

**Question on Notice  
No. 886  
Asked on 7 June 2005**

**QUESTION:**

MR LEE asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

What is the estimated number of visitors annually to each of Queensland's national parks?

**ANSWER:**

The State's total annual visitation to all parks is estimated at 16.2 million. The most popular parks in Queensland, are Barron Gorge and Noosa National Parks, each with approximately 1.5 million visits per year. Fraser Island is the most popular camping destination in the State, with over 106,000 camper nights and 800,000 visits from both independent visitors and commercial tour operators.

The number of visits is derived from a combination of data sources for independent day visitors, campers, tourists on commercial tours and estimated visits to Marine Parks.

An Annual visits data report for 2004 is at Attachment 1.

## Annual visits for all protected areas managed by the QPWS

QPWS District	Highest Visitation Parks	Number of Protected Areas	Estimated Park Visits
<b>Central Region</b>		<b>239</b>	<b>1,338,397</b>
Capricorn	Byfield State Forest	151	200,202
Gladstone	Capricorn Cays National Park	14	117,406
Longreach		12	38,595
Mackay	Eungella National Park, Cape Hillsborough National Park, Conway National Park	49	514,891
Whitsundays	Whitsunday & Molle Is National Parks	13	467,303
<b>Northern Region</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>6,926,786</b>
Cairns Marine Parks	Green Island National Park, Fitzroy Island	21	1,863,591
Cape York/Dry Tropics		30	85,940
Savanna	Paluma Range National Park, Lawn Hill National Park, Bowling Green Bay National Park	49	497,049
Townsville Marine	Magnetic Island National Park	7	1,000,000
	Barron Gorge National Park, Crater Lakes National Park, Daintree National Park, Danbulla State Forest, Malanda Falls Conservation Park		
Wet Tropics		98	3,480,206
<b>Southern Region</b>		<b>594</b>	<b>7,937,041</b>
Great Sandy	Fraser Island National Park, Cooloolo National Park, Inskip Point	12	1,429,778
Moreton Bay	Moreton Island National Park, St Helena National Park	8	244,635
	Lamington National Park, Springbrook National Park, Tamborine Mountain National Park, Burleigh Heads National Park, Main Range National Park, Fleay's Conservation Park		
South East		93	2,520,225
South West	Carnarvon National Park	75	67,837
	Noosa National Park, Kondalilla National Park, Bribie Island National Park, Beerburrum State Forest, Glass House Mountains National Park, Imbil State Forest	127	2,573,008
Sunshine Coast			
Toowoomba	Bunya Mountains National Park, Ravensbourne National Park	118	730,816
	Cania Gorge National Park, Mon Repos Conservation Park		
Wide Bay/Burnett		161	370,742
<b>State Total</b>		<b>1,038</b>	<b>16,202,224</b>