



47TH ANNUAL FOREST WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 8TH - 10TH, 2024

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

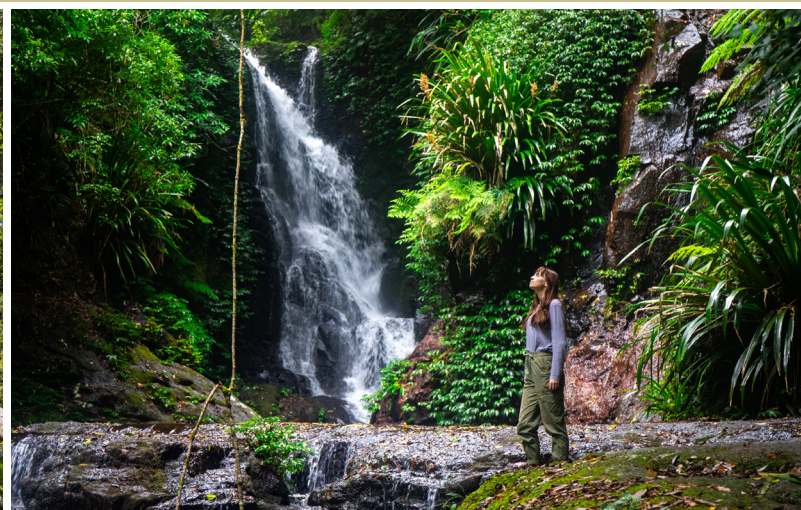
Learn about the natural history of Lamington National Park and its World Heritage values. This November marks 30 years since the inclusion of the rainforest reserves of the McPherson and Main Ranges in Queensland in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

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 full 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 to make your booking - or if at O'Reilly's, check with Reception/Discovery Centre for individual activity availability and pricing.

47th Annual Forest Weekend Program and Schedule

"Patterns and Change in the Rainforest"

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.

David Fell (Assoc. Dip. App. Sci) - Guest Speaker

David was raised on a dairy farm at Alstonville on the Big Scrub. He became interested in rainforest field botany at a young age and has worked for some 40 years throughout the tropics and subtropics of Australia and in Papua New Guinea doing flora surveys. David has conducted field work in Papua New Guinea, Christmas Island, the West Kimberley Region, north-eastern Arnhem Land, northern NSW, throughout Queensland's Bioregions, and is a contributor to the Queensland Herbarium and the Australian Tropical Herbarium. His focus is rainforest ecology in Cape York and ethno-ecology on Torres Strait islands.

In Torres Strait he works with Land and Sea Rangers providing support to Traditional Owners on a range of projects including biodiversity surveys, threatened species assessment, revegetation, and management of climate change impacts. His work on Traditional Ecological Knowledge projects includes the preparation of plant and animal books and seasonal calendars in the support of Traditional Owners aspirations to record and store traditional ecological knowledge for the benefit of future generations.

Friday 8th November

7pm - Dinner and Welcome to Forest Weekend

Saturday 9th November

9am - Wishing Tree Trail to Morans Creek - with Bill McDonald & David Fell - 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 Morans Falls Lookout, Morans Falls Track and the Centenary Track

6pm - Talk by Mr. David Fell (Assoc. Dip. App. Sci)

7pm - Dinner

Sunday 10th November

9am - 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