

7 DAYS OF BOATING &
FISHING
in the
Gladstone Region





CAPRICORN BUNKER GROUP

PRE-DEPARTURE

Contact Adam on (07) 4972 6990 or at info@curtisferryservices.com.au to book the Curtis Island Ferry from Gladstone to North West Island, returning from Masthead Island. Departure and pick up needs to be discussed as the islands have restricted tidal access.

Get your permits at: qpws.usedirect.com/qpws/. North West Island and Masthead Island rates are approximately \$7.25 per person, per night, or \$29.00 per family per night. Please take note of the seasonal closure from October 2023 - 28 March 2024.

TO NOTE

You will need to be fully self-sufficient, including supplying your own drinking water. Ensure you have at least 5L per day, per person.

Bring toilet paper. There will be non-flushable toilets on North West Island only.

Bring gas or liquid fuelled stoves for cooking; fires are not permitted.

This journey is approximately 130km /70 nautical miles; you may need to bring jerrycan's of fuel.

This is a remote area and help is a long way away!

- VMR446 Gladstone is available from 6am-6pm on channel 82 marine VHF daily.
- Weather forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology in Rockhampton are available on channel 82 marine VHF at 0650, 1150 and 1650 hours.
- You can also contact other vessels in the vicinity on channel 16 (emergency channel) or channel 82 marine VHF.
- Gladstone Harbour Control monitors VHF Ch. 16 and 82 for emergency traffic only from 6pm to 6am.

WEST NORTH ISLAND

DAY 1 Boat in tow, depart for North West Island from Curtis Ferry Series at 222 Alf O'rourke Dr, Callemondah. The journey will take approximately 2.5 hours. North West Island is the largest coral cay in the Southern Hemisphere and situates in a Green and Yellow Zone. Unpack and set up camp for the night, before spending the afternoon fishing off the beach where permitted, snorkelling, and exploring the island.

DAY 2 Spend the day fishing the North West Island Reef where you can engage in a mix of reef and pelagic fishing.

DAY 3 Today, venture further East and explore reefs such as Broomfield and Wilson Island Reef, being mindful of the nearby pink zone. Bypass Tryon Island for a picnic lunch and swim, before returning to camp. Set aside some time for Stargazing, it's quite spectacular when you're this remote.

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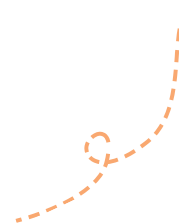
MASTHEAD ISLAND

ERSKINE, WISTARI & HERON REEF



NORTHWEST ISLAND

NORTH WEST ISLAND, BROOMFIELD, WILSON ISLAND REEF & TRYON ISLAND



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MASTHEAD ISLAND

DAY 4

Head 27km South to Masthead Island. Unpack and set up camp for the night, before exploring the island and fishing the surrounds. The island's shores and rocky outcrops provide excellent opportunities for shore fishing. You can target species like bream, flathead and whiting. Try casting lures or using bait such as prawns or worms from the shoreline.

DAY 5

Today, snorkel and fish your way through Erskine, Wistari and Heron Reef, targeting reef fish to the likes of coral trout, sweetlip and red emperor. Offshore waters around Masthead Island may provide opportunities for pelagic fishing, targeting species like mackerel, tuna, and trevally.

DAY 6

Masthead Island's coral reef is partially exposed at low tide, enjoy a walk on the reef flat and see how many species of marine-life you can find- look but don't touch. Masthead Island also has a diverse seabird population and is one of the most important nesting sites for loggerhead and green turtles. Watch the sunset from the western side of the Island and enjoy your last night in the Capricorn Bunker Group.

DAY 7

Pack up your camp for your final day on Masthead Island. Spend the morning soaking up paradise until you're collected by the Curtis Island Ferry and embark on the 2-hour journey back to Gladstone.

