

Special Conditions

Fossicking in General Permission Areas

Clermont State Forests

- Fossicking may only occur within a General Permission Area on State forest.
- Fossickers must have a current map and these 'Special Conditions' with them.
- Fossickers must not enter private property.
- Inside a GPA, gate post's painted with red paint indicate no fossicking or entry past that point.
- Hand tools only are permitted (including metal detectors).
- Educator dredges, sluices, dry blowers or machinery of any other type are not permitted.
- The use of generators is not permitted.
- Keep noise and dust to a minimum.
- Do not excavate at the toe of the bank of a stream or in a gully.
- Do not excavate an earth face or create overhangs on steep land or river banks.
- Ensure excavations do not exceed dimensions of 2 metres x 1 metre and a depth of 0.5 metre.
- Refill excavations immediately after use to make them safe for other visitors and stock and contour excavations to the surrounding land surface.
- Replace material that came from depth at depth, and replace surface material on the surface.
- Use only safe working practices.
- Do not interfere with or fossick within 10 metres of any stock, infrastructure or improvements (including but not limited to roads, drains, fences, water bores, pump equipment, telecommunication towers, electricity transmitting towers, and gas, oil, or water pipelines).
- Do not interfere with any vegetation, stock or wildlife.
- Remain at least 100 metres from registered apiary sites (whether hives are present or not), and Apiary sites are indicated by signage.
- Leave gates as they are found (i.e. if gate is open – leave it open, if gate is closed, then open it to gain access then close immediately ensuring no animals pass through while open).
- Vehicles must be clean (free of plant or soil material) prior to entry.
- Keep vehicles to formed roads and tracks only, and bring no other machinery.
- Vehicles may not be parked within 100 metres of stock watering points or yards.
- Carry all water supplies as no permanent potable water supply is available, and no water may be taken from dams, water bores, pump equipment, etc.
- Ensure children are supervised by an adult at all times as possible hazards include old workings.
- All rubbish (including organics) must be removed from the area.
- As no ablution facilities are available, bury human toilet waste in a hole dug into the topsoil at least 10-15cm deep and 100m away from watercourses (or any body of water) or walking tracks, and fill and cover the hole.
- No dogs are permitted; camping is not permitted and fire is not permitted under any circumstances.
- Timber harvesting, including the felling of timber by either hand or machine, possibly involving removal by haul trucks, may be encountered. Do not enter an active harvesting area or interfere with the harvesting operation.
- Comply with any directions given by a sign or notice or by a QPWS or authorised officer.
- The QPWS Clermont Office can be contacted on phone number 07 4983 1211.