



# Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever self-drive tour

The Daintree Rainforest is one of the most ecologically diverse ecosystems in the world with ancient connections to Gondwana. These wet tropics are of international conservation importance. While most of the Daintree has been declared World Heritage, areas of coastal lowland tropical rainforest from the Daintree River to Cape Tribulation remain unprotected.

Rainforest Rescue's Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever Project identifies and purchases precious rainforest at risk of development and establishes Nature Refuge status to protect it forever. Thanks to generous donations to date we have purchased 34 Daintree lowland properties and protected them forever.

*As you journey through the beautiful Daintree Rainforest we encourage you to visit our properties and trust you will be inspired by our efforts to save and protect this amazing ecosystem.*

## Tips for your tour



Please drive carefully and adhere to the speed restrictions. This is an area rich in wildlife. Cassowaries can occasionally be seen crossing the roads. Rainforest Village at Cow Bay (14 km from the ferry) is the last available petrol station north of the Daintree River before Cooktown.



Please don't feed the animals including birds. For them to survive, it is important that they find and eat food from the rainforest.



Please feel free to enter into any of our properties. We ask that you respect the natural environment by not leaving any litter or removing any plants or seeds.



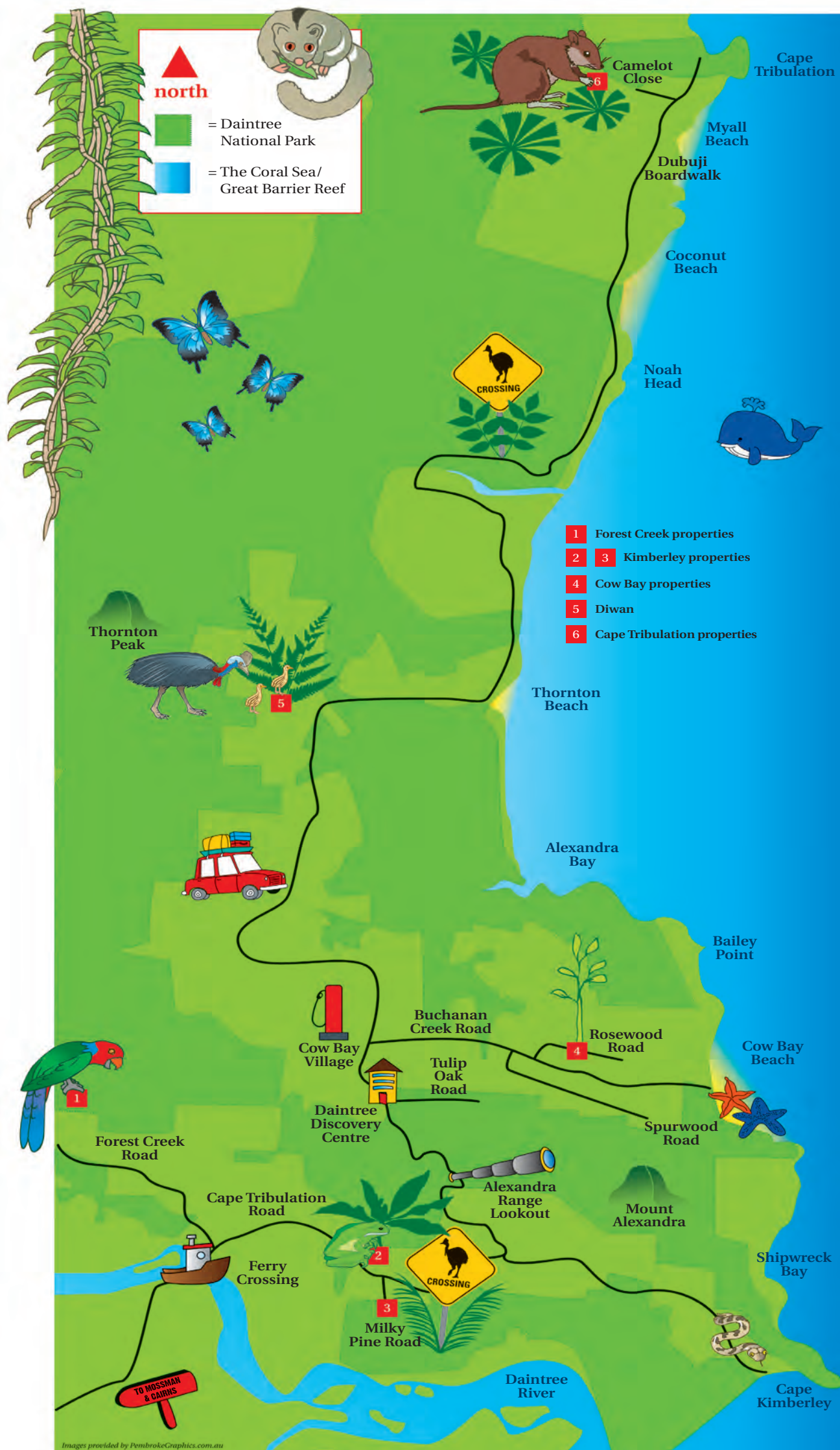
A trip from Cairns to Cape Tribulation is approximately 140 km or 2 ½ hours (each way). A full day is recommended to take in all our properties as well as extra sightseeing activities.



