

Enjoy a unique experience when wallabies and kangaroos feed on the beach at Cape Hillsborough.

Remember that these are wild animals and should be treated as such. Please do not feed the kangaroos and wallabies and ensure to keep a safe distance at all times.

5 Amazing Nature Encounters in The Mackay Region



1.

Sunrise with wallabies and kangaroos at the beach at Cape Hillsborough National Park

Cape Hillsborough National Park, approximately 45 minutes north of Mackay, is where the rainforest meets the sea. The area has a variety of volcanic headlands, eucalypt forests that are home to koalas and kookaburras and prehistoric rock formations.



2.

Platypus spotting at Broken River

Eungella National Park, approximately one-hour drive west of Mackay, is one of the most reliable spots in Australia to see the elusive platypus in the wild. From the viewing decks at Broken River Visitor Information Centre, spot this shy creature in its natural habitat, as well as turtles and other wildlife.



3.

Bushwalking at Eungella National Park

High above the Pioneer Valley, Eungella National Park is Queensland's most ecologically diverse park and home to Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest.

Eungella has more than 20km of walking tracks. You can stroll with the family, walk for several hours, or set out on the 56km Great Walk.



4.

Watch the sun set at Sunset Bay, Eimeo Beach

The aptly named 'Sunset Bay' at Eimeo Beach is a prime location to capture the incredible colours of the sky when the sun goes down. Sunset Bay is also a well-known fishing spot.

Nearby you'll find Mango Avenue and the grand entrance to the Eimeo Pacific Hotel where you can enjoy 'lunch with a million-dollar-view'.



5.

Fishing at Kinchant Dam

Kinchant Dam is approximately 40 minutes west of Mackay, nestled in the hinterland region. Home to large barramundi, sooty grunter and cod, the dam is stocked by local fishing authorities to keep fish numbers plentiful.

Kinchant Dam is a popular spot for camping and water sport activities like waterskiing, wakeboarding and jetskiing.

TIP: The best times to see the platypus is at dawn or dusk. Keep quiet and still as they are quite shy and keep an eye out for air bubbles, as the platypus feeds from the bottom but surfaces to chew its food and breathe.