

Eungella



Eungella National Park – a haven for platypus. Photo courtesy: QPWS&P

Eungella National Park is located 80km west of Mackay. High above the surrounding plains, this mist-shrouded and forest-clad mountain refuge is one of Queensland's most ecologically diverse parks with 860 plant species and a wonderful variety of wildlife.

Eungella is a very small township, with less than 200 residents. Finch Hatton is the closest town and is located approximately 15 minutes east of the park, and has a population of approximately 540 people.

Mackay, approximately ninety minutes' drive east of the park, has a population of approximately 120,000 people.

The park receives approximately 5,500 campers per year and a high number of day visitors. There are two camping areas in Eungella National Park. Rangers manage camping areas on the park as well as several others on estates in the Mackay Hinterland including:

- Crediton State Forest
- Homevale National Park
- Mia Mia State Forest.

Amenities and services

The Eungella township is a picturesque location and a popular day trip destination for tourists. It has less amenities and services than the larger town of Finch Hatton.

Finch Hatton has the following amenities and services:

- post office
- general store and pub
- EFTPOS and internet access
- primary school
- police station
- full time ambulance service
- local sporting and community clubs.



The Road through Pioneer Valley, Eungella. Photo courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland.

The nearest doctor is at Mirani, approximately 30km from Eungella. There is a primary school at Eungella, but the nearest high school is at Mirani. A hospital and all other medical services are located at Mackay.

Mackay is a large city and has all of the amenities and services you could expect to find in a major regional city, including an airport.

Access

Eungella National Park, as well as the town of Finch Hatton, can be easily accessed by conventional vehicles via the Mackay-Eungella Road.

The parks in this area can be subject to heavy rainfall (between December and February) but this does not usually affect access in the area.

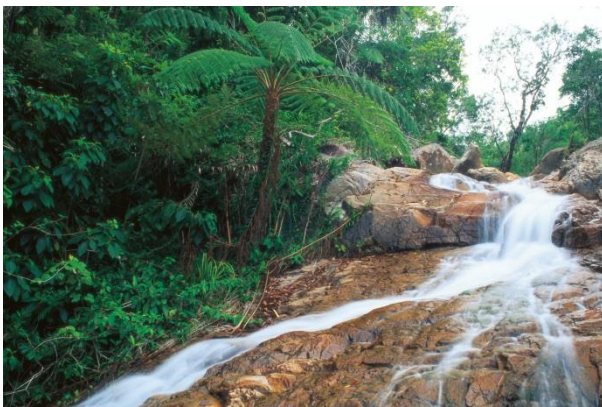
Things to do

Eungella National Park offers a number of activities for members of the public, including:

- over 20km of walking tracks
- multiple driving tracks
- camping
- paddling at Finch Hatton Gorge.

Mackay offers a wide range of recreational activities including:

- sporting clubs
- fishing and boating; and
- access to Great Barrier Reef and various islands.



Finch Hatton Gorge, Eungella National Park. Photo courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland.

Accommodation

For private accommodation, the real estate purchasing and rental opportunities are plentiful in the surrounding locations.

For smaller townships, such as Finch Hatton and Eungella, the housing market is limited.

Further Information

For more information, search for any of the parks listed in this information sheet on the DES website www.des.qld.gov.au/

Map

