

Get off the beaten track on LHI with these bucket list items.



The Permanent Park Preserve is closed, but that doesn't mean you can't still experience what makes LHI unique.

While the LHIB undertake critical work to protect our walking tracks from myrtle rust, there are jaw-dropping moments waiting to be discovered in every other corner of this World Heritage-listed paradise.

Here are 10 bucket list LHI activities that you can't experience anywhere else:

1 Take your hike to the beach
Explore the coastline by meandering around rock pools, coral, curious rocky structures, and even challenge yourself to a jog on the sand for an adrenaline-boost. If you decide to walk the length of the lagoon foreshore, hold on to any plastic you might encounter to deposit in the plastic collection stations around the island.

2 Dive in
Experience the globally unique marine life of LHI through any number of water sports activities. Hire snorkelling gear, feed the fish at Ned's Beach, paddle board or kayak to Rabbit Island, surf and bodyboard at Blinky's Beach.

3 Cast a line
You can hire a dedicated charter fishing boat for full, half-day, and private tours. As one of the world's top fishing destinations, easily accessible shore-based fishing is also an option on LHI, with equipment available to hire in town. Fishing is prohibited in sanctuary zones.

4 Peddle those legs
Bike riding around the island is one of the best ways to soak up LHI's diverse flora and fauna and enchanting landscapes.

6 Travel through history
The Museum is a hub of artefacts and information on LHI's conservation efforts and fiery beginnings as a volcanic island.

7 Bird watching
Stand in awe of the variety of charismatic local and visiting birds which make themselves at home on the island throughout the year.

8 Sunset at Lovers Bay
Take a trip to this small, secluded cove at sunset to breathe in serenity and a view of the entire lagoon. Flagstaff lookout and the jetty are also stunning vantage points to watch the sun go down over the ocean during summer.

5 Plan a day visit
The world's tallest sea stack, Ball's Pyramid, lies 23 km southeast of the island and is a popular spot for sightseeing and seabird watching, snorkelling, fishing and diving. Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs are also stunning destinations to book a once-in-a-lifetime scenic flight when the conditions are right.

9 Get grilling
Unwind for lunch or at the end of a day of exploring at one of the island's many gas or wood fired barbies. Most are stocked with cut wood and food supplies are available from our general stores.

10 Star gaze
Try your luck at naked-eye astronomy on a clear and cloudless night, when LHI's zero light pollution allows for a captivating journey into the stars.

