

Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway



Some persons using a mobility device may need a carer or someone to assist over some of the steeper sections of walking track leading to and from the Rainforest Walkway.

Getting There

The Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway is 115km (90mins drive) south of Cairns and 30km north-west of Innisfail. Turn off the Bruce Highway onto the Palmerston Highway and drive west for 27km.

From Atherton, the walkway is 73km (50mins drive). Take the Atherton–Malanda road to Malanda (20km), then take the Malanda–Millaa Millaa road to Millaa Millaa (23km) then continue east along the Palmerston Highway for another 30km.

Access is possible by conventional vehicle and parking is available for caravans and long vehicles.

Parking

On arrival at Mamu you will find two accessible car parks located at the closest point of approach to the principal public entry ramp. Access from the car parks is well signed and easy to follow with provision of tactile indicators. There is a well graded ramped path that leads visitors from the car park to the visitor information centre, via an information node. The ramp and paths are well tactiled in accordance with Australian Standards and makes way finding very easy. All directional signage located throughout the walk is a combination of Braille and tactile.

If arriving by accessible bus or coach there is a drop off point at the start of the ramped pathway that allows good access onto the footpath.



Accessible car parks



Pathway leading from car park to entry ramps. Bus drop off zone and shelter to the right.

Entrance and Ticket Office

The ticket office is located at the top of the ramp and has good level access. The ticket counter may be a bit high for some visitors but the friendly staff are very helpful and will assist you with your needs. Take a few minutes to read the information provided on the magnificent rainforest walk and learn about the traditional owners of the land it is situated on.

Distances

Entrance to cantilever	500m one way
Entrance to start of the elevated walkway	730m one way
Entrance to observation tower	1120m one way

An electric buggy is available on request to help elderly visitors or visitors with mobility impairment.



Mamu ticket office

Accessible Toilets

The accessible toilet is located beside the ticket office. Entry is down a well graded ramp, the toilet is very spacious and clean. There are no other toilets along the walking track which is 2.5km return and it is recommended that you take 1 ½ to 2 hours to fully enjoy the walk.



Accessible and conventional toilets

Entry to the Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway

Entry to the walkway is through a gate located next to the ticket office. The path leads you down a compacted decomposed granite pathway; some visitors may find some of the sections of pathway a little steep so assistance is recommended. Some sections of the pathways may be a little rough at times depending on how much rain has fallen, rangers are continuously attending to the paths to ensure they stay in good condition.

The pathway leads you up another steep section of hill before getting to the walkways but an alternative gentler inclined pathway has been provided for people wishing not to push up the steeper section.

This track is suitable for visitors with vision-impairment with tap rails forming a continuous “shoreline” on the left hand side of the track. Seats are provided along the way.

When you reach the top section you will come across rest shelters with plenty of information about the walkway, the rainforest and its inhabitants, it is worth spending time to learn about this amazing piece of World Heritage rainforest.

Cantilever

To the left, just past the first rest shelter, a 40m long elevated walkway rises gently as the ground below drops away steeply, providing visitors with their first chance to experience the rainforest canopy. The viewing platform at the end of the 10m long cantilever offers magnificent views of the river gorge below.

Elevated walkway

From the second rest shelter, the elevated walkway meanders for 350m through the rainforest canopy. Along the way visitors can view rainforest plants and animals at close quarters and gain glimpses of the river valley far below. Two small shelters positioned at regular intervals along the walkway provide shade. From these shelters there is the option to leave the elevated walkway and return to the ground-level Forest walk.

Observation tower

Access to the observation tower is from the fourth ground-level rest shelter at the end of the Forest walk (past the elevated walkway). From here a short elevated walkway leads to the tower's lower viewing deck. The top of the tower is reached by stairway (not wheelchair accessible) and at 37m above ground-level offers spectacular, uninterrupted vistas of World Heritage landscapes.



Entry to the rainforest walkway



A section of walking track where some visitors may require assistance



Walking track leading through rainforest



Information node

The Mamu walkway allows visitors to explore the rainforest from the forest floor to the canopy, in comfort and safety. The walkway passes through one of the largest remaining continuous stands of complex vine forest on basalt soils in the Wet Tropics. Enjoy close-up views of rainforest plants, insects and birds, and take in sweeping vistas of World Heritage rainforest landscapes. Information signs tell of the rainforest's complex web of life and the rich culture and history of the area.

The walkway features:

- a 350m elevated walkway, rising from ground level to 15m high in the canopy of lush tropical rainforest
- a 10m cantilever and a 37m high observation tower with two viewing decks, providing spectacular views over the North Johnstone River gorge and surrounding rainforest-clad peaks of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area
- more than 1100m of forest walking tracks, connecting the elevated walkway, cantilever and tower
- rest shelters presenting information about the history and heritage of Mamu rainforest.

Facts and statistics

- About 156 tonnes of hot dipped galvanized steel are in the elevated walkway.
- Almost 22,000 bolts are in the elevated walkway.
- About 563 cubic metres of concrete are in tower footings.
- More than 900,000 plastic 2-litre milk bottles are in the recycled plastic decking on walkways.
- Steel structures were pre-fabricated off-site in Innisfail and Cairns, pre-assembled on-site then erected with a self-erecting tower crane.
- More than 3.5m of rain fell during construction.
- The walkway is built to withstand cyclonic winds.
- The walkway cost \$10 million and took 16 months to build.



Walkway leading out to the Cantilever



View from cantilever walkway note glass Viewing panel at the end



Walkway meandering through the rainforest canopy towards the viewing tower



One of the rainforest locals



Observation tower



Views from platform below observation tower



Information node at observation tower

Entry is subject to conditions stated at reception. Sensible walking shoes strongly recommended. Entry costs including concessions available by contacting the Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway below.

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