



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & REGULATION

Camping on Magnetic Island

Magnetic Island is within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Help us protect this significant natural wonder by camping in designated campgrounds.

It is illegal to camp overnight or occupy a vehicle overnight in Local Government controlled areas, which include but are not limited to:

- road verges
- next to a road
- in a car park
- in a park
- on a beach.

Illegal camping can negatively impact the community. Threats can include public safety issues, litter, and damage to protected environmental areas such as harming fragile ecosystems or contributing to soil erosion. It's important to preserve the natural beauty of Magnetic Island.

What if I camp on a road, in a park or by the beach?

Council officers conduct regular patrols and respond to complaints of illegal camping across the region. If you camp overnight in a non-camping area (on a road, park or beach), you may be issued with a penalty infringement notice.

Penalty Infringement amount exceeds \$300

How can I report illegal camping?

Illegal camping is a significant issue from both an amenity and a compliance perspective.

If you see someone camping illegally you can report it by calling or emailing our customer service team.

- 📞 13 48 10
- ✉ enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au
- 🌐 townsville.qld.gov.au

There are no free camping sites on Magnetic Island. To learn where you can camp legally on Magnetic Island or in the Townsville region:

- Talk to your camper van hire company, Townsville Visitor Information Centre or local Magnetic Island businesses.
- Visit **[Camping, Caravan & RV Sites - Townsville City Council](#)**

Camping, Caravan
and RV sites

