



# BUSTARD DOWNS

## Visitor information

### No Pets

Pets are strictly not permitted on Bustard Downs due to the resident wildlife and in particular the ground dwelling Bustards.

### Payment & Cancellation Policy

Prices are subject to change for Special Events. A minimum \$100 deposit required for all accommodation bookings. Cancellations may incur a 10% administration charge. We accept Cheque, Direct Deposit and Cash payment only. We do not have credit card or EFTPOS facilities at Bustard Downs.

### Children

Children are welcome to Bustard Downs, but must be supervised at all times.

### Health & Safety

We would like to remind all guests that we are in the bush, not a park, we are a farm, not a hotel. Our area is home to some potentially dangerous snakes, spiders, wild pigs and wild dogs. Please exercise caution.

### Enter at your own risk

Guests and day visitors to Bustard Downs do so at their own risk at all times. Bustard Downs and its owners cannot accept responsibility or liability for theft, loss or injury including loss of life whilst on Bustard Downs property under any circumstances. Should you not agree to these terms and conditions, you are not permitted to enter Bustard Downs property.

### House & Bathroom inhabitants

Green tree frogs, Geckos, small bats and other insects often frequent or live within the houses and ablutions blocks. This is quite normal in Far North Queensland. It is not our intention to kill or spray poison on everything that moves, most are harmless. Insects are attracted to light, close doors and windows and screens at night to deter the amount of insects entering your accommodation.

### Climate

For current weather conditions go to [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

Expect less humidity than the coast, more a dry heat with a nice South-Easterly breeze cooling down the nights. At Bustard Downs we claim more than 300 sunny days a year. Our Dry season is typically May – October, the end of Autumn, Winter & Spring in Australia. The South-Eastern Trade Winds usually blow this time of year, cooling down the days to a sunny pleasant 28 degree average and nights cool enough for a camp fire and jumper. The ‘build-up’ to the Wet Season can start around October or November or December, temperatures can reach beyond 40’ celcius.

Westerly clouds form up to sky filled electrical storms. The crack of lightening signalling a taste of things to come the beginning of the Wet Season. The monsoonal Wet Season is during the Australian Summer/Autumn period, December – March, when we experience the majority of our 800ml approximate average rainfall.

### **Clothing & Footwear - what to bring**

Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, long sleeved shirt & pants to cover up in the sun, Walking shoes/boots, Jacket for cool evenings, a sarong and bathers. A positive attitude.

### **Telephone**

To date there is no mobile telephone service at Bustard Downs.

The nearest public phone is at Mt. Carbine, 8kms north. Mobile telephone and Internet reception is usually available at Mt. Molloy.

### **Meals**

Breakfast is provided at our Guesthouse for Bed & Breakfast guests and we do offer the Farmstay option providing breakfast, lunch & dinner at our Guesthouse. If you don't want to cook for yourself in our self-contained accommodation, meals are available in Mt. Carbine or Mt. Molloy 7 days a week.

### **Nearest town & services – Support our local community**

**Mount Carbine** is our closest Roadhouse open 7am-6pm except Public holidays and Saturdays open 8am-6pm food & fuel.

Mt. Carbine Hotel open 10am-10pm a 5 minute drive from Bustard Downs.

**Mount Molloy** is 20kms to the south, here you will find the National Hotel, Post Office, Café, Mechanic & RACQ @ Mt. Molloy Service Centre, Fuel & Gas, General store & Local Gift shop.

### **Road conditions**

For up to date road conditions Go to [www.queenslandonline.net](http://www.queenslandonline.net) go to Queensland Highways by Region – Far North – Mulligan Hwy

### **Bus Service**

Country Coach Lines - Phone 07 40452 794 for details & bookings, Operates the **Cairns to Cooktown Inland bus service**. Departs every day except Thursday at 7a.m. from Bay 16 Lagoon Car Park, Cairns, drop off at Maryfarms around 9a.m. **Cooktown to Cairns Coastal Road** departs Cooktown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

### **Local Country Fresh Produce Markets**

Every Saturday morning at Mossman under the Rain trees.

1st Saturday of the month - Mount Molloy

2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month - Mareeba

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month - Malanda

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month - Yungaburra

## **Yoga**

Hatha Yoga Class every Thursday 9.15a.m. @ Gerartey Park in Julatten. All welcome

## **Links**

[www.cooktownandcapeyork.com.au](http://www.cooktownandcapeyork.com.au)