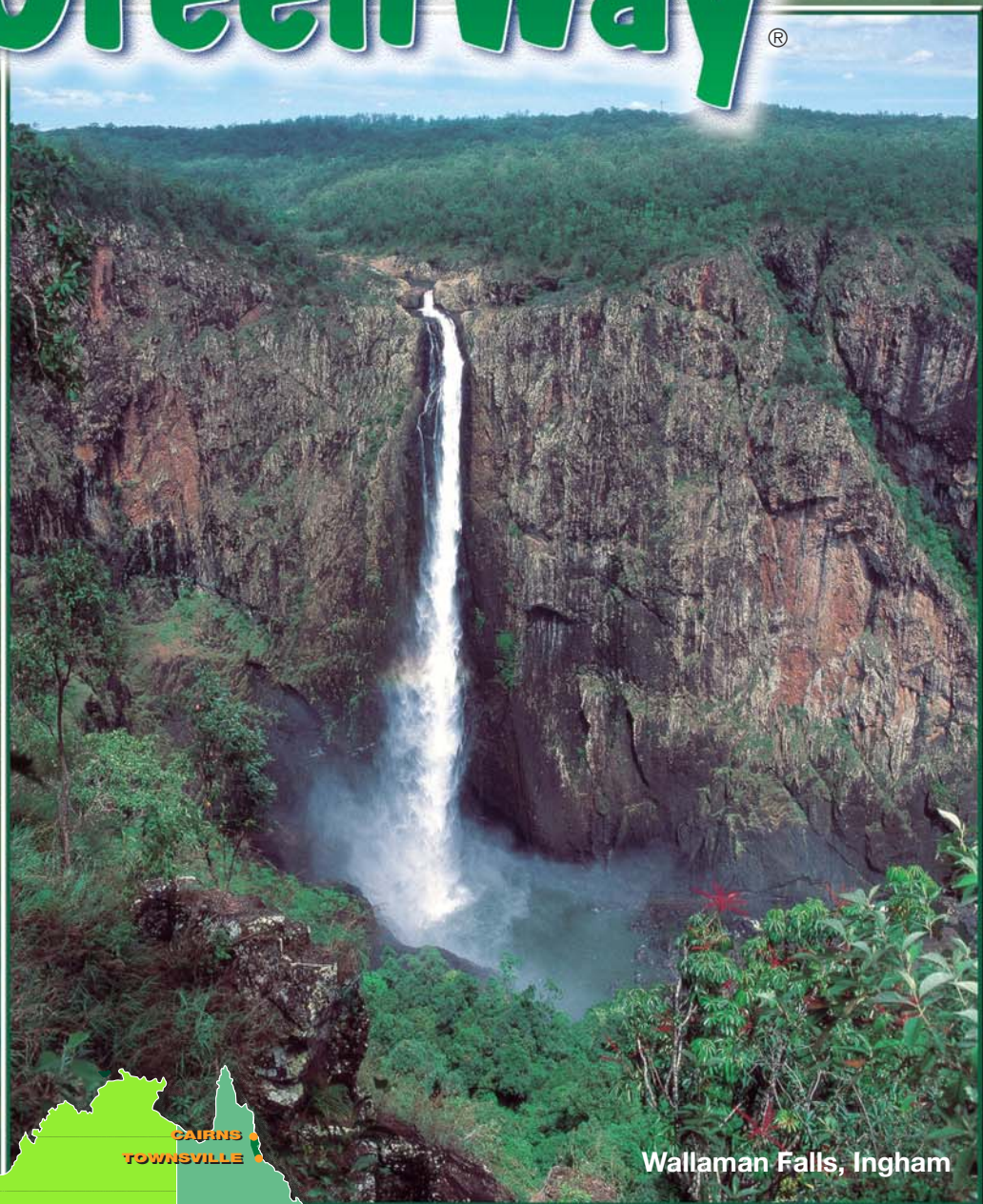


SELF DRIVE TOURING MAP \* TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS

