

# How do we get there? Plan A

## From the South via Noosa, Double Island Point and Rainbow Beach

This is the best option, when the tides are right. Take in the view along Teewah Beach and visit the Cooloola Coloured Sands on your way to Fraser Island.

- The key question to be answered before taking this route is "Can I safely get around the 8 Mile Rocks just south of Rainbow Beach township at low tide?"
- One factor affecting your decision will be the amount of sand on the beach. While there can be plenty of sand for months, a cyclone or just a couple of days of heavy seas can quickly remove sand and render the 8 Mile rocks impassable. For the latest beach conditions, check with the Ranger at the Rainbow Beach office of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on (07) 5486 3160.
- For safety, plan to be at Rainbow Beach as close to low tide as possible and certainly no later than two hours after low tide. The tides at Rainbow Beach are very close to those at Noosa Heads. Look up Noosa Heads tides at the **National Tidal Facility** web site.

### Driving Instructions:

- From Brisbane, drive north along the Bruce Highway (1) as far as the Noosa turnoff at Cooroy (about 160km). The exit off the highway is a left turn at the top of a double-lane uphill section.
- (Unless you haven't seen Noosa Heads before, ignore the multiple signs directing you off the highway towards Noosa between Forest Glen and Eumundi.)
- From Cooroy, drive east on the Cooroy-Noosa Road about 12km to Tewantin.
- At Tewantin, turn left at the Shell service station onto Moorindil Road to the Noosa River Ferry (about 2km).
- For Noosa River Ferry pricing please contact the **reception**.
- After crossing the river, follow the main track to the beach (about 4km). Note the under-body car wash on your left; you might need it on the way home.
- Before driving onto the soft sand, stop and reduce the pressure in your tyres.
- Once on the beach, turn left and head north for about 60km towards Double Island Point.
- Check out the Cooloola coloured sands and the wreck of the Cherry Venture.
- 200m north of the Cherry Venture is the turn-off to the beach north of Double Island Point. At this point, if the sand is very hot, dry and soft, it may be necessary to switch to low range in order to leave the beach.
- Once on the northern beach, turn left and head towards Rainbow Beach township. Just before the township are the rocks which should be no problem if you have done your homework and the tide and sand level are as expected. If not, see **How to get to Fraser Island Plan B**.
- At Rainbow Beach township, you must leave the beach and drive for a few kilometres on bitumen. Depending on your vehicle, remember to leave 4-wheel drive and drive carefully because you will have low pressure in your tyres.
- Take the road up the hill out of the beachside car park.
- At the "T" intersection, if you need a Fraser Island vehicle permit, fuel or other supplies, turn left to go into Rainbow Beach. Otherwise, turn right towards Inskip Point.
- Drive north about 1km, and turn right at the roundabout.
- Drive a further kilometre and turn right at the first sign which says "Beach Access".
- Once back on the beach, turn left and drive about 10km north to Inskip Point.
- Watch out for trees blocking the beach near the Inskip Point campground. It may be necessary to leave the beach and use the road for the last

couple of hundred metres before the barge landing point.

- At Inskip Point, there may be up to three barges competing for your business (To obtain prices please contact the **reception**). We recommend the Manta Ray, the green and gold barge. Phone 0418 872 599. No bookings are required; just be there before 5pm.
- On the southern tip of Fraser Island, you will have two choices:
  - \* turn right and take the beach around Hook Point (about 3km) or
  - \* immediately leave the beach and take the inland road.
- The beach is best if you are within two hours of low tide. However at some points, the beach is very narrow and at other points the sand can be suddenly very soft. Keep a constant slow speed. Vehicles have been lost here when they travel too fast while racing a rising tide.
- The inland road should only really be used when conditions at Hook Point are unsafe. This is an old mining road which hasn't been maintained since sand mining ceased in the 70's. There are craters bigger than some small vehicles and the rest of the surface is bone-jarring corrugations, perfect for tossing salad. In 2002, the state government announced plans to upgrade this road, so this situation may change.
- From Hook Point to Eurong is 32km of the best beach driving in the world. Note the reading on your odometer because there are few landmarks . You might notice the road into Dilli Village at about the 22km mark.
- The first indication that you are approaching Eurong will be the yellow diamond road sign indicating that aircraft land on the beach. 200m further on, you will see the Australian flag flying above Fraser Island Beach Houses and a sign identifying "Second Valley". This is Eliza St. Drive up off the beach and Reception will be on your left. Welcome home.