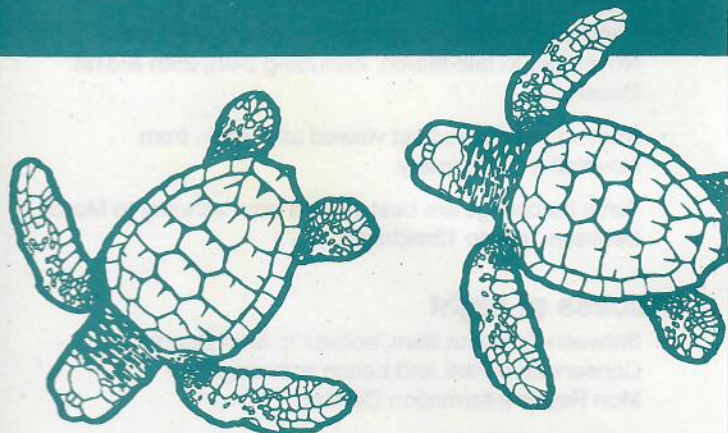
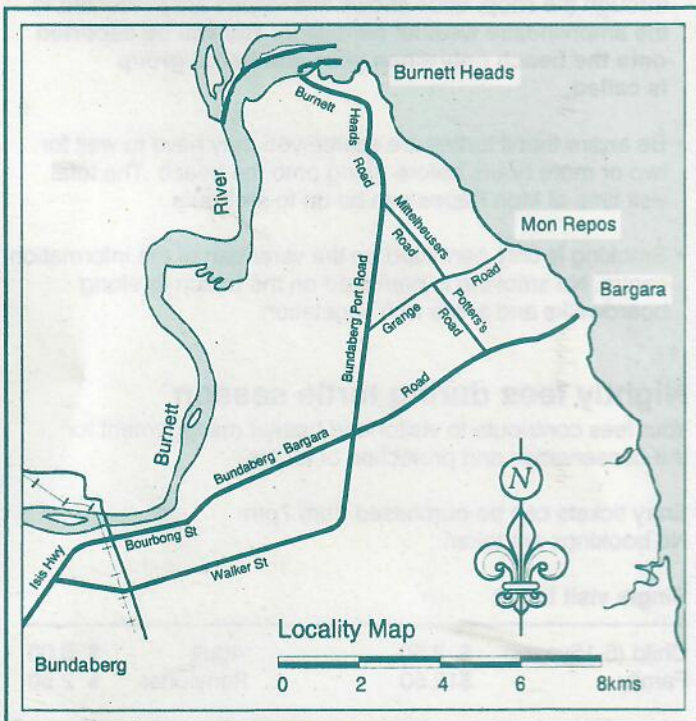


# Turtle watching guide

## Mon Repos Conservation Park



Mon Repos supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern Australian mainland and is one of the two largest loggerhead turtle rookeries in the South Pacific Ocean region. Successful breeding here is critical for the survival of this endangered species.

More people visit Mon Repos each year to watch nesting turtles and emerging turtle hatchlings. Turtles are easily disturbed; increasing crowds pose a threat to their successful breeding at Mon Repos.

To manage turtle watching, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service has implemented ticketed beach access. On some nights, this may mean that not all visitors will be able to view nesting turtles.

**Please help us minimise human disturbance to nesting turtles by following the guidelines in this brochure and any instructions from park staff.**



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# Planning a trip



## Best time to view turtles

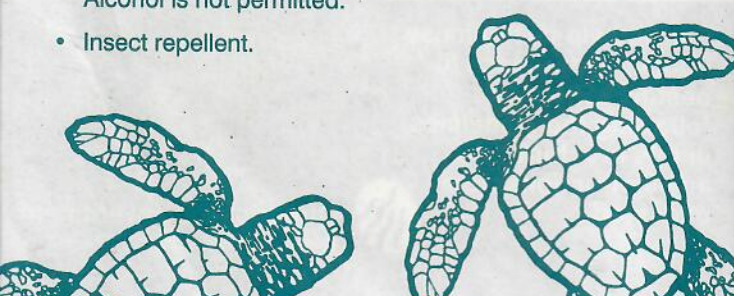
Please be aware that turtles are wild marine animals and we cannot guarantee you will see either nesting turtles or hatchlings. On occasional evenings turtles do not arrive.

- Ranger guided tours operate 7 nights a week from November to late March, excluding 24th, 25th & 31st December.
- Nesting turtles are best viewed after dark, from November to February.
- Turtle hatchlings are best viewed from January to March between 7pm to 12midnight.

## Access at night

- Between 7pm and 6am, access to Mon Repos Conservation Park and beach is through the Mon Repos Information Centre.
- Visitors must dim car lights when entering the park to minimise disturbance to nesting turtles and hatchlings.
- Caravan park residents should use the track starting at the Kanaka wall to reach the centre. Use of a small torch is allowed when on this track.

## What to bring

- Footwear suitable for walking along a sandy beach at night.
  - Rainjackets as shelter is limited during storms.
  - Jumper or wind cheater as it can be cold, particularly on the beach.
  - Cold and hot food and drinks are available at the park. Alcohol is not permitted.
  - Insect repellent.
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## When you get there

- At the centre you will be given a numbered sticker, which must be worn, clearly visible. This ensures that visitors go on to the beach in order of arrival.
- In the centre take time to look at the displays and browse through the shop. Slide shows and videos are presented in the amphitheatre weather permitting. **You will be escorted onto the beach only when your numbered group is called.**
- Be aware that if turtles are scarce you may have to wait for two or more hours before going onto the beach. The total visit time at Mon Repos can be up to six hours.
- Smoking is only permitted on the verandah of the information centre. No smoking is permitted on the beach or along boardwalks and areas with vegetation.

## Nightly fees during turtle season

Your fees contribute to visitor and habitat management for the conservation and protection of turtles.

Entry tickets can be purchased from 7pm. No bookings are taken.

### Single visit ticket


Child (5-15years)	\$ 2.50	Adult	\$ 5.00
Family	\$12.50	Pensioner	\$ 2.50

### Season ticket (mid November / March):

Child (5-15years)	\$ 7.00	Adult	\$12.50
Family	\$28.00	Pensioner	\$ 7.00

## Access during the day

- Between 6am and 6pm, entry to the conservation park is via the park access road or the daytime boardwalk. Visitors are welcome to view the information centre.
- There is no charge for day access.



## Guidelines for successful watching

Turtles are easily disturbed by lights, noise and movement, especially when leaving the water, crossing the beach and digging their nests.

- Keep the use of lights to an absolute minimum; carry only a small torch, three volts or less.
- Do not approach or shine lights on turtles leaving the sea or moving up the beach.
- Avoid sudden movement.
- Please be patient while the turtle performs her nesting ritual.
- Listen to staff on the beach and follow their instructions. They are there to look after the turtles and give you a memorable experience.
- Photographs on the beach may be taken when staff indicate.
- Do not bring any domestic animal into the park; they are not permitted in protected areas.
- Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the conservation park.



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