# The Great Green Way<sup>®</sup>



Wallaman Falls, Ingham



**TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA**

# The Great Green Way



- KEY:**
- Swimming
  - Hiking
  - Lookout
  - Boat Ramp
  - Camping
  - Accredited Information Centre
  - Driver Reviver
  - Information

← Charters Towers (120km from Townsville)

# Turn 4 Hours into 14 Days...

## Must See Must Do in the Great Green Way



World Heritage Wet Tropics rainforest



Amazing offshore islands

The **Great Green Way** is an area of outstanding natural beauty spanning from Townsville to Cairns, including two World Heritage listings of the **Wet Tropics Rainforests**, and the **Great Barrier Reef**.

The area has over **25 tropical islands off its coast**, over **12 mainland National Parks**, and it is the closest mainland access in Queensland to the Outer Barrier Reef.

It encompasses the five shires of Cairns City, Johnstone, Cardwell, Hinchinbrook and Thuringowa City.

One of the best aspects of the area, is its relaxed, **North Queensland lifestyle**, where you can still have a

yarn with locals in an old Queensland pub, and where farming and fishing are still the dominant way-of-life. Discover its **rich, diverse cultural history**, or enjoy the luxury of fresh seafood and tropical fruits whilst overlooking the sunset.

## Townsville/Thuringowa to Ingham

- **Balgal and Saunders Beach** – picturesque sandy beaches with boat ramp access to the nearby islands.
- **Paluma Range National Park** – camp at Big Crystal Creek (permit). Swim at the old Stone bridge at Little Crystal Creek on the way to Paluma.
- **McClellands lookout** – views to the coast and Islands. Rainforest walks or spot the Riflebird at Paluma.
- **Jourama Falls** – picturesque terraced waterfalls, with freshwater swimming, rainforest walks and camping facilities.
- **Wallaman Falls** – spectacular 305 metre sheer drop. Walking tracks through the rainforest, platypus sighting and camping facilities.



Reef Fishing



Italian Festival

- **Forrest Beach** – 17kms east of Ingham with long sandy patrolled beach. A variety of accommodation.
- **Victoria Sugar Mill** – tours available July to November at Australia's biggest mill.
- **Ingham** – the Wet Tropics and cane growing area with the multicultural Italian Festival in May.

## THE GREAT GREEN WAY



## Ingham to Cardwell

- **Broadwater State Forest** – see the giant figtree on the 1.6km interpretative walk. Superb birdlife and camping facilities.
- **Halifax** – on the banks of the Herbert River. Original buildings, museum and mango tree lined streets.
- **Orpheus, Pelorus and Palm Islands** – chartered tours are available to snorkel and dive the coral reefs around these idyllic islands.
- **Taylor's Beach** – gateway to the Palm Islands. Victoria Inlet is great for fishing and watersports. A variety of accommodation available.
- **Lucinda Beach** – southern access to Hinchinbrook Island. Excellent fishing and the world's longest sugar loading jetty. Caravan Park and Pub.
- **Hinchinbrook Channel** – these protected waters offer 365 days of fishing opportunities, and are an angler's paradise. Take an eco-tour and discover this amazing wilderness.
- **Hinchinbrook Island** – renowned for its pristine environment, spectacular scenery, 32km **Thorsborne Trail** and small Eco-Resort. Island visitors depart from Cardwell's Port Hinchinbrook Marina, which is also home to dive charters, bareboats and dinghy hire.



The world's longest sugar loading jetty at Lucinda



The Dugong of Hinchinbrook Island

- **Goold and Brook Islands** – camping is permitted on Goold while the reefs around Brook offer great snorkelling.
- **Dalrymple Gap Walking Track** – 15km south of Cardwell. The highlight of this 10km walking track through open grassland, eucalypt and rainforests is the old stone bridge built in 1864.

