



# FOREST WEEKEND PROGRAM

## NOVEMBER 4TH - 6TH, 2022

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 28 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: \$275 per person - includes 3 meals (excludes accommodation)**

Please call **07 5502 4911** or email [reservations@oreillys.com.au](mailto: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.

#### **Mr Glenn Leiper - Guest Speaker**

Now retired, Glenn previously was a primary school teacher with an interest in the natural world. This led him to his teaching principal role at the Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre (Qld Department of Education) at southern Moreton Bay for nearly 25 years, sloshing around in the muddy mangroves with students of all ages, as well as myriad midges, mozzies and march flies.

Plant photography has been one of his passions since moving to Beenleigh in the late 1970s, with many photos being used in the S-E Qld plant field guide "Mangroves to Mountains" of which he is co-author.

Since retiring, he's enjoyed travelling throughout southern Qld mainly, with like-minded "plant nuts" to explore as many wild areas as possible, before his knees pack it in. He's a member of Native Plants Qld with a keen interest in growing native plants but more pressing in the importance of conserving more natural areas.

#### **Friday 4th November**

**7pm** - Dinner and Welcome to Forest Weekend

#### **Saturday 5th November**

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

**12:30pm** - Bus to **Moonlight Crag for lunch** - Views of upper Albert River (east branch) and the McPherson Range.

**2pm - 5pm** - **Return to Guest House** via Lyrebird Lookout (Antarctic beech forest) and Old Forestry Camp on upper Moran's Creek.

**6pm** - **Mr Glenn Leiper - "Exploring the Border Ranges - plants and landscapes"**

**7pm** - Dinner

#### **Sunday 6th 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.