kwiambal offers multiple opportunities for swimming and fishing, with plentiful river species for the taking. The rivers themselves are a prime attraction too, offering plunge pools, beaches, and scenic waterfalls best seen from one of the several lookouts scattered around the park. Walking trails thread through cool forest and are scaled for many levels of fitness. Pull on the hiking boots and then reward your efforts with a barbecue at one of the several picnic spots, perfect for a weekend getaway.

Bring your tent or caravan, or enjoy some budget accommodation. Kwiambal offers a surprising variety of options – something for everyone, space enough for all.

## Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/kwiambal-national-park/local-alerts>

## Contact

📍 in the Country NSW region

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## Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Kwiambal National Park.

## Getting there and parking

From Inverell:

- Travel along Byron Street through the town centre passing Kamilaroi Park on your left.
- Head north along Ashford Road for about an hour, and once at Ashford turn left onto Frazer Street.
- Follow Frazer Street as it turns onto Wallangra Road and head west to the intersection with Sandy Creek Road.
- Turn right onto Sandy Creek Road and follow for 6km until the intersection with Limestone Road.
- From here turn left and continue onto Kwiambal National Park.

From Tenterfield:

- Head west along the Bruxner Way for about an hour.
- Turn south just before Bonshaw to the small town of Ashford
- From here, travel along Inverell Street in Ashford and turn onto Limestone Road. Following this road for 16km and at the intersection of Limestone Road and Sandy Creek Road turn right, and continue onto Kwiambal National Park.

### Park entry points

- Goberts Road access
- Limestone Road access

### Parking

- Dungeon lookout
- Kookibitta campground
- Lemon Tree Flat campground
- Limestone Caves walking track
- Macintyre Falls lookout

### By bike

Check out the [Bicycle information for NSW website](#) for more information.

## Best times to visit

There are lots of great things waiting for you in Kwiambal National Park. Here are some of the highlights.

### Autumn

The crisp air offers excellent conditions for exploring either on foot or by mountain bike.

### Spring

Many of the wildflowers are in bloom; including the pale-pink common fringe myrtle; native fuchsia, with its red bell-shaped flowers, and the yellow bitter-peas.

### Summer

The many swimming opportunities, including rivers, secluded beaches, and even a plunge pool, makes Kwiambal a terrific destination in the height of summer.

## Weather, temperature and rainfall



### Summer temperature

Average	Highest recorded
16°C and 30°C	43.7°C



### Winter temperature

Average	Lowest recorded
5°C and 16°C	-2.8°C



### Rainfall

Wettest month	Driest month	The area's highest recorded rainfall in one day
August	February	124mm

## Facilities



### Toilets

- [Dungeon lookout](#)
- [Kookibitta campground](#)
- [Lavender Vale Cottage](#)
- [Lavender Vale Homestead](#)
- [Lemon Tree Flat campground](#)
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### Picnic tables

- [Dungeon lookout](#)
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### Barbecue facilities

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### Drinking water

- [Lavender Vale Cottage](#)
- [Lavender Vale Homestead](#)
- [Lemon Tree Flat campground](#)
- [Macintyre Falls lookout](#)



### Showers

- [Lavender Vale Cottage](#)
- [Lavender Vale Homestead](#)



### Electric power

- [Lavender Vale Cottage](#)
- [Lavender Vale Homestead](#)

## Maps and downloads



Kwiambal National Park factsheet

## Safety messages

However you discover NSW national parks and reserves, we want you to have a safe and enjoyable experience. Our park and reserve systems contrast greatly so you need to be aware of the risks and take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of those in your care.



### Mobile safety

Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Download the Emergency Plus app before you visit, it helps emergency services locate you using your smartphone's GPS. Please note there is limited mobile phone reception in this park and you'll need mobile reception to call Triple Zero (000).

## Prohibited



### Pets

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted. Find out which regional parks allow dogs and see the pets in parks policy for more information.

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### Smoking

NSW national parks are no smoking areas.

## Nearby towns

### Warialda (71 km)

Warialda is surrounded by picturesque bushland, making it an ideal location for bushwalking and relaxing in natural surrounds. There are numerous places to picnic, and Cranky Rock Nature Reserve is a popular spot for fossicking, birdwatching and exploring. The area also supports a large variety of wildflowers.

[www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com)

### Inverell (80 km)

Go fossicking for sapphires and other gems at several places around the city. Grab a map of local fossicking sites from the visitor information centre and try your luck.

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### Glen Innes (118 km)

Set in the most prolific sapphire region of Country NSW, Glen Innes hosts the annual Minerama Fossicking and Gem Show and the annual Australian Celtic Festival, and is home to the Australian Standing Stones.

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## Learn more


Kwiambal National Park is a special place. Here are just some of the reasons why:


## Animals




There are five rare or threatened plant species in the park: severn wattle, Rodd's star hair, caustic vine, daisy bush and toadflax. Feel free to look, but please be careful not to damage the plants. In the warmer months of September to March, the wildflowers bloom throughout the bush. Like its flowers, Kwiambal is home to dozens of notable animal species, including 32 types of reptile, 11 frogs, and 30 species of mammal. Some 18 species are threatened or endangered, including koalas, squirrel gliders, and five-clawed worm skinks. There are also an astonishing 101 types of bird, making the park a hot spot for avid birders. Keep an eye out for painted honeyeaters, barking owls, hooded robins, and diamond firetails.

 **Dungeon lookout** Where Severn River enters a steep gorge, you'll find The Dungeon, with this lookout offering superb views down into the swell, particularly after rain.

 **Limestone Caves walking track** Limestone Caves walking track is a short, easy walk in Kwiambal National Park, near Ashford. It's popular with families keen to explore the caves, spot the local bats and enjoy a picnic.


 **Macintyre Falls lookout** Adjacent to a well-equipped picnic area, Macintyre Falls lookout offers scenic views over the river, with nearby swimming, hiking and fishing opportunities.

 **Slippery Rock walking track** Slippery Rock walking track in Kwiambal National Park, near Inverell, offers spectacular gorge views as well as fishing, birdwatching and vibrant wildflowers in spring.

## Native rainforest



Kwiambal contains 15 per cent of the native dry rainforest left in NSW. The vegetation is dominated by white cypress pines, silver-leaved ironbarks, and tumbledown gums. Unfortunately, much of the planning area has been subjected to logging in the past, though considerable regeneration makes it a worthy destination for nature-lovers.

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**Junction walk** Junction walk offers a stroll through ironbarks and pine trees to the meeting of Severn and Macintyre rivers, with swimming, picnicking, and birdwatching opportunities.



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## Historic heritage



The flat areas of the park have been subjected to farming of tobacco, giving way to cereal crops and the mining of various minerals and sapphires. Unsurprisingly then, there are a number of historical landmarks within the park, including tobacco-drying sheds, woolsheds, fruit trees, storage sheds, and the remains of a house. History enthusiasts will want to seek these out on a visit.

## Aboriginal cultural heritage



Kwiambal takes its name from the aboriginal people of the Ashford district. Rich in food, water and materials, the area provided a year-round living environment for their ancestors, with sacred sites and hunting grounds spread throughout the park.

## Education resources (1)



Who cares about national parks?, Stage 2 (Years 3-4), Geography

## What we're doing

Kwiambal National Park has management strategies in place to protect and conserve the values of this park. Visit the OEH website for [detailed park and fire management documents](#).

## General enquiries

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National Parks Contact Centre

🕒 7am to 7pm daily

☎ 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS) for the cost of a local call within Australia excluding mobiles

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## Links

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