- **5 Mile Swimming Hole** – set in the forest 7kms south of Cardwell. Experience a safe fresh water swim with picnic facilities.
- **Cardwell** – stretching along the shores of the Coral Sea with stunning views of Hinchinbrook and surrounding islands. Renowned for its excellent estuary fishing, opportunities abound for either land based or fishing charters. It boasts a variety of accommodation options and services. The **Rainforest and Reef Centre** provides a fascinating interpretive display, information on the region and camping permits.



White water rafting

## Cardwell to Tully

- **Cardwell State Forest Drive** – 20km Scenic drive behind Cardwell accessing a lookout, waterfalls, swimming holes and during the wet season a natural spa pool.
- **Edmund Kennedy National Park** – 4km north of Cardwell. A 3-5km walking track with boardwalks through the mangrove swamps, highlights the diversity of the environment.

- **Kennedy** – 10km north of Cardwell, is an ideal refuelling/provisioning stop at the turn off to the remote **Blencoe Falls**, an 93m falls. The 82km drive is through World Heritage rainforests and savannah. Dry weather access only, for conventional vehicles. No caravans.
- **Murray Falls** – viewing the 30 metre drop of the falls from the safety platform is breathtaking and the camping and crystal clear rock pools are excellent for a camping weekend.
- **Tully Gorge** – is a beautiful place to visit for a picnic and a swim with camping available. The 44km drive is a scenic view as you ascend into the mountains.
- **White Water Rafting** – on the Tully River is world renowned and not for the faint of heart.
- **Tully Sugar Mill** – is in the heart of the town of Tully and is set against a backdrop of the rainforest covered mountains. Tully has the highest rainfall in Australia.

## Mission Beach to Innisfail

- Magical **Mission Beach** – made up of the four villages of South Mission Beach, Wongaling Beach, Mission Beach and Bingil Bay. They are linked by 14km of palm fringed golden beaches.
- **Clump Point Jetty** – from here you can access the islands and the reef.
- **Dunk and Bedarra Island** – are rainforest and resort islands. Dunk Island is accessible from Mission Beach by ferries and water taxis.
- **Outer Barrier Reef** – is closest at Mission Beach, only 40km offshore. Beaver, Taylors Reefs and Sandy Cays – offer unforgettable reef, snorkeling and scuba experience.
- **Adventure** – skydiving, horseriding, parasailing, jetbikes, waterskiing, dinghy hire and catamarans.
- **El Arish** – is a small township with an historic pub and a golf course popular with locals.
- **Kurrimine Beach** – peaceful and best known for its long uncrowded beach, good fishing.
- **King Reef** – is just 800 metres offshore and nearby creeks and waterways are teeming with life.
- **Paronella Park** – situated at Mena Creek, the multi-award winning cultural and heritage tourist attraction featuring castles in the rainforest.



Dunk Island off Mission Beach



Paronella Park

- **Silkwood** – take the Old Bruce Highway scenic drive through **Mena Creek**, Paronella Park and **South Johnstone**, an historic sugar town.
- **Cowley Beach** – is a small beachside village with great views of the close offshore islands.
- **Etty Bay** – rainforest grows almost to the seashore at this spectacular patrolled beach.
- **Mourilyan** – this small town is home to **Australia's National Sugar Museum**.

## Innisfail to Babinda

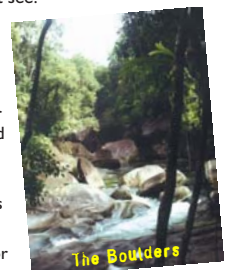
- **Flying Fish Point** – at the mouth of the Johnstone River, idyllic beach village offering fishing, caravan park and leads to the beautiful Ella Bay.
- **Innisfail** – is the service centre for the region and offers convenient shopping, botanic gardens, history museum, wonderful art deco buildings, picnicking on the north and south Johnstone Rivers and crocodile farm.
- **Eubenangee Wetlands** – is a birdwatcher's paradise being home to many birds and wildlife including crocodiles.
- **Mt Bartle Frere** – Queensland's highest mountain (1622m), presents a challenge to fit bush walkers.
- **Josephine Falls** – is a spectacular cascading falls accessed by a fully sealed path through the rainforest and are a favourite with the locals on a hot day.
- **Bramston Beach** – is a sleepy beachside village which is a must see.



Innisfail Courthouse

## Babinda to Gordonvale to Cairns

- **Babinda, The Boulders** – rainforest walks, cool off in the clear mountain water pools, discover the Aboriginal Legend associated with the Boulders. Shop in town and eat at the Boulders Park, free electric barbecues in the shelters.
- **Frankland Islands** – just offshore and offer wide sandy beaches and fringing reefs with spectacular coral and fish life.
- **The Russell and Mulgrave Rivers** – offer whitewater rafting or a wildlife river cruise.
- **Goldsborough Valley** – explore, horse ride, walk the Goldfields track, visit the orchid farms.
- **Walshs Pyramid** – 922m is for the fit and adventurous.
- **Gordonvale** – is an historic sugar town reminiscent of yesteryear.



The Boulders



## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

Australia Day Celebrations

### FEBRUARY

### MARCH

### APRIL

ANZAC day

Easter

Ingham Art's Festival

### MAY

Australian Italian Festival - Ingham

Car & Bike Extravaganza - Ingham

Hinchinbrook Barra Classic - Lucinda

The Feast of the Three Saints Festival - Silkwood

### JUNE

Babinda Umbrella Festival

Cardwell Sportsfishing Championships

Ingham Country Music Festival

### JULY

Ingham Billfish Classic

Ingham Show

Innisfail Show

Thuringowa Riverfestival - Kirwan

Tully Show

### AUGUST

Mission Beach Banana Festival

### SEPTEMBER

Babinda Harvest Festival

Innisfail Billfish Tournament

Innisfail Harvest Festival

Sugar City Rodeo - Ingham

Tully's Great Event

### OCTOBER

G. Loomis Fly Challenge - Lucinda

Maraka Festival - Ingham

Mission Beach Aquatic Festival

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

Christmas Day

### MARKETS

Contact your local Visitors Centre for locations and dates.

Townsville to Crystal Creek	65k	50 mins
Crystal Creek to Ingham	40k	40 mins
Ingham to Wallaman Falls	51k	60 mins
Ingham to Forrest Beach	17k	20 mins
Ingham to Lucinda/Taylors Bch	25k	25 mins
Ingham to Cardwell	53k	40 mins
Cardwell to Tully	48k	30 mins
Kennedy to Blencoe Falls	71k	2.5 hours
Kennedy to Tully	36k	20 mins
Tully to Mission Beach	22k	20 mins
Mission Beach to Innisfail	58k	40 mins
Innisfail to Kurrimine Beach	36k	25 mins
Innisfail to Babinda	30k	20 mins
Babinda to Bramston Beach	24k	20 mins
Babinda to Gordonvale	35k	35 mins
Gordonvale to Cairns	26k	30 mins



The "boat that isn't a boat"  
Mission Beach Aquatic Festival

## TIPS HELPFUL

Please do not litter or bury rubbish; take it with you and dispose in town bins.

Take care not to bring cats, dogs or other domestic animals into the National Parks & State Forests. Please respect the locals, this is their home.

If boating, watch not to cause damage with your anchors on the

coral, keep to speed limits, and when fishing, only keep what you can eat (make sure you're aware of size and bag limits).

When driving, bush walking and camping, keep to roads and tracks to limit impacts on plants and natural habitats.

Collecting plants, coral and some shell species is prohibited.

**MARINE STINGERS:** from October through to April, deadly marine stingers are present in coastal waters. Swim in stinger nets located at Bramston Beach, ETTY Bay, Kurrimine Beach, Mission Beach, Lucinda and Forrest Beach.

**CROCODILES:** crocodiles are present in salt water creeks and rivers. If in doubt seek local advice.

Visit our website: [www.greatgreenway.com](http://www.greatgreenway.com)

For more information on travelling The Great Green Way and local bookings contact one of the information centres in the area, staffed by dedicated local volunteers.

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