



Boardwalk Red Peak Station skynail

From 14 to 20 April Australia celebrated Australian Heritage Week. The *Wet Tropics World Heritage Area* of Queensland is but one of Australia's jewels recognised for its outstanding natural values. It was listed as a World Heritage Area in 1988 for meeting all four natural world heritage criteria established by UNESCO. The *Wet Tropics World Heritage Area* encompasses 900,000 hectares of protected forest stretching from Cooktown to Townsville. It represents an outstanding example of major stages of the earth's history, and of significant, ongoing ecological and biological processes. It is an area of exceptional natural beauty and has important significant habitats of threatened species of outstanding universal value. The *Wet Tropics World Heritage Area* is situated alongside another Australian jewel, the Great Barrier Reef.



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