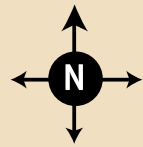


GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS

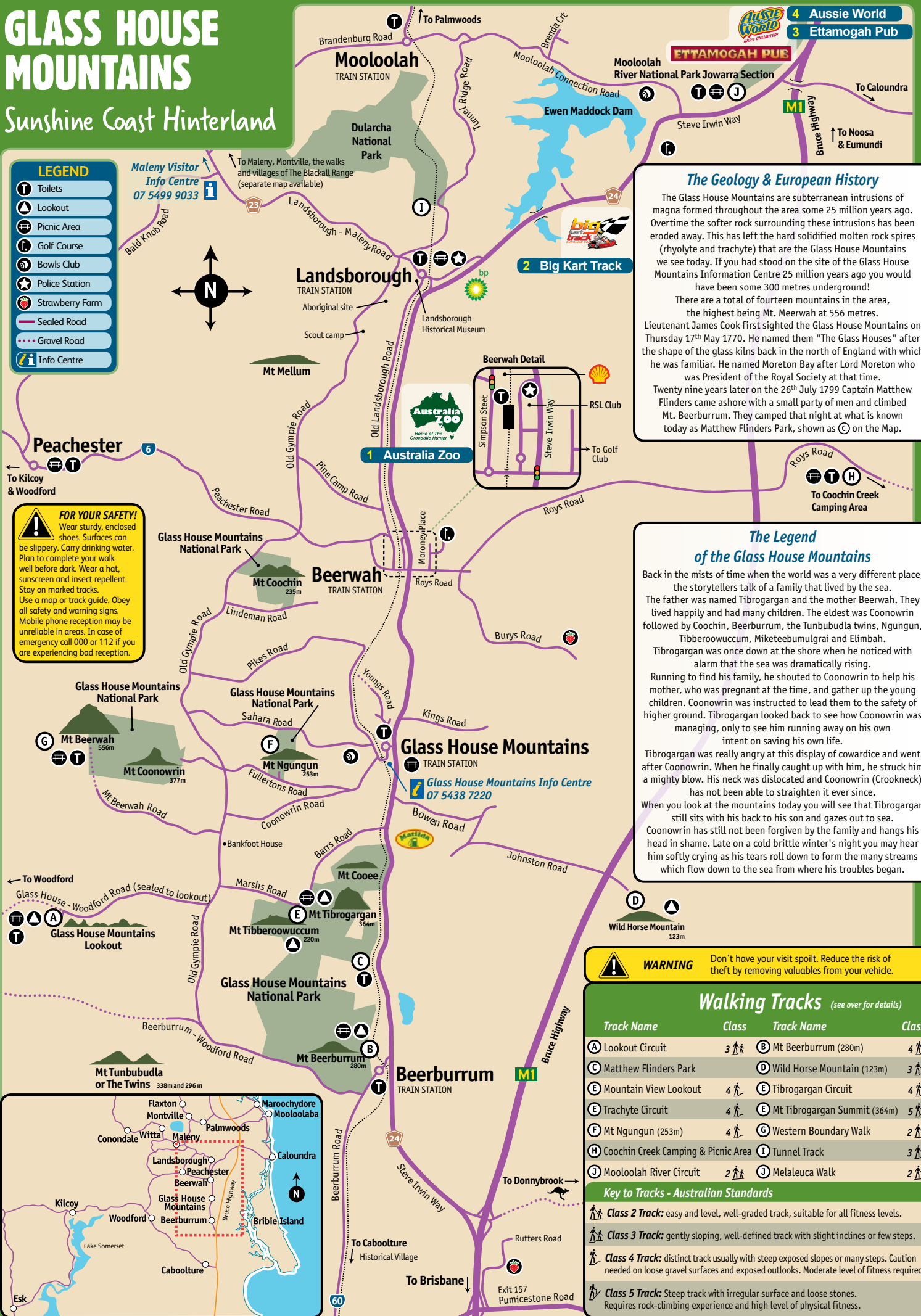
Sunshine Coast Hinterland

- LEGEND**
- Toilets
 - Lookout
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 - Golf Course
 - Bowls Club
 - Police Station
 - Strawberry Farm
 - Sealed Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Info Centre

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FOR YOUR SAFETY!
Wear sturdy, enclosed shoes. Surfaces can be slippery. Carry drinking water. Plan to complete your walk well before dark. Wear a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Stay on marked tracks. Use a map or track guide. Obey all safety and warning signs. Mobile phone reception may be unreliable in areas. In case of emergency call 000 or 112 if you are experiencing bad reception.