We would love for you to share your Daintree experience with us.  
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# Your journey through the Daintree

From Cairns, drive north and follow the signs to the Daintree River Ferry which is 112 km north of Cairns.

## 1 Forest Creek: Lots 7, 8, 9, 13 and 15 Forest Creek Road and Lots 16, 17 Forest Close

After the ferry crossing take the first street on the left - Forest Creek Road. Travel several kilometres down Forest Creek Road and you will see the sign-posted **Rainforest Rescue Nature Refuge**.

This refuge and surrounds is home to a variety of filmy ferns, palms and other rare species and regional ecosystems. It's also essential habitat for the endangered cassowary and the rare Bennett's tree-kangaroo, and provides a valuable corridor from the Daintree National Park to the Forest Creek wetlands.

Continue along Forest Creek Road until you come to the turn off to Thornton Peak Drive. Do a U-turn and head back towards the Cape Tribulation Road.

## 2 Kimberley: Lots 14, 16 and 29 Cape Tribulation Road

This section of Cape Tribulation Road, located in the Kimberley region, is a recognised Cassowary crossing point. Lot 14, now named the Tree Friends Wildlife Refuge, is situated on the Bailey's Creek section of Cape Tribulation Road and is very strategically located. It is bounded on two sides by the Daintree National Park. Lofty clumps of locally endemic fan palms and black palms grace the northern section of the property, while two species of cycad and various ferns abound in the denser southern part. This includes the king fern that with fronds up to five metres long is reputed to be the largest of all ferns. You may also see the impressive fruit of the Noah's walnut tree.

On Lot 29, named the **Cassowary Corridor Wildlife Refuge**, you will see many fan palms on the lower slopes. You'll also see swamp mahogany, acacia celsa (a rainforest wattle), and a species of a primitive pine, genus Podocarpus

## 3 Kimberley: Lots 7, 9 and 10 Milky Pine Road

Lot 7 is on the right at the end of Milky Pine Road and is in a strategically important location as the southern boundary of the property adjoins the Daintree National Park (World Heritage area). The property provides habitat for many rare and threatened plant species. Keep an eye out for cassowaries! Lot 10 is located in an area identified as essential habitat for the endangered cassowary. Over 100 plant species have been identified on the property including the rare *Haplostychanthus* 'Cooper Creek' and the *Endiandra microneura* (Noah's walnut). These properties form our **Milky Pine Wildlife Refuge**.

Travelling north along Cape Tribulation Road you will cross the picturesque Alexandra Range. Take time to stop at the lookout for magnificent views of the Daintree Rainforest lowlands and the Great Barrier Reef. After crossing the Range turn right onto Buchanan Creek Road and head towards Cow Bay.

## 4 Cow Bay: Lots 76, 82, 83, 90 and 97 Rosewood Road, Lots 75 and 103 Buchanan Road and Lot 117 Spurwood Road

Nine of our properties are located in Cow Bay within close proximity (one is in a secret location and due to highly endangered species growing on it). The properties form the **Baralba Corridor Nature Refuge**. Named by local Aboriginal people, the **kuku yalanji**, meaning 'wildlife track', they are a vital link between two isolated areas of the Daintree National Park (World Heritage area). This is one of the best places to see cassowaries in the wild.

While you are in there, stretch your legs along Cow Bay Beach. We also recommend a visit to the Daintree Discovery Centre for an amazing rainforest experience with its elevated walk through the rainforest canopy. Nearby is the Jinalba Boardwalk in the Daintree National Park.

## 5 Diwan: Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road

Heading north along Cape Tribulation look out on the left hand side of the road for Rainforest Rescue signs marking the boundary to Lot 46; also known as the **Cassowary Conservation Reserve**. This is our largest property at 27.66 hectares. Sitting at the base of the prominent and spectacular Thornton Peak (the fourth highest mountain in Qld), Lot 46 is situated in one of the most important ecological locations in the Daintree.

We are actively working to restore the rainforest across the entire property with 37,000 trees planted so far. We welcome you to visit our property and see first hand how we are regenerating the rainforest. If you're lucky you'll see our resident cassowary. The last property to visit is in Camelot Close at Cape Tribulation, which is located another 17 kms north of Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road.

## 6 Cape Tribulation: Lot 22 Camelot Close

Turn left into Camelot Close from Cape Tribulation Road and continue all the way to the end until you see a sign on the left for the kulki anga Nature Refuge. This property is covered in lowland tropical rainforest and has the Tribulation Creek running through it. The high conservation value of the property has been confirmed by the presence of four species of ferns and an amazing 185 species of flowering plants. An impressive specimen of Hope's cycad stands at 6 metres in height. An active orange-footed scrub fowl mound is located on the block.

Following your visit to the kulki anga Nature Refuge make sure you visit the Dubuji Boardwalk at Cape Tribulation as well as taking the time to take some photos of the magnificent Cape Tribulation headland.