

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND ECO GUIDELINES



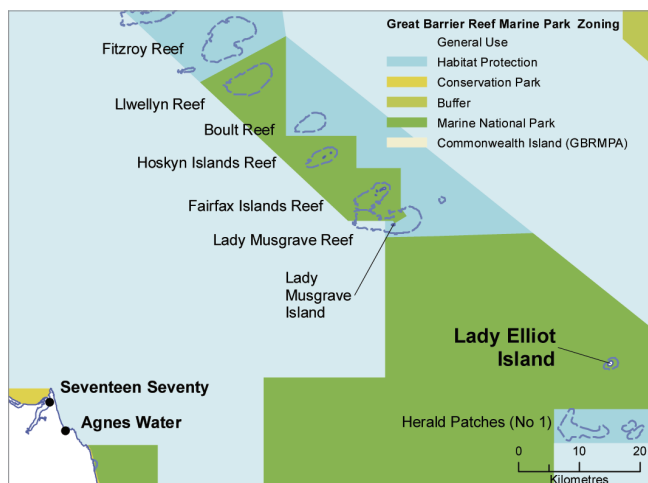
PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND & REEF BY FOLLOWING THESE ECO GUIDELINES

Island & Marine Park Rules

Lady Elliot Island is located within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage area and Marine Park. The Island and the surrounding reef is highly protected as a No Take/Green Zone Marine National Park.

This high level of protection creates a sanctuary for wildlife, birdlife, reef and marine life which can be enjoyed through low impact activities such as snorkelling, diving, reef walking and bird watching.

However, it is NOT permitted to touch, take or collect anything naturally occurring including fish, sea stars, sea cucumbers, shells and corals that are either in the ocean or on the beach.



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning

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ISLAND ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES

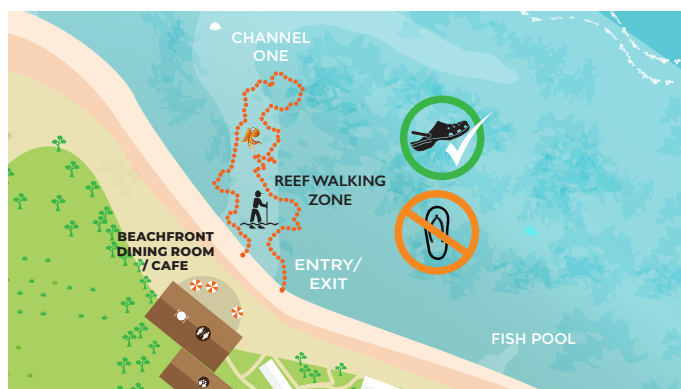
Please see the Safe Snorkelling, Marine Encounters and Turtle Viewing Eco Guidelines for those activities.

REEF WALKING

Reef walking is a fascinating way to explore the reef at low tide. However, it does have the potential to harm marine life if correct practices are not followed.

To ensure impacts are minimised and you get the best up-close experience, we ask that you attend a guided reef walk with our Activities Team before heading out on your own.

Reef walking is only permitted in Channel One - one hour each side of low tide. Protective/enclosed shoes, a pole for balance & sun protection is required.



LOOK - BUT DO NOT TAKE OR TOUCH

It is illegal to take marine life such as coral, shells and sea stars. Touching can hurt them and you.



STAND ON SAND

Do not step on the hard, raised areas - this is alive and fragile coral, even if it looks dead or like rock.



LET MARINE LIFE BE

Never chase, hold or prod marine life with poles and do not interfere with their natural behaviour. Never turn over coral rubble.



CAUTION TAKING PHOTOS:

To not damage coral or disturb marine life.



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FISH FEEDING

Fish feeding at the Fish Pool is a very popular activity on the Island. To conduct this activity the Resort is required to have a Great Barrier Reef Marine Park permit.

Fish feeding is known to change the behaviour of fish, therefore strict guidelines are in place to minimise the impact of this activity.

- Fish feeding is only conducted once per day with an Island Team member
- Fish are not fed directly by hand
- Fish are only fed approved algae pellets
- Fish are not fed more than one kilogram of food per day



ISLAND EXPLORING

The island is only 42 hectares in size – small enough to walk around in 45 minutes. We encourage you to explore our Island. However, please respect our Eco Guidelines:

- When walking, stay on the side of the airstrip and tracks to avoid disturbing birds and spreading weeds
- Keep your distance from nesting and roosting birds and watch your step to avoid crushing camouflaged eggs and chicks, especially around the Resort area
- Ensure all rubbish including cigarette butts are placed in bins provided
- Please never feed birds or marine life
- Be aware of slippery surfaces when walking around the island



NO FEEDING MARINE LIFE OR BIRDS

With the only exception of the controlled fish feeding activity.



BIRD WATCHING

Lady Elliot Island is a significant bird nesting site for migratory sea birds and is the second largest bird rookery on the Great Barrier Reef.

FROM SEPTEMBER – MAY THOUSANDS OF SEA BIRDS NEST ON THE ISLAND.

It gets quite busy and a little noisy at times (and sometimes a bit smelly) but it's a very entertaining time on the Island!

Please follow the below Eco Guidelines when encountering bird life on Lady Elliot Island:

- Never touch or try to pick up chicks or eggs
- Keep your distance and reduce noise and movement to avoid disturbing nesting and roosting birds
- Watch your step to avoid crushing camouflaged eggs and chicks
- If birds exhibit stressful behaviour (for example dive bombing) back away and leave the area



SIT A RESPECTFUL & SAFE DISTANCE FROM BIRDS

Position yourself a few metres away from birdlife, especially birds with eggs or young. Please use a zoom lens to photograph.



PLEASE ENSURE ALL RUBBISH IS PLACED IN BINS

Rubbish can harm animals.