



FOREST WEEKEND PROGRAM

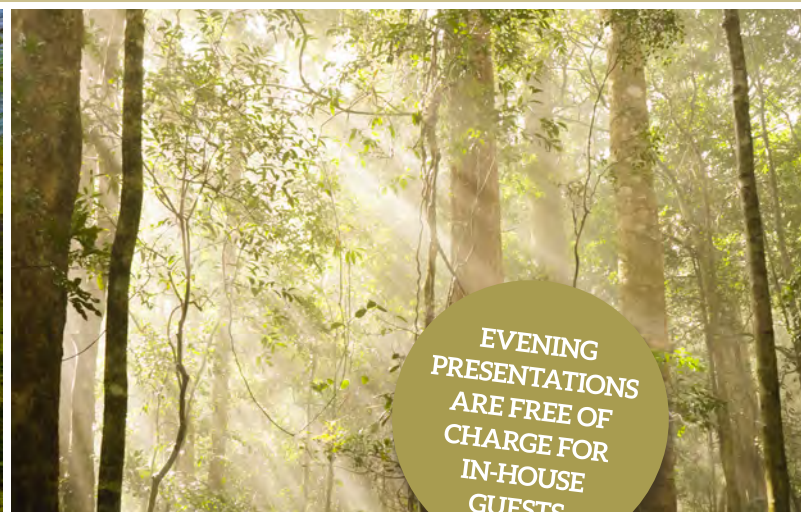
NOVEMBER 5TH - 7TH, 2021

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.

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 Chris Burwell - Senior Curator (Entomology), Queensland Museum - Dr Chris Burwell received his doctorate in entomology from the University of Queensland in 1995 for a thesis on the taxonomy and biology of a group of minute wasps that are parasites of other insects. In addition, he joined the Queensland Museum as Curator of Entomology in 1995 and became Senior Curator in 2007. Chris also has an adjunct appointment with the Griffith University School of Environment and Science where he has been involved in undergraduate teaching and the supervision of postgraduate students since 2007.

Chris's research is currently focused on the taxonomy and ecology of Australian ants, especially the fauna living in rainforests along the east coast of Australia. With a number of colleagues, he has also published widely on the diet and foraging ecology of insectivorous vertebrates such as bats and carnivorous marsupials. At Lamington National Park in particular, he was a participant in the multi-scientist IBISCA-Queensland Project in 2006 and 2007, which investigated the way in which invertebrates and plants change in distribution and abundance with changing elevation within the parks of World Heritage listed rainforests. These IBISCA-Queensland surveys established invaluable baseline information that can be used to examine the ongoing impacts of climate change.

During Forest Weekend, Chris will also be assisting his honours student Dan Pagotto to survey aquatic invertebrates in the streams of Lamington National Park along a gradient of elevation from 300m to 1100m above sea level. This will give Chris plenty of opportunity to indulge his recent passion of photographing dragonflies and damselflies.

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 **Retreat via Morans Falls** and Centenary Walking Track

6pm - Dr Christ Burwell - *"Iconic insects of the rainforests of Lamington National Park"*.

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
The 44th Annual Birdweek commences