Cania Gorge National Park

Access
Cania Gorge National Park can be reached via a bitumen road that branches off the Burnett Highway 12km north of Monto (or 77km south of Biloela) and passes through the small settlement of Moonford.

Facilities
Petrol is available at Monto and the Cania Gorge Caravan and Tourist Park. General supplies are available in Monto and there are kiosks at both caravan parks. Picnic facilities including sheltered tables, tank water and toilets are provided in the Park's southern section.

Sunwater manages a picturesque recreation and picnic area on the shore of Lake Cania, 11km north of the National Park picnic area.

Accommodation
Camping is not permitted in the National Park. Private caravan and camping parks are located in the Gorge:
- Cania Gorge Tourist Retreat at the entrance to the National Park. Tel: (07) 4167 8110
- Cania Gorge Caravan and Tourist Park 7 km north of the National Park picnic area. Tel: (07) 4167 8188

Hotel, motel and caravan accommodation is available in Monto.

Walking tracks

Picnic area circuit (300m)
This short walk can be started from either end of the picnic area. The track runs beside Three Moon Creek, allowing views of the sandstone cliffs and surrounding eucalypt woodland.

Dripping Rock (2.2km return)
The Overhang (3.2km return)
This pleasant, easy walk starts at the southern end of the picnic area.

Silver elkhorn
Platycerium velichii

After crossing Three Moon Creek the track winds through eucalypt woodland and dry rainforest before leading to the base of Dripping Rock. Here, cool water seeping from the sandstone creates a haven for ferns and mosses.

The track continues on past weathered caves of vivid yellow and red ochres, ending at The Overhang, where water has eroded the base of the sandstone cliff.

Dragon Cave (1.8km return)
Bloodwood Cave (2.6km return)
Follow the Dripping Rock track for 400m before taking a right turn over the bridge across Russell Gully. A moderately steep track leads to the cliff face, where a sidetrack branches north to Dragon Cave. Here, the natural black mural of a 'dragon' can be seen highlighted against the white sandstone wall.

The southern branch of the track leads to Bloodwood Cave, so called because the roots of a bloodwood tree can be seen at the left-hand side of the cave.

Two Storey Cave circuit (1.3km)
This easy scenic walk starts opposite the picnic area.

Starting to the left, the circuit meanders upwards around isolated sandstone monoliths. A 20m sidetrack leads you to King Orchid Crevice, a parting of the cliff that has created an ideal haven for king orchids and silver elkhorns.

The top section of Two Storey Cave is important habitat for insectivorous bats. Please do not disturb these animals.
Fern Tree Pool and Giant's Chair circuit (5.6km)
The circuit begins from a carpark 900m south of the picnic area. It is most easily walked in an anti-clockwise direction, visiting Fern Tree Pool first and then the Giant's Chair lookout.

Crossing Doctor's Gully several times, the track passes Fern Tree Pool (2.5km) and continues at a moderate climb for another 2.2km up a sandstone escarpment to the Giant's Chair lookout. Return 900m to the carpark down a steep track and steps.

Please carry water on this walk, as pool water is unsuitable for drinking.

Big Foot walk (1km return)
This short trail begins at the same carpark and runs parallel to the bitumen road. It features a large brown image of a four-toed foot on the white sandstone cliff.

Shamrock mine (1.4km return)
This easy walk begins from the northern carpark, about 1km south of Lake Cania. The track meanders along a creek before passing into eucalypt woodland. At the former Shamrock gold mine site you can see remains of the old battery, mine shafts, processing sheds and mullock heaps. Gold fossicking is not permitted.

Caring for Cania Gorge
Please help protect the Park by observing the following rules.
• Take all rubbish with you when you leave. There are no bins in the Park.
• Leave pets outside the Park. Even their scent may disturb native animals.
• Use a fuel or gas stove for cooking. Fires are not permitted in the National Park.
• Keep to the walking tracks. Shortcuts cause erosion.
• Do not collect or damage any plants and avoid disturbing wildlife. Everything in the National Park is protected.

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Locality map