

Cultural Considerations

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Cape York Peninsula is a region of ancient and continuing cultural landscapes, with countless significant places. Well over 50% of the region is privately owned and managed by Traditional Owners.

Visitors are welcome to many of these places, but are asked to respect the people and the land. Traditional Owners want visitors to be safe when travelling through or staying on their Country. Do not enter private roads or tracks, closed areas or restricted cultural sites.

PERMISSIONS

Entry onto Aboriginal lands must be prearranged with the relevant landholding organisation or council.

Most Cape York National Parks are jointly managed by Aboriginal Land Trusts and rangers, and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. Contact the relevant Aboriginal Land Trust or Aboriginal Shire Council to find out more.

DON'T CAMP OR LEAVE RUBBISH IN CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

Show respect as you travel through the Cape by obeying signage, and listen to local advice.

Take your rubbish away with you and if an access route or other area is closed or fenced off, do not enter.

ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS

Alcohol restrictions exist in some Cape York Aboriginal communities. These also apply to travellers. Heavy fines apply, so be sure to check the restrictions that apply to the area you are visiting. Information is available from <https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/health-staying-active/community-alcohol-restrictions/>.