

**Burleigh Head National Park**

Ocean View Walk  
2.4km return  
45 minutes

Little climb

Rainforest Circuit  
2.3km  
60 minutes  
100m climb



Endangered Reticulated Holly

m 50 100 150 200 250  
Scale 1:10,000 (1cm = 100m)

Gold Coast Hwy & Ikkina Rd  
Burleigh Heads 4220  
Gold Coast  
Brisway 810 C12  
UBD GC60 G9  
-28.097,153.454

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Originally named Burly Head in 1840 for its appearance, Burleigh Head is the only remaining Gold Coast headland largely in its original state, having been protected since 1886.

The name given to the headland by the Kombumerri Aboriginal people of the Yugambeh language group was Jelluralg. The Yugambeh may be the oldest living culture in the world, dating back more than 20,000 years.

Guided treks from the Jelluralg Aboriginal Cultural Centre next to the southern entrance take in significant sites on the headland including ancient shell middens.

The middens, some 50 metres wide and 1 metre deep, are the result of countless gatherings where oysters, pipis, other shellfish and marine life were eaten. Visit [jelluralg.com.au](http://jelluralg.com.au)

Vegetation down by the coastline is dominated by Pandanus Palms and tussock grassland featuring Kangaroo Grass. A small area of coastal heath is found above Sandy Cove.

As the path climbs, the vegetation changes. Grassland changes to a canopy of rainforest trees and vines and on higher slopes open Eucalypt forest with Brush Box, Ironbarks, Bloodwood and Forest Red Gums can be seen.

Commonly Brush Turkeys will be heard scratching around, possibly building a huge mound of leaves in preparation for the mating season when eggs will be incubated within the mound, which the male keeps it at just the right temperature.

The common black and white Australian Crow butterfly is prevalent. However the rare and beautiful Richmond Birdwing may be seen.