The Geology & European History

The Glass House Mountains are subterranean intrusions of magma formed throughout the area some 25 million years ago. Overtime the softer rock surrounding these intrusions has been eroded away. This has left the hard solidified molten rock spires (rhyolite and trachyte) that are the Glass House Mountains we see today. If you had stood on the site of the Glass House Mountains Information Centre 25 million years ago you would have been some 300 metres underground!

There are a total of fourteen mountains in the area, the highest being Mt. Meerwah at 556 metres.

Lieutenant James Cook first sighted the Glass House Mountains on Thursday 17th May 1770. He named them "The Glass Houses" after the shape of the glass kilns back in the north of England with which he was familiar. He named Moreton Bay after Lord Moreton who was President of the Royal Society at that time.

Twenty nine years later on the 26th July 1799 Captain Matthew Flinders came ashore with a small party of men and climbed Mt. Beerburum. They camped that night at what is known today as Matthew Flinders Park, shown as (C) on the Map.

The Legend of the Glass House Mountains

Back in the mists of time when the world was a very different place, the storytellers talk of a family that lived by the sea. The father was named Tibrogargan and the mother Beerwah. They lived happily and had many children. The eldest was Coonowrin followed by Coochin, Beerburum, the Tunbubudla twins, Ngungun, Tibberooocum, Miketeebumulgrai and Elimbah.

Tibrogargan was once down at the shore when he noticed with alarm that the sea was dramatically rising.

Running to find his family, he shouted to Coonowrin to help his mother, who was pregnant at the time, and gather up the young children. Coonowrin was instructed to lead them to the safety of higher ground. Tibrogargan looked back to see how Coonowrin was managing, only to see him running away on his own intent on saving his own life.

Tibrogargan was really angry at this display of cowardice and went after Coonowrin. When he finally caught up with him, he struck him a mighty blow. His neck was dislocated and Coonowrin (Crookneck) has not been able to straighten it ever since.

When you look at the mountains today you will see that Tibrogargan still sits with his back to his son and gazes out to sea. Coonowrin has still not been forgiven by the family and hangs his head in shame. Late on a cold brittle winter's night you may hear him softly crying as his tears roll down to form the many streams which flow down to the sea from where his troubles began.

WARNING Don't have your visit spoilt. Reduce the risk of theft by removing valuables from your vehicle.

Walking Tracks (see over for details)

Track Name	Class	Track Name	Class
(A) Lookout Circuit	3	(B) Mt Beerburum (280m)	4
(C) Matthew Flinders Park		(D) Wild Horse Mountain (123m)	3
(E) Mountain View Lookout	4	(E) Tibrogargan Circuit	4
(E) Trachyte Circuit	4	(E) Mt Tibrogargan Summit (364m)	5
(F) Mt Ngungun (253m)	4	(G) Western Boundary Walk	2
(H) Coochin Creek Camping & Picnic Area		(I) Tunnel Track	3
(J) Mooloolah River Circuit	2	(J) Melaleuca Walk	2

Key to Tracks - Australian Standards

- Class 2 Track:** easy and level, well-graded track, suitable for all fitness levels.
- Class 3 Track:** gently sloping, well-defined track with slight inclines or few steps.
- Class 4 Track:** distinct track usually with steep exposed slopes or many steps. Caution needed on loose gravel surfaces and exposed outlooks. Moderate level of fitness required.
- Class 5 Track:** Steep track with irregular surface and loose stones. Requires rock-climbing experience and high level of physical fitness.

