



FOREST WEEKEND PROGRAM

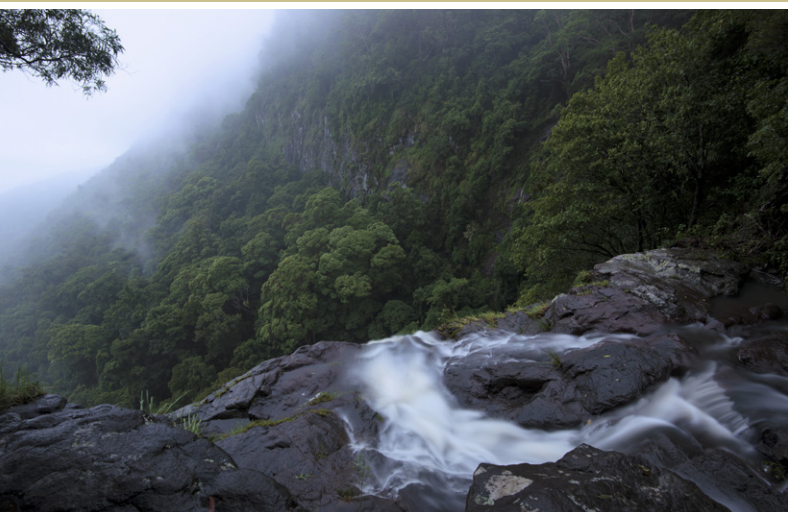
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Join our visiting experts for an insight into the intriguing world of the rainforest.

Learn about the natural history of Lamington National Park and its World Heritage values. This November marks 25 years since the inclusion of the rainforest reserves of the McPherson and Main Ranges in Queensland in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

Forest Weekend includes presentations and guided walks through a variety of forest habitats and visiting scenic locations. Experience walks, bus tours, workshops and lectures focusing on specialised vegetation highlights, forest types and habitats.

These two days are a must-do for those with an interest in botany, rainforests, ecology and the Mt Warning Volcanic Region. Forest Weekend leads into the annual Birdweek immediately after.



EVENING
PRESENTATIONS
ARE FREE OF
CHARGE FOR
IN-HOUSE
GUESTS.

Special Forest Weekend Day Price: \$200 per person - includes all meals.

Please call **1800 688 722** or email reservations@oreillys.com.au to make your booking - or if at O'Reilly's, check with Reception/Discovery Centre for individual activity availability and pricing.

Forest Weekend Program and Schedule



Peter O'Reilly Senior - Host

Peter is a second-generation family member who grew up at O'Reillys and later with brother Vince managed the guesthouse operations for 40 years. He has a vast knowledge of the plants and wildlife of Lamington National Park and will be attending and supporting the weekend program and Birdweek.

Dr Bill McDonald - Leader

Bill is an Honorary Research Associate at the Queensland Herbarium, where he spent most of his career before retiring in 2012. One of his first tasks was to survey and map the plant communities of the Gold Coast hinterland, which led to a lifelong interest in rainforest floristics and ecology. He has co-authored a series of publications on rainforest plant identification, culminating in the production of a digital interactive key to trees, shrubs and climbers of eastern Australian rainforests. He hopes to provide a deeper understanding of the plant and animal habitats of Lamington National Park and adjacent World Heritage reserves.



Melanie Venz - Leader and Guest Speaker

Melanie has been a zoologist with the Queensland Government for over 20 years, working primarily on projects focusing on biodiversity in relation to habitat condition (from logging, land clearing, grazing, fire management, new dams, etc.). With expertise in mammals, reptiles and amphibians, Melanie has also had stints volunteering in PNG and South Africa and counts as a career highlight helping to shoot a segment of "Life in Cold Blood" with the incomparable Sir David Attenborough. She has had long-term involvement with several threatened species projects, and it was the annual Hasting River mouse monitoring project at Green Mountains which created the opportunity for the bat surveys that she is speaking about at Forest Weekend.

Friday 8 November

6:00pm - Dinner and informal welcome to Forest Weekend

Saturday 9 November

7:30am - Breakfast

8:30am - Day Activity: "A step back in time"

Meet in the Theatrette for a brief powerpoint introduction to the ecology of Lamington National Park.

Morning walk to Elabana Falls and return. The walk takes us through cool subtropical rainforest before we enter an area of temperate rainforest with ancient Antarctic beech trees (*Nothofagus moorei*) and towering brush box trees (*Lophostemon confertus*). Many of the plant species here are Gondwanan in origin, with relatives in southern Australia, New Zealand and even South America.

Morning tea at Picnic Rock before returning to the Guesthouse.

Return to Guesthouse for Lunch

Afternoon - Centenary Trail and walk to Python Rock

6:00pm - Presentation by Melanie Venz

Winged Wonders: 20 years of microbat monitoring at Lamington National Park

7:30pm - Dinner in Dining Room

Sunday 10 November

7:30am - Breakfast

9:00am - Day Activity: "Life on the Edge"

Bus trip along Duck Creek Road to Kurrajong Lookout. Views across the western margins of the Mt Warning Shield Volcano and west to Mt Barney and the Main Range.

Enjoy short walk between contrasting environments of subtropical rainforest and eucalypt tall open forest.

Return to Guesthouse for Lunch

1:30pm - Plant identification

Complete Forest Weekend with a rainforest plant identification session in the Theatrette/Pavilion.

4:00pm - The 42nd Annual Birdweek commences in the Theatrette for those attending Birdweek

