

Special Conditions

Fossicking in a General Permission Area (GPA) within a State Forest in the Clermont area.

(Blair Athol State Forest; Apsley State Forest; Copperfield State Forest)

- Fossicking may only occur within a General Permission Area on a State Forest during daylight hours.
- Fossickers must have a current map and these 'Special Conditions' with them.
- Fossickers must not enter private property.
- Fossickers are not permitted to enter and/or fossick on occupied land without a current fossicking licence.
- Inside a GPA, gate posts painted with red paint indicate no fossicking or entry past that point.
- Hand tools (including metal detectors) only are permitted.
- Educator dredges, sluices, dry blowers or machinery of any other type are not permitted.
- The use of generators is not permitted.
- Keep noise and dust to a minimum.
- Do not excavate at the toe of the bank of a stream or in a gully.
- Do not excavate an earth face or create overhangs on steep land or riverbanks.
- Ensure excavations do not exceed dimensions of 2 metres x 1 metre and a depth of 0.5 metres in a watercourse and 2 metres on other land.
- Refill excavations immediately after use to make them safe for other visitors and stock. Contour refill excavations to the surrounding land surface.
- Replace material that came from depth at depth and replace surface material on the surface.
- Use only safe working practices.
- Do not interfere with or fossick within 10 metres of any stock, infrastructure or improvements which include (but not limited to): roads, drains, fences, water bores, pump equipment, telecommunication towers, electricity transmitting towers, and gas, oil or water pipelines.
- Do not interfere with any vegetation, stock or wildlife.
- Remain at least 100 metres from registered apiary sites (whether hives are present or not).
All apiary sites are indicated by signage.
- Leave all gates as they are found (i.e., If the gate is open, leave it open. If the gate is closed, open it to gain access then close immediately, ensuring no animals pass through while open).
- Vehicles must be cleaned and free of plant and soil material prior to entry.
- Keep vehicles to formed roads and tracks only and bring no other machinery.
- Vehicles may not be parked within 100 metres of stock watering points or yards.
- Carry all water supplies as no permanent potable water supply is available, and no water may be taken from dams, water bores, pump equipment, etc.
- Ensure children are supervised by an adult, possible hazards include old workings.
- All rubbish (including organics) must be removed from the GPA.
- Ablution facilities are not provided. Bury all faecal matter and toilet paper in a hole dug into the topsoil at least 10-15cm deep and 100m away from watercourses (or any body of water) or access track, and fill and cover the hole.
- Camping, open fires, and domestic animals are not permitted.
- Timber harvesting may be encountered, including the felling of timber by either hand or machine, possibly involving removal by haul trucks. Do not enter an active harvesting area or interfere with the harvesting operation.
- Comply with any directions on a sign or notice or given by a Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service ranger or an authorised officer.
- The State Forest, including the fossicking area, may be closed at short notice due to severe weather, bushfires or management operations. Check [Park alerts](#) on the Parks and Forest webpage for details.
- The QPWS Clermont Office can be contacted on phone number 07 4983 1211.