



FOREST WEEKEND PROGRAM

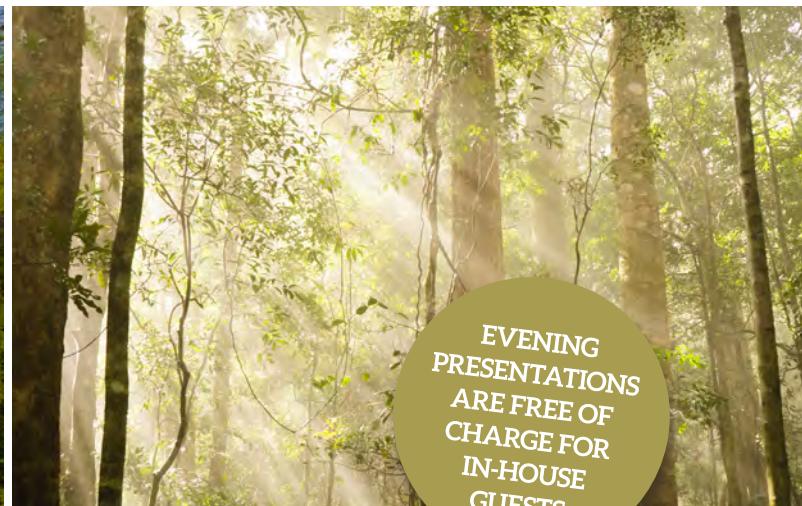
NOVEMBER 5TH - 7TH, 2021

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 27 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.



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.

Dr Geoff Monteith - Guest Speaker - Geoff graduated in entomology from the University of Queensland in the 1960s and served his career as a Curator of Insects, looking after large museum research insect collections at the University of Queensland from 1963 to 1978 and then at the Queensland Museum until retirement in 2008. He remains an active Honorary Research Associate at the Queensland Museum.

Lamington National Park was where he first saw proper rainforest, on the Friday night bus from Brisbane to O'Reilly's in 1958 with a bunch of teenage school mates to stay in the cheap, long-gone 'dorm room' and go hiking for the weekend. He was hooked from the start and spent his career collecting and studying rainforest insects right up the coast of Queensland. Lamington always remained a special place and still yields surprising discoveries. Geoff will talk about some of those special Lamington insects which have turned up over the years.

Friday 5th November

7pm - Dinner and welcome to Forest Weekend - Peter O'Reilly (host)

Saturday 6th November

9am - **Wishing Tree Trail** to Morans Creek - with Bill McDonald - introduction to the cool subtropical rainforest

12pm - Bus to **Moonlight Crag for lunch** - views of upper Albert River (east branch) and McPherson Range

2pm - 5pm - Return to **Guest House via Morans Falls** and Centenary Walking Track

6pm - Dr Geoff Monteith - "**Wonderful Creatures - Insects of the Lamington Rainforests**".

7pm - Dinner in Dining Room

Sunday 7th November

9am - "**Life on the Edge**" - bus trip along Duck Creek Road to Kurrajong Lookout with stops above Luke's Farm and at the boundary between rainforest and eucalypt open forest.

Views of Border Ranges, Mt Lindesay and Mt Barney (the Focal Peak volcano).

12:30pm - Lunch

1:30pm - **Introduction to identification of rainforest trees, shrubs and climbers**

3pm - Forest Weekend concludes

4pm - The 44th Annual Birdweek commences in the Theatrette for those attending Birdweek