



The start of the Cape York adventure. Crossing the Daintree River. Don't try to swim, it's only \$1 each way for a bike.



The Bloomfield Track is somewhat steep at times, make sure your brakes are in good working condition.



There are few opportunities to camp near the sea until near The Tip. This is an unofficial site at Weary Bay.





The Lions Den is one of the few real character pubs left in Oz. Every surface is inscribed by visitors.



After 70km of dirt road you get this on the way to Cape Melville. No one pays much attention to it.





Far North Queensland without sugar cane near Starke Homestead, on the road to Cape Melville.



This sign hasn't been changed either.





The Starke River is the last water for a while heading out to Cape Melville.





Pretty quiet track out here. Not much other traffic through the grass.



There's odd stretches when you wonder whether the track is actually going to disappear. It doesn't.





Due to the long clumpy grass there aren't so many camping spots but there isn't any traffic either.



Sand. That's the way to get the heart started in the morning. Can't ride this.





The creeks don't have water in them here. Track to Cape Melville.



At last some flowing water, and a bridge. Near Kalpowar Homestead.





Kalpawar Crossing. Yikes, you can't see the end of the causeway, or the crocs.



Oh, there's the croc, but it's a harmless 2.5m freshwater croc, not a dangerous salty.





Finally onto the main road through Lakefield National Park.



Onto the main Peninsular Development Road and that can be a drag with the dust from the traffic.





There's plenty of the Peninsular Development Road like this.



Although there is much more of the Peninsular Development Road like this: ie, with some undulation.





The 4WDs like to travel in close formation convoys. the vehicles behind can't see you in the dust fog.



This is why it's useful to have fat tyres. This is plenty soft when you have a load aboard.





The peninsular Development road isn't all bad. It can be great when there isn't any traffic.



Heading off on the Portland Roads Road. With motorised accompaniment.





Crossing the Pascoe River on the Portland Roads Road. It ain't so deep.



More Portland Roads Road. Don't get your speed up when there's dampness at the bottom.





Finally into the Iron Range National Park. It's a jungle out there.



There's a beach and a great cafe when you get to Portland Roads.





More jungle in the Iron Range National Park.





Starting out on the famous Frenchman's Track. You have to do it.



You can get traffic on Frenchman's Track, best to give way as they crash, smash, through.





Second, waist-deep, crossing of Pascoe River, this time on Frenchman's Track. Not for those nervous of croc attacks.