



Located just 40 minutes north of Cairns and 25 minutes south of Port Douglas, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is simply the best place to see crocodiles and local wildlife in Tropical North Queensland. With over 2100 metres of timber boardwalks and pathways leading you on a journey of discovery through woodlands and rainforest where you can see an array of wildlife, including beautiful tropical birds, reptiles, insects and other native fauna.

Enjoy our entertaining and educational wildlife presentations including snakes, cassowaries, koalas, crocodiles, quolls and much more. Take a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to see crocodiles and other wildlife on our melaleuca wetland. Learn about sustainable use and conservation on our Crocodile Farm tour.

The newly opened Gondwana Gateway is an innovative addition to Hartley's where you can learn about the evolution of Australian wildlife in a beautiful forest setting surrounded by living descendants of Australia's ancient past. Enjoy a delicious snack in Lilies Restaurant overlooking Hartley's Lagoon and find that perfect gift, including crocodile leather products, in the Paperbark Gift Shop.

Open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm, this multi-award winning eco-adventure attraction is located just 100 metres off the Captain Cook Highway on the spectacular scenic drive between Cairns and Port Douglas.



Take a half day tour at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures - the best place to see crocodiles in Tropical North Queensland.

Hartley's Creek is one of the longest established wildlife attractions in Tropical North Queensland, as well as being a working crocodile farm producing skins & meat for export & domestic consumption. It is one of the first places in Australia to hold crocodile shows & is renowned for presenting the Best Crocodile Show in Australia'.

Join us for a unique eco experience on the lagoon cruise through the ecologically significant Melaleuca wetlands; the domain of the saltwater crocodile. Explore the rest of the park with its abundance of wildlife, including water birds, turtles, wallabies and cassowaries.

See the notorious head shake and death roll of a huge crocodile at the Crocodile Attack Show and the opportunity to hold a crocodile for a photo (own expense).

Discover the world's most venomous snakes at the Snake Show before the return transfer to your accommodation.

- Complimentary hotel pick-up from 12.00noon / Coach transfer to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures roundtrip
- Entry to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures - our suggested itinerary:
  - 2.00pm Snake Show
  - 2.30pm Wetlands Cruise / Hartley's Lagoon
  - 3.00pm Crocodile Attack Show
  - 3.45pm Digital Crocodile Photos (own expense)
  - 4.15pm Cassowary Feeding
  - 4.30pm Koala Feeding
- Return transfer departs 4.40pm



## Hartley's Lagoon

There is a trend within the zoo industry worldwide to construct "immersion exhibits" where the animals are displayed in surroundings that not only reflect their own habitats but also give viewers the feeling that they are, even for a few moments, a privileged and exclusive witness to a part of their daily lives.

Hartley's Lagoon is at the front rank of this trend. Nowhere else is it possible for visitors to obtain such an intimate insight into the biology and behaviour of crocodiles. Nineteen crocs ranging in size from 2.5m to 5m cruise the waters, laze on the bank or build their nests, interacting with each other just as they would in the wild as well as keeping all the other residents of the lagoon on their toes!

The lagoon is not designed just to show off the crocs. In keeping with the park's objectives, the lagoon cruise gives visitors a unique opportunity to appreciate the capabilities of crocodiles and to understand their importance in the wetland community and the role that the wetlands themselves play within the coastal landscapes of northern Queensland.



## Cassowary Walk

Which came first, the Cassowary or the rainforest? The answer, of course, is never that black and white. Over millions of years Cassowaries and their forest home have evolved a complex and mutually beneficial relationship - a relationship that is also critical for many other plants and animals.

This zone features not only these amazing birds but also has information on their origins and their close relatives. Take an easy, relaxing self-guided walk through the Cassowary Garden.



## Wildlife Discovery Trail

Crocodiles have always been the main attraction at Hartley's but they cannot exist alone. They depend on extensive coastal wetlands for food and shelter. So do many other creatures.

A casual, self-guided stroll along the Wildlife Discovery Trail boardwalks will introduce you to our two species of crocodile, the Estuarine (saltie) and the Freshwater, and to all sorts of other animals and plants that share the crocodile's world.

Marvel at the size and power of our big mature male crocs. There are brilliant birds, flashing fish, lazy lizards and timid turtles - all of which are found locally in the wild alongside the crocs. Some are brightly coloured while some others will take all your powers of observation to penetrate their camouflage.

The wildlife amphitheatre is the heart of the park. Don't miss our daily highlights - the Snake Show at 2.00pm and the Crocodile Attack Show at 3.00pm.

No Australian wildlife park is complete without Koalas. These are Australia's great wildlife ambassadors and a favourite with visitors worldwide. They spend most of the day fast asleep. Come and share the excitement when they wake up for their afternoon feed at 4.30 pm.



## Gondwana Gateway

Have you ever wondered why Australia's animals are so different to those living elsewhere? The answer lies in our continent's lengthy isolation from other land masses and the adaptations our flora and fauna made to survive changes in climate and habitat. Take a journey through the evolution of some of Australia's most intriguing animals. Stimulating interpretive signage alongside each exhibit helps put each animal into its evolutionary context. Their stories are sure to surprise you.

## Crocodile Farm

Hartley's has operated a commercial crocodile farm since 1989. Estuarine Crocodiles bred on the premises are raised for their skins and meat. Visitors have the opportunity to visit parts of the farm, learn how it all works, and appreciate how the sustainable commercial use of wildlife contributes to wildlife and habitat conservation. Due to operational and safety considerations all farm tours are guided by Hartley's staff.



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