



Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Gold Coast

Walk on the wild side

Looking to get up close and personal with Australian natives and creatures great and small? Put Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary into your GPS and explore its 27 hectares of leafy animal displays and see why it's such a heavily awarded Gold Coast tourism attraction.

Most recognised for its animal collection, you can expect to meet some of Australia's most famous furry-faces - koalas and kangaroos - along with exotic animals like lemurs, iguanas, and capybaras during your day out.

From the soft and cuddly (kangaroos, koalas, dingoes and red pandas) to the slimy and slippery (snakes, eels and reptiles) and snappy (there are even resident crocodiles here!), you can explore Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary at your own pace or schedule your experience around the daily animal shows and organised encounters.

No matter which way you explore this eco-friendly visitor experience, you'll see that animal welfare and advocacy is at the heart of everything Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary do.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary are responsible for a range of conservation projects to help save native species from extinction, while their onsite wildlife hospital rehabilitates injured native animals.

Explore consciously, knowing that all tickets and sales are reinvested into wildlife and conservation programs.

 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary welcomes guests 9am - 4pm daily.

Unforgettable experiences

Breakfast with the koalas

Enjoy quality time over an indulgent breakfast with some of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's VIP residents in the Koala Habitat precinct.

After feasting on a gourmet set-menu breakfast surrounded by the resident koalas, enjoy a koala cuddle before taking home a professional photograph of your encounter.

Your unforgettable breakfast ticket includes entry to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for the day, so you can extend your animal experience by exploring the sanctuary at your own pace.



Breakfast with the koalas only operates on weekends.

Free lorikeet feeding

Every morning and afternoon (8am and 4pm), join Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for a free lorikeet feeding.

These colourful critters love to feed right from your hand, with the more brazen birds sitting on your shoulders and head, making for the perfect photo opportunity.

While it's free to watch the feeding, with a gold coin donation volunteers will supply you with a tray of lorikeet nectar to encourage them over to land.



Lorikeet feeding operates right by the sanctuary entry. Simply follow the bird calls.

Turn back time

Explore the pristine wilderness of five acres of lush rainforest in the Lost Valley, which takes visitors on a journey to a time when Australia formed part of an ancient supercontinent, Gondwana.

Within the Lost Valley you can see some of the world's most distinctive and exotic wildlife including lemurs, cotton-top tamarins, red pandas and capybaras.



Lost Valley is open 10am - 3pm daily.

Marvel at macropods

Free range and friendly, the kangaroos at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary can be found at the aptly named Kangaroo Outpost.

Stop by the kiosk to pick up a bag of kangaroo food and hand feed these Aussie icons. Coming in all shapes and sizes, expect to hand feed everything from large reds down to small wallabies.

The changing landscape of this enclosure reflects the varying habitats of Australia's most famous mammal, with red-dirt landscape where you'll find the Red 'Roos, grassy fields for the Grey Kangaroos and a Wallaby Encounter where you can find several smaller species.

Sanctuary dining

Sate your sanctuary-exploring hunger at one of the onsite dining options - Sanctuary Café, Wild Burgers, Kangaroo Outpost or Sawrey Room (tour groups only).

Across the menus you'll find fan favourites with everything from fast and fresh sandwich and salad selections to 'grab and go' or more substantial sit-down meals of burgers, fish and chips, and fried chicken. For a sweet treat, Aussie Scoop Icecream Parlour dishes up creamy delights throughout the day.



Opening hours vary according to venue, with most trading from 8am.



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Getting here



From Gold Coast Airport, drive 10 minutes north along the Gold Coast Highway turning right at the lights onto Tomewin Street.

From Brisbane, take the M1 southbound for 97km using the Tugun exit (exit 95). Turn left onto the Gold Coast Highway, then turn right onto Tomewin Street.



Parking is available onsite, with the parking fee donated to the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital.



Catch the line 700 bus from Broadbeach South station, stop A, which operates daily and leaves every 10 minutes.

Location

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the southern Gold Coast, 4.5km north from Gold Coast Airport, 25km south of Surfers Paradise and 97km south of Brisbane. Find it steps from Currumbin Beach.

When to visit

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is open every day except Christmas day (25 December) and ANZAC day (25 April). Open rain or shine, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is an all-year-round experience.



Memorable moments

Take home the souvenir of photo memories from the photography counter found at the main gift shop, Nature's Gift Store.

Here you'll be able to find and purchase photos of your day alongside t-shirts, plush toys, drinkware, stationery, and more.



Nature's Gift Store is open daily 8.00am-4.30pm.

Aboriginal Culture Show

Connect with the oldest living culture through a celebration of song and dance at the Aboriginal Culture Show.

Feel moved by the sound of clapsticks, didgeridoo, and dance performed by the 'Biren Aboriginal Dance Group' and gain an insight into First Nations culture through knowledge sharing, songs, and dance.



The Aboriginal Culture Show runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 3pm.

Wildlife Hospital

Take a behind the scenes one hour tour of the Animal Wildlife Hospital, where the Gold Coast's most critically endangered wildlife go for treatment. In fact, over the past two decades over 140,000 wildlife patients have been treated in this very hospital.

Each year alone, over 600 injured koalas are brought through the doors. With various programs to choose from, you can help protect endangered wildlife by donating today.



Tours operate daily from 10am and can be booked via the Currumbin Sanctuary website.

Need to know

Apps and Maps

Navigate your way around park using Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's very own app which you can use to easily plan and track your day. Alternatively, pick up a printed map at the ticket kiosk.

Accessibility

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is inclusive and accessible, with facilities that cater to a range of accessible requirements. From accessible parking, ramps to enter the park, accessible

seating at shows and discounted tickets for carers, most individual needs are catered for.

What should you bring?

Pack a hat, sunscreen, a water bottle, and insect repellent. You'll want to wear comfortable walking shoes because most guests underestimate the size of the sanctuary.

Currumbin Express Miniature train

Visitors can hop onboard a historic miniature train, operating on a 20-minute return loop, to easily get around inside the Sanctuary grounds.

See the park from new heights

More than just an animal park, you can see Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary from new heights with The TreeTop Challenge, which includes up to 80 aerial challenges, including 11 ziplines spread across five courses - some over animal enclosures!



The TreeTop Challenge operates daily and can be pre-booked via the Currumbin Sanctuary website.

School holiday programs

Time your visit for Queensland school holidays and join the line-up of kid's program which include the opportunity to be an animal trainer or keeper for a day. The program allows children to see exactly what it's like to be a wildlife keeper with everything from cleaning to food preparing and health checks.

For more information about the Gold Coast, please visit:

teq.queensland.com/au/en/trade/places-to-see/visit-gold-coast

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