

Dunk Island
October 2015 update

Poor old Dunk Island has worn the brunt of multiple cyclones over recent years. The once popular resort has taken a beating and remains closed. However the camp ground re-opened a while ago and I had the opportunity to stay a couple of nights to see how things were looking and re-familiarize myself with the island generally.

Yes, the vegetation on the island has taken a beating and the trails over Mt Kootaloo and the southern bays, while open, give you a first hand view of the damaged forests. So much for the bad news. If you have never been to Dunk Island before you won't know what you are missing. If you have you will appreciate that the beaches are as inviting as ever and on a good day the azure waters are as tropical as ever. The campground has been tidied up and despite the canopy having been knocked around a bit, still provides one of the best tropical camping experiences you are likely to have.

Mission Beach water taxis take campers over to the island for \$50 return (slightly cheaper than Fitzroy) and camping costs of \$5.60 per person per night are a bargain for what you get. That being great campsites with picnic tables, communal cooking with free gas in a sheltered kitchen, hot showers (!!!), night time lighting and a licensed cafe with a million dollar view.

I personally found Dunk still very photogenic and at least 2 nights are recommended. Bring snorkelling gear and walking shoes as well as the usual tropical beach attire